



Hello SHARK Supporters,

It has been a very active first half of the year for us. The federal cockfight bust in February gave us an enormous boost, and we've added significantly to the pressure since then by exposing and watching pit after pit shut down. The pigeon shooters are also in hiding as much as they can be, and rodeo thugs are feeling the wrath of the world as we release video after video of their abuses and killing.

SHARK is and has always been on the front lines. It is who we are, and what we do. It's not a comfortable place to be, endlessly documenting the abuses right in front of the opposition. Sometimes it's downright dangerous. But that is where progress is made, so that's where we are.

We will do everything to surpass our extraordinary advances of the first half of the year in the second half. I hope I can count on your support!

## **VICTORY!** **KENTUCKY COCKFIGHTING PIT SHUT DOWN!**

There is momentous news in our Crush Cockfighting campaign. **On Saturday, February 26, 2022, federal agents and Kentucky State Police descended on a cockfight near Whitesburg, Kentucky.**

There were lots of various law enforcement vehicles and a helicopter - **a full-blown federal bust.** A local newspaper and others posted images, some of which are included in this mailer. **A total of seventeen people were indicted by the federal government. We are told there will be more busts coming.**



*Kentucky State Police vehicles at the Whitesburg Pit bust*

SHARK has been aware of the Whitesburg pit for months, and actually took undercover footage inside the pit. This footage showed children as both attendees and working within the criminal operation. After getting this footage we decided to give the feds time to deal with the operation their way, which finally happened.

**Kentucky cockfighting is the worst in the country.** Two years ago we could have chosen to nibble away at the fringes of cockfighting in other areas. We could have gone where it would have been easier. Instead, we chose to strike relentlessly at the very heart of the monster, where we had to deal not just with criminal cockfighters, but corrupt, dangerous police who protect them, like Laurel County John Root and Clay County Sheriff Patrick Robinson.

The last couple of years have been more difficult than we have let on, but this has been our goal. Our efforts showed federal authorities how extensive cockfighting is in Kentucky, and now they have taken action! Cockfighters not just in Kentucky, but virtually everywhere, now realize the seriousness of our Crush Cockfighting campaign.

**This is by no means the end, but is just the beginning. Cockfighting is embedded in so many places throughout the country, but we have successfully struck the heart of cockfighting.**

We want to thank all of you for your support of our efforts. **A special thanks goes to the Humane Farming Association**, which has helped us cover some of the costs of our campaign. **We would also like to thank Last Chance for Animals**, which has helped to support us for years!

Please remember SHARK going forward because this war of compassion still has a very long way to go. Please keep in mind we are still actively dealing with our other issues like pigeon shoots, rodeos, beagles bred for experimentation and so much more.

We will bring you more news as soon as we are able. Today, however, **know that fewer animals will suffer and die in cockfights throughout Kentucky and beyond. With your help, we will maintain our efforts**, and the number of **animals you help save will multiply exponentially.**



*Pit operator Tim Sizemore in his mugshot and the Whitesburg*

# COPS FOR COCKFIGHTING

This brings us to Jacklyn Johnson. You may remember that 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.

We are pleased to report that both Jacklyn Johnson and Rick Johnson were among those indicted by the federal government.



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

## OPERATION BRIGHT FLARE

### SHARK is Hunting Kentucky Cockfighters with Operation Bright Flare!

Since the first bust at the Whitesburg Pit, the **cockfighters are now trying to reopen their operations**, and SHARK investigators are waiting for them. **Operation Bright Flare will expose every cockfight pit** as it reopens, targeting these facilities for the next federal bust.

Publicizing these locations is reducing attendance, because no one wants to be on the receiving end of the next federal indictments, which may result in major jail time and heavy fines, not to mention a criminal record that will follow a person for the rest of their life.

Unfortunately, staying on top of the active cockfight pits requires an enormous amount of travel which is expensive and is in a very dangerous patrol circuit. Cockfighters are losing an enormous amount of money on cockfights, not to mention the disruption of drug trafficking and prostitution.

**Please send us whatever support you can, because we do not want to lose the momentum we've built to help the roosters! Please donate today at [www.sharkonline.org/index.php/donate-to-shark](http://www.sharkonline.org/index.php/donate-to-shark)**

## PBR CAUGHT LYING



In February a bull named Red Alert (*pictured left*) **was injured in a Professional Bullriders Association (PBR) event** in Knoxville, Tennessee. Red Alert's injury was filmed by an attendee, and that video clip was sent to us.

It was obvious to us that Red Alert's injury was serious and likely deadly. Nevertheless, public relations flacks for the PBR claimed that Red Alert had a dislocated shoulder, and would be just fine.

**A call from a PBR insider alerting us about Red Alert's death blew the PBR lie out of the water!** We called out the loudest PBR flack, David Gershwin, who incredibly then complained that we were invading his privacy by calling him out. Let me repeat - David Gershwin is a public relations flack,

and he is complaining about privacy!

As for the rest of the PBR, both they and Gershwin are ignoring a public debate challenge, simply because they know they'd get creamed. See our YouTube channel for several videos detailing the entire saga. <https://www.youtube.com/c/SHARKonlineorg>

## COCKFIGHTERS PLEAD GUILTY

**Two men have plead guilty to federal cockfighting charges based on SHARK's investigations. Visit [www.crushcockfighting.com](http://www.crushcockfighting.com) to read the indictments and plea deals.**

Rickie D. Johnson, 55, was charged with conspiring to operate the pit with his relative, Jacklyn R. Johnson, 30, (SHARK has exposed Jacklyn, see above.) a former court bailiff for the Laurel County Sheriff's Office. Johnson pleaded guilty in early May to conspiring to operate the Bald Rock Chicken Pit in Laurel County. The charge could bring up to five years in prison.

Hiram B. Creech Jr., 47, was originally charged with possessing a rooster for the purpose of taking part in a cockfight. A citation said the bird had metal spurs when police arrived at the location where he was fighting. Creech pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of causing someone under the age of 16 to attend the cockfight.

## MONTEREY COUNTY SUED

As many of you will remember, SHARK and the Humane Farming Association (HFA) sued Monterey County, CA in 2020, for their failure to enforce the County's 2014 rooster ordinance.

Last year the County agreed to our numerous demands including hiring more animal control officers and investigating the addresses of the illegal operations we found with our drones.

*(Right, one of many illegal rooster raising locations SHARK has exposed with our drones)*



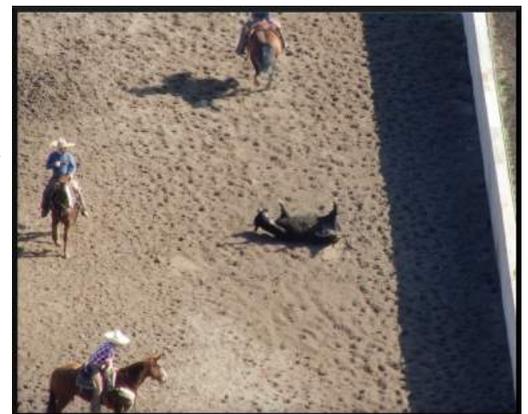
Now, it appears that Monterey County is in the process of permitting illegal rooster operations instead of shutting them down! On February 16th, SHARK and HFA filed a lawsuit in Monterey County Superior Court. The lawsuit is against two Monterey County residents for specifically breeding roosters that are bred for supplying cockfighting enterprises in Salinas, California and beyond. SHARK exposed this location with our drone during our last trip to California.

## SHARK FIGHTS RODEO CRUELTY

Since 2003, SHARK has been investigating the cruelty of steer tailing at charreadas.

SHARK was notified that due to lack of local law enforcement, these events are expanding throughout the northern Illinois region. SHARK President Steve Hindi and Investigator Janet Enoch have been attending local board meetings encouraging enforcement of the ordinance banning these events.

SHARK's drones will prove invaluable in documenting these events, as they have proven to be invaluable with so many other issues nationwide. Please let us know of any charreadas or Mexican rodeos northwest of Chicago, at: [info@sharkonline.org](mailto:info@sharkonline.org).



## TEXAS COCKFIGHTERS MEET SHARK

Having received information about **cockfight locations in various parts of Texas**, we've made our first trip, **finding two properties** that were quiet at the point we were there. We will continue to monitor these locations and others as funding allows and as we amass more information.



*Cockfighting location in Buna, TX*

## SHARK FIGHTS CRUEL LIVE PIGEON SHOOTS

Unfortunately, the slaughtering of emaciated, dehydrated pigeons continues at the Philadelphia Gun Club (PGC). It is appalling that these financially wealthy, but morally bankrupt shooters can't find something more worthy to do with all of their wealth - like giving back to the community to make the world a better place for all.



*Gregory G. Dell'Omo (left), Edward Bruce DiDonato (right)*

**During SHARK's 30 years of working on live pigeon shoots, we have knocked out pigeon shoots in Alabama, Illinois, Maryland and many of them in Pennsylvania, but PGC persists.**

This includes pigeon shooter and tax cheat, Edward Bruce DiDonato, owner of the Campus Eye Group in New Jersey. DiDonato relies on Gregory G. Dell'Omo of Rider University to clean up his stained, bloody reputation. Check out SHARK's YouTube channel for videos exposing Rider University and Edward Bruce DiDonato.

# LAWRENCE COUNTY OHIO CORRUPTION

On January 3, 2021, two Ohio cockfighters James Newcomb and Shannon Clark attacked Steve Hindi and rammed the vehicle Adam Fahnstock was driving off the road into a ditch.

James Newcomb was charged with Felony Assault and Theft and Misdemeanor Assault and sentenced to 4 - 6 years in prison. Appallingly, Lawrence County Prosecutor Brigham Anderson gave cockfighter and convicted felon Shannon Clark a free pass with Community Control and 200 hours of Community Service and refuses to say why!

To future victims who will be attacked, or stolen from, or have other crimes committed against them by Shannon Clark, this is the guy you will have to thank - Lawrence County Prosecutor Brigham Anderson.



Shannon Clark's criminal record from the Lawrence County Clerk of Courts:

Case Number	Case Type	File Date	Initiating Action	Party/Company	Party Type
<a href="#">20OC000495</a>	OTHER CIVIL	08/10/2020	OTHER CIVIL (efile)	CLARK, SHANNON	Defendant
<a href="#">21CR000057</a>	CRIMINAL	02/25/2021	FELONIOUS ASSAULT	CLARK, SHANNON	Defendant
<a href="#">21JL001326</a>	JUDGMENT LIEN	07/06/2021	JUDGMENT LIEN	CLARK, SHANNON	Debtor
<a href="#">21OC000131</a>	OTHER CIVIL	03/05/2021	OTHER CIVIL (efile)	CLARK, SHANNON	Defendant
<a href="#">08CR000047</a>	CRIMINAL	02/15/2008	FELONIOUS ASSAULT	CLARK, SHANNON L	Defendant
<a href="#">16JL000177</a>	JUDGMENT LIEN	02/12/2016	JUDGMENT LIEN (STATE)	CLARK, SHANNON L	Debtor
<a href="#">21CR000301</a>	CRIMINAL	08/25/2021	THEFT AND/OR GRAND THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	CLARK, SHANNON L	Defendant

# VICTORY FOR BEAGLES

SHARK created the Beagle Salvation campaign in 2020 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 first flew our drone over the Cumberland dog breeding facility in 2017, when it was owned by Covance/ LabCorp, later sold to Envigo. In 2019 when we flew our drone over again, the video went viral prompting VA legislators to create legislation to help the beagles.



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

Earlier this year, Governor Glenn Youngkin signed five pieces of legislation dubbed "the Beagle Bills" to support animal welfare reform and protections for dogs and cats that are bred and sold for experimental purposes.

**We have BIG NEWS!**

**SHARK's five years of drone work exposing the horrors at this hellhole is finally getting it shutdown!** On Tuesday, June 13, 2022, Envigo

announced it will shutdown its operations at this location!

While the Department of Justice asked that Envigo not be allowed to sell the dogs, but be released for adoption, U.S. District Judge Norman Moon is allowing for 500 dogs to be sold. **The remaining approximately 4,000 dogs will be released for adoption over the next 60 days.**

**Please donate to SHARK to help us continue our life saving work for the animals!**



*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 blue ink that reads "Steve Hindle".



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