

**[\$711-1109.35] Cruelty to animals by fighting dogs in the second**

**degree.** (1) A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals by fighting dogs in the second degree if the person knowingly:

- (a) Wagers on a dogfight;
- (b) Attends or pays to attend a dogfight; or
- (c) Possesses any device intended to enhance the dog's fighting ability with the intent that the device be used to train or prepare the dog for a dogfight.

(2) As used in this section:

"Bait dog" means a live animal used to train or prepare dogs for a dogfight.

"Device" means both animate and inanimate objects and includes live animals used as bait dogs.

"Dogfight" means a dog or dogs pitted against another dog or dogs with the intent that the encounter will result in injury to one or more of the dogs.

"Wager" means staking or risking something of value on the outcome of a dogfight.

(3) Cruelty to animals by fighting dogs in the second degree is a class C felony. [L 2011, c 149, §1]

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