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Dear Friends and Supporters,

The first half of 2021 has proven to be a monumental time for SHARK's work saving animals and stopping animal cruelty. As has been true since our beginnings more than 25 years ago, no one takes on more issues and gains more victories for animals than SHARK has. That's why I am proud to send you this mailer showing you what your financial support for SHARK has accomplished.

## CRUSH COCKFIGHTING



**Have you ever heard a rooster scream? We have, and it is a sound that we never want to be heard again.**

Roosters are trained to fight and are forced into a small, dirty cell where there is no escape. When a bird wants to surrender, because they are exhausted and want to live, the cockfighter throws the bird back in to the fight, again and again, until they finally die. Then they are thrown away in trash cans. There is no mercy. There is no hope. There is only blood and death. This is why we work so hard against cockfighting.

## COCKFIGHTERS BRUTALLY ATTACK SHARK INVESTIGATORS

On January 3rd, investigators from SHARK were in rural Lawrence County, OH. We were given a tip that James and Beckie Newcomb were going to hold a cockfight that day, and when two of our investigators arrived on-site, they counted hundreds of cars, making this an extraordinarily large criminal operation. Soon after, I legally launched a drone to document the illegal activity.

Right after the drone was launched, one of the cockfighters became enraged. **He grabbed the drone controller, smashed it and then proceeded to viciously assault me. A second cockfighter joined in, leaving me bloodied and battered with a broken rib, gash in my head, a separation in my back and many bruises and abrasions. They took my Sony camera and two body cams. What they didn't know was that I had a hidden camera on me that recorded the attack.**

I managed to walk away, down a hill. A few minutes later, the same two cockfighters tracked me down and beat me again. Anticipating another, possibly deadly attack, I moved into the woods to await help. A third SHARK investigator was able to retrieve me about an hour later, whereupon I was taken to a hospital.

While I was in the woods, the cockfighters turned their attention to our second investigator, who had left in a vehicle. The cockfighters rammed the vehicle from behind six times, finally sending the vehicle out of control. It violently crashed into a ditch. The vehicle was totaled.

Even though there was clear video of what happened, it took nearly two months for the two cockfighters to be charged. **Attacker James Newcomb is now charged with three counts of felonious assault, theft and obstruction, while attacker Shannon Clark is charged with two count of felonious assault, theft, and obstruction. If found guilty, Newcomb and Clark could be sentenced to many years behind bars.**

Our next encounter with the Newcomb family happened on January 30. We had another tip that they were going to hold a cockfight. We had two teams in OH. One was near the property where the cockfight was going to happen, and the second team was at the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office headquarters. Once the first team confirmed there was going to be a fight, the second team walked into the sheriff's headquarters and reported it.

**The cockfighters got word of our efforts, shut down and ran away as fast as they could, almost certainly before the fighting even started. Given that shutting down cruel cockfights and keeping birds from being killed is our main goal, this is a major victory. As for the cockfighters, they lost a lot of money.**

Our most recent encounter with the Newcombs happened on July 18th, when they held another cockfight on their property. James Newcomb has been out on bond, meaning that holding an illegal event was a violation. Thanks to the evidence we have of the cockfight, we are currently working on getting his bond revoked and having him sent to jail.

A deputy from the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department went to the Newcomb's property after we called the cockfight in. Although the deputy claimed that he knocked on the door and that there was no contact, we know that he never left his car and had actually spoken to both James and Beckie Newcomb. **This shows complicity between the Sheriff's Department and the cockfighters.**



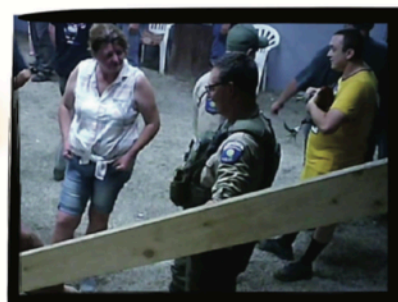
*Top to bottom: James Newcomb as he rushed to attack Steve. The totaled SUV that was run off the road. Steve in the hospital after the attack*

The Newcombs have been holding illegal cockfights for more than a decade and now we know why they have gotten away with it; the Sheriff's Department has given them its blessing to continue to break the law. **This type of corruption is why cockfighting still happens. SHARK is calling for an investigation into the Newcombs, the deputy and the entire Sheriff's Department.**

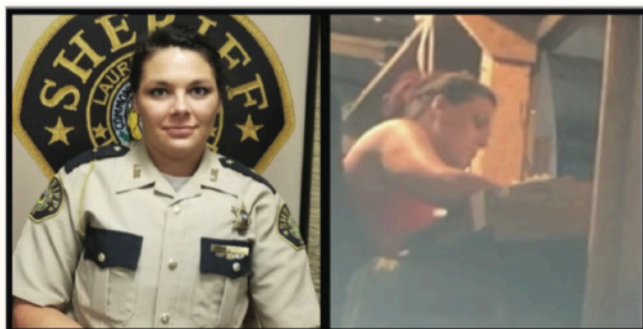
## COPS FOR COCKFIGHTING

As we have seen with the Newcomb family, it is tragic that certain law enforcement agencies are either turning a blind eye to cockfighting or actively participating in them. **That's why we set up a new website called CopsForCockfighting.com.** On this site we have both cops who have allowed fighting pits to operate without any interference and those officers who are actually cockfighters.

This brings us to Jacklyn Johnson. Johnson was a bailiff with the Laurel County Sheriff's Department in Kentucky. About a year ago, we discovered Ms. Johnson's Facebook page where she detailed how she worked for an illegal cockfighting pit called, "CJ's," which is run by her relative, a cockfighter called Rick Johnson. Even though we alerted Laurel County Sheriff John Root to this, Johnson was allowed to continue to keep her job while she was still working at a criminal fighting pit.



*SHARK filmed two deputies socializing with cockfighters in KY*



*Jacklyn Johnson from the Sheriff's website and at the illegal cockfight at Bald Rock*

## VICTORY! KENTUCKY COCKFIGHTING PIT SHUT DOWN!

Ms. Johnson's law career came to a screeching halt on July 10th, when SHARK investigators called in a cockfight held at a pit named, "Bald Rock" to the local State Police Troop. **After months of mounting pressure from SHARK, the State Police shut down the fight and 10 cockfighters were cited.** This included Ms. Johnson who was cited for promoting gambling. Her name was soon removed from the Sheriff's Department's website, and we confirmed that she no longer worked there.

**SHARK and our partners at the Humane Farming Association took out large ads (right) in multiple KY newspapers. After seeing these ads, the State Police knew they couldn't sit idly by anymore!**

**Shutting down this major fighting pit was a major victory against cockfighting in KY!**

### COCKFIGHTING IS DESTROYING KENTUCKY'S COMMUNITIES!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO STOP COCKFIGHTING!**

Counties across Kentucky are being ravaged by illegal cockfighting and its associated crimes. These "fighting pits" are havens for drug dealing, illegal gambling, illegal weapons and organized crime.

Last summer, Showing Animals Respect and Kindness (SARAK) and the Humane Farming Association (HFA) went undercover at cockfights in Kentucky. We recorded heart-breaking videos of animal cruelty, illegal gambling and other crimes. We provided evidence, including specific locations, to both county sheriffs and the Kentucky State Police, yet these criminal operations remain open. **Why does Kentucky law enforcement protect these cruel, violent criminals?**

Cockfight pits are drug dealer hangouts, because the dealers know the police will not bother the pits. Farmers gamble away money their children desperately need at these violent, bloody events.

**SHARK and HFA are partnering with brave Kentuckians to stop what amounts to the cockfight mafia.**

These fighting pits are large, commercial sized criminal operations. The sheriff and state police have long known about them. The Laurel County Sheriff knows he has a cockfighter on his payroll. In the picture to the left, taken from undercover videos, two Clay County Sheriff deputies were filmed inside a fighting pit, socializing with cockfighters at an illegal cockfight. This is collusion, not law enforcement.

July 4th weekend is the biggest time of the year for cockfighting. Investigators from SARAK and HFA will be patrolling the illegal fighting pits throughout the weekend. We are inviting the media to join us, and demand that the police do their job!

We call upon all citizens of Kentucky to make your voices heard. Please call Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear and your state legislators and ask them to take decisive action to permanently shut down all illegal cockfights.

Governor Beshear: (502) 564-2611

Please visit: [www.CrushCockfighting.com](http://www.CrushCockfighting.com) to watch our videos and for contact info for your legislators

## **VICTORY!**

# **SHARK SHUTS DOWN A COCKFIGHT IN OKLAHOMA!**

On May 1st, SHARK was monitoring a property suspected of conducting cockfights in Atoka County, Oklahoma. We had earlier droned the property, observing dozens of huts for fighting roosters, and we had also observed and filmed even more roosters at a neighboring property. We knew that both properties were owned by members of the same family. When we saw that a cockfight was in progress, we called the Atoka County Sheriff's Office. Multiple law enforcement vehicles were dispatched to the scene. **The cockfighters reportedly locked the gate on the property to hold the officers back and fled the scene.** We have provided our drone footage to the sheriff's office, and we await word of further action. We will continue to monitor this property, and we are pleased that we have now cracked the security that has kept Oklahoma cockfights in the shadows. **With your help, we will shut down many more cockfights in Oklahoma!**



*The cockfighting property, taken with our drone. The small boxes at the bottom are where the roosters are kept.*

## **SHARK FIGHTS COCKFIGHTING IN CALIFORNIA**

SHARK and our friends at the Humane Farming Association have been tirelessly going after illegal massive rooster breeding/cockfighting operations in Monterey County, CA. **This included a lawsuit we filed to have a county anti-cockfighting ordinance enforced.** We returned to California in April and used our drones to see if the County was enforcing the law, which is supposed to limit properties to just 5 roosters unless they have a permit. **Our video was covered in the news as there are still massive illegal rooster operations ongoing. We are continuing to monitor this issue and will make sure the law is enforced.**

**SHARK and HFA's campaign to crush cockfighting is the most comprehensive, forceful and successful effort ever in the history of the animal protection movement to shut down these vile and disgusting fights. It's been a hard journey fraught with danger, violence and threats, but with your help we continue to fight on.**



*Undercover video from the Newcomb cockfight in Ohio. The rooster has razor-sharp blades tied to his legs*

# SHARK EXPOSES THE NEW TIGER KING!

SHARK has taken on Jeff and Lauren Lowe, who run the new Tiger King Park in Oklahoma. In 2021, we ramped up our efforts against this despicable couple who have abused and mistreated the animals in their care. The Lowe's were furious that we were capturing evidence of their abuse and took it out on SHARK's investigators. This not only included the Lowe's verbally harassing our drone team but Jeff's adult son, Taylor, tried to shoot down our drone numerous times. He also recklessly drove his car right past us at probably 100 miles an hour on the small road we were stationed on.

Not long after our mission at the Tiger King Park ended, the federal government sued the Lowes and forced them to give up 68 of their big cats. As soon as we found out when the cats were going to be moved, we rushed to OK with our drone and filmed the transfer.

We captured dramatic video of the big cats being moved along with the sad plight of those animals left behind, such as the wolf in the picture below who is clearly in desperate need of care. Our video was covered in multiple media outlets.



*SHARK's drone video of tigers, followed by the removal of big cats from the zoo*



We returned once more to the Lowe's property and filmed piles of burnt carcasses and illegal dumpsites containing hazardous materials (see picture on bottom left).

We filed a complaint with the OK Department of Environmental Quality who sent out an inspector. The DEQ forced the owner of the property to clean up the sites and warned them to never do that again. **If we had not been there, then the Lowe's polluting and contaminating of the environment would have continued.**

**SHARK's work and videos against the Lowes spurred a petition that calls on the government to help the remaining animals imprisoned at the Tiger King Park. Our video was so powerful that the petition has already garnered 82,734 signatures.**

As a side note, both Lauren and Jeff were arrested soon after that for drunk driving. The Lowe's are truly the lowest of the low.

## SHARK FILMS DESPERATE DOGS AND ROOSTERS

In late May, SHARK investigators were in Oklahoma at a suspected cockfighting and dogfighting property. What we found there were starving dogs covered in flies and roosters living in flooded cages. **I stayed in Oklahoma all week to get these animals help.**

It turned out that the owner and abuser of the animals is a member of the local Native American tribe and therefore it fell to the Tribal Marshal Service (TMS) to investigate.



**The good news is that our work forced the owner to get the dogs much needed veterinary care. The bad news is that the TMS shockingly downplayed the situation and has taken no legal action.** When confronted about this, and that the dog was covered in flies, he said, "This is Oklahoma, flies are all over the place."

How can anyone look at this picture and write off her suffering by saying something like that? **Unfortunately, law enforcement unwilling to do their job has been a consistent problem when it comes to protecting animals.**

## VICTORY!

### CRUEL PIG WRESTLING EVENT IN WISCONSIN PERMANENTLY CANCELLED

A few years ago, we told you of a pig wrestling event at the St. Patrick's Parish in Wisconsin that was shut down thanks to SHARK's efforts. Pig wrestling is a vile event where men, women and children tackle pigs by punching them in the face, kicking and body-slammng them for fun.

We learned of another such event that was held at the Caldron Falls Bar and Grill in Northern Wisconsin. SHARK Investigator Mike Kobliska attended the event and obtained videotape of the horrible abuse the pigs suffer as well as the event MC, exposing himself to the drunken crowd while children watched. We supplied videotape of the incident to law enforcement, and he was cited for Disorderly Conduct.



**We are now thrilled to report pig wrestling has been permanently canceled at this location. We waited to report this news to be certain this wasn't just a COVID-related stoppage, but the new owners of the bar confirmed that the pig wrestling is gone permanently and it has been replaced with a car show.**

## SHARK FIGHTS CRUEL LIVE PIGEON SHOOTS

Live pigeon shoots in Pennsylvania, where innocent birds are forced into small boxes, then launched into the air and shot for fun, have been decimated by our relentless efforts against them. Most of the birds, who are on the brink of starvation (which makes them easier to shoot) do not die right away, but instead suffer for hours or days after being wounded. These shoots are truly depraved and cause incalculable suffering.

While other animal groups have either abandoned or betrayed the pigeons in PA, SHARK has stood resolute in our defense of them. The pigeon shooters are so scared of SHARK showing up and filming them that they have been driven underground and limited the number of shoots they hold. This has saved tens of thousands of birds every year.



*Children are often used to capture and kill wounded birds at pigeon shoots*



*Just some of the many dozens of wounded pigeons SHARK has rescued over the years at pigeon shoots*

The main pigeon shoot SHARK focused on in 2021 was the notorious Philadelphia Gun Club. A SHARK investigator filmed a number of shoots at the gun club, capturing horrific acts of animal cruelty and a complete disdain for human life, as the wealthy and politically connected members of the gun club openly flouted COVID restrictions that were in place. These sociopaths just didn't care about anything other than slaughtering small birds for fun.

The President of the gun club is Edward Bruce DiDonato. DiDonato is an optometrist who has deep ties to Rider University in NJ, including having a lecture hall named after him, and being listed as a Director of the University. **SHARK released a video calling out Rider for this relationship, not just because of the heinous animal cruelty, but because over the past ten years, gun club members have attacked female activists who were protesting the club. This includes disgusting verbal harassment that was targeted to a woman and pigeon shooters driving their vehicles at female activists. DiDonato himself used his SUV to harass a woman who filmed him. Shockingly, Rider President Gregory Dell'Omo has refused to even respond to this important issue. Money, it seems, matters more to Rider than morality.**

Please contact Rider President Dell'Omo and ask that he dissolve all relationships between Rider and DiDonato: Email: [gdellomo@rider.edu](mailto:gdellomo@rider.edu) Phone Number: 609-896-5001

## SHARK FIGHTS RODEO CRUELTY

On Thursday, July 29th, a SHARK investigator filmed the wild horse race at the CFD rodeo, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where terrified horses are often brutalized.

During the event, one horse had a clearly injured leg, possibly broken, yet instead of stopping and giving the horse immediate care, the "cowboy" who rode the horse just forced the animal to keep running the track. The horse eventually collapsed.

Please do not patronize any of the following sponsors of the CFD rodeo: Coca-Cola, Albertsons/Safeway, Grease Monkey, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Dodge and Coors.



## BANK OF THE WEST DUMPS THE CFD RODEO!

Bank of the West has been a long time sponsor of the CFD rodeo, including being a platinum sponsor. **It is our pleasure to announce, that after our campaign exposing sponsors of this cruel rodeo, Bank of the West has dropped their sponsorship!** Rodeos can't survive without corporate money, so this was a great turn of events for animals abused and killed by the CFD rodeo!

## VICTORY! DISNEY+ CANCELS PRO-RODEO MOVIE

Back in February, when we heard that Disney+ was moving forward with a movie glorifying cruel rodeos, we formed a coalition, released a video, created a petition and reached out to Disney to stop it. We are very pleased to announce that effort has been a success, and Disney+ has cancelled the project!

The movie, *Aloha Rodeo*, would have glorified steer roping and the previously mentioned Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo, which has long held the dubious honor of being the world's most cruel and deadly rodeo.

We want to thank all of our coalition partners and all of you who signed the petition and took action!





## LOS ANGELES BANS RODEO TOOLS OF TORTURE WITH HELP FROM SHARK'S VIDEO!

For the past three years, our friends at Last Chance for Animals (LCA), Heather Wilson, Patty Shenker and Amanda Lundberg have worked to ban rodeo's tools of torture in Los Angeles. LCA launched a petition in support of the ban which received over 22,000 signatures.

SHARK supplied video from our decades of rodeo documentation which proved the abuse, injuries, and death suffered by rodeo's animal victims. We also submitted statements in support of the ban to the Los Angeles City Council.

**In February the City Council announced that electric prods, spurs, and buck straps are now officially banned in Los Angeles! This is a great victory for animals. Let's hope that this effort will broaden to other areas of California, and nationwide.**

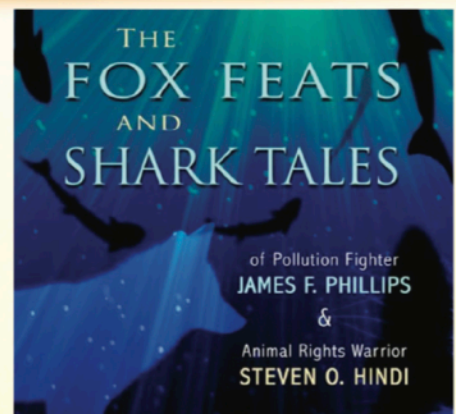


*Rodeo thugs use electric prods to shock horses into performing. These torture devices are now banned in LA!*

## NEW BOOK ABOUT SHARK PRESIDENT STEVE HINDI

A new book by Pauline Marie Gambill was published this year that deals with my work fighting for animals.

*"The FOX FEATS and SHARK TALES of Pollution Fighter James F. Phillips and Animal Rights Warrior Steven O. Hindi is an extensive and absorbing look at the lives and achievements of two courageous and fearless individuals...The book delves into the early lives of Phillips and Hindi and looks at what drove them to a fierce and relentless dedication to their causes. Their journeys were not without serious and dangerous obstacles, and—in Hindi's case—even resulted in physical injury. In addition to the telling of the men's intriguing histories, visual images provide an important peek into their lives and work."*



You can find the book on Amazon.com. Please note that neither SHARK nor I receive any money from the sale of this book.



SHARK created the Beagle Salvation campaign to expose and rectify the plight and suffering of dogs imprisoned at massive breeding facilities. These dogs, no different than the ones we live with in our homes, are fated to be used for experiments - to be tortured and killed.

SHARK has done ground-breaking work with our drones at breeding factories in New York and Virginia, where we filmed overcrowded cages littered and stained with feces and urine. We filmed how these stressful conditions lead to fighting as well as repetitive and erratic behavior. We also captured hours of heart-breaking audio, showing how these dogs howl and cry throughout the day.

SHARK wants to shed light on more of these prisons and the cruelty committed within them. We want to create enough public pressure to force changes to not only how these dogs are treated, but to replace dogs with valid, non-animal means of testing which are much more reliable and safer for humans. This is the 21st century, not the dark ages. It's long past time we started acting like it.

**These dogs deserve freedom from a life of suffering. Please consider making a generous donation to SHARK to support work that no one else is doing.**



**We are also selling t-shirts as a fundraiser for this important campaign! Please visit [www.BeagleSalvation.com](http://www.BeagleSalvation.com) to learn more.**



8 INVESTIGATES

**'Truly barbaric': Viral video of dogs warehoused for research raising concerns**



*SHARK's video has been covered in the news, such as this story that aired on TV in Virginia*



*SHARK drone pilots on site, documenting cruelty*



*SHARK's boat, the Bob & Nancy, has been used on many important campaigns to save lives, including for cownose rays and cormorants*

What you have read in this mailer is just a part of what we do; every day we are working on tips, researching, planning campaigns and producing videos exposing animal abuse. We are active 7 days a week, day and night, traveling across our country, fighting to save lives. No one does what SHARK does, but it is incredibly expensive to maintain this level of activism.

There are groups out there that rake in millions every year and spend almost none of it on animals. Instead, they pad their own bank accounts with the hard-earned money of people who only want to help the animals. SHARK's team of investigators, however, will never get rich from our work and no one comes close to making the six-figure salaries that most high-profile animal groups dole out to their executives. As for myself, I have never taken a penny from SHARK and in fact, have used hundreds of thousands of dollars of my own money, from my retirement fund, to keep SHARK afloat throughout the years. That's how much I believe in our work.

Those days, however, are over. If SHARK is to continue to score victory after victory for animals, then it will only happen with your help. I ask you to compare what you have read here with any other group and judge for yourself the value of your donations.

As always, the lives we save, are the lives you save.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Hindle".



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