



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

Course Outline: Animal Fighting Investigations

Dogfighting:

- Types of dogfighters
- How dogfighters profit
- Basic terminology
- Typical Scar patterns and injuries
- Paraphernalia and how they are used in dogfighting
- Conditioning methods to prepare dogs for the fight
- Investigative Techniques
- Forms of confinement
- The match
- Common excuses
- Dogfighting Myths
- Documenting a crime scene
- What happens to the dogs
- Resources

Cockfighting

- Basic terminology
- How they profit
- Paraphernalia and how they are used in cockfighting
- Conditioning methods to prepare birds for a fight
- Investigative techniques
- Forms of confinement

- The fight
- Common excuses

Course Outline: Cruelty Investigations

- Statistics on who commits animal cruelty
- Misdemeanor verses Felony animal cruelty
- Know your laws
- Responding to animal complaints
- Investigative techniques
- Putting your case together
- Impounding an animal(s)
- Evidence collection
- Photographing evidence
- Photographing and documenting impounded animals
- Report writing
- Search warrants and affidavits
- Interviewing
- Preparing your case and meeting with the prosecutor