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December 6, 1974

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Wellington, Kansas 67152

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your letter of November 20th urging my support for legislation aimed at stopping the "sport" of dog fighting.

There are two bills pending before the Senate Commerce Committee, S. 3986, sponsored by Senator Williams, and S. 4065, sponsored by Senator Magnuson. This bill (which is considered to be the more comprehensive of the two) would prohibit the shipment in interstate commerce of dogs and other animals (to insure coverage of cocks) intended to be used to fight dogs or other animals for the purpose of sport, wagering or entertainment. Hearings were held in late September on H.R. 16738, a bill which would amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit the practice of dog-fighting.

There seems to unanimous consensus that significant legislation should be enacted. The question of the remaining time left in the 93rd Congress, and the fact that so much proposed legislation is left undone. In any event, I feel certain that some legislation will emerge out of the new Congress.

You may be assured of my continued concern for the welfare of our domestic and wild animals, and I shall carefully consider all of the proposed measures when they are considered by the Senate. It is, indeed, shocking that in a civilized country such as ours, a spectacle so abhorrent to the vast majority of Americans can attract an increasing number of adherents.

Appreciate knowing of your interest, and trust you will let me know if you need further information or if I may be of assistance in any other way.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE  
United States Senate

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Enclosure

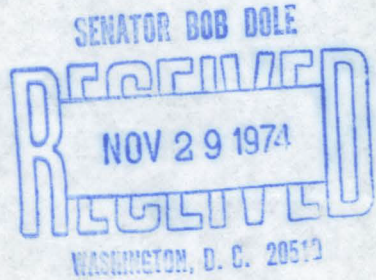




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Nov. 20, 1974

Senator Bob Dole  
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Washington, D.C. 20515



Dear Sir:

As dog lovers we urge you  
to push the Federal Legislation to  
stop animal fighting and the  
inter-state transportation sale of  
animals for fighting purposes.

Yours truly,

