

## **WARNING SIGNS OF SERIOUS DOG FIGHTING**

*Dogs that have been fought often have the following:*

Fresh wounds, punctures, lacerations and serious infections.

Multiple scars on the head, throat, legs and ears.

Extreme, uncontrollable aggression towards other animals, especially other dogs. Please note that it is natural for pit bulls to develop dog aggression in some form. They are also terriers so it is normal for them to be interested in small animals.

*Other signs:*

Ownership of several adult dogs and puppies that are confined by thick, heavy chains (this is also evidence of a backyard breeder).

The presence of a spring pole, treadmill or "Jenny Mill" on the yard coupled with chained dogs. Please note that owning a spring pole or a treadmill does not automatically indicate that a dog is being trained for fighting. Several people use them as a legitimate means to exercise their dogs. However, if someone has multiple scarred pit bull dogs and these items, chances are pretty good they are fighting dogs.

Groups of people of all ages coming and going from a site at all hours, some with pit bull type dogs. Be especially suspicious if this is an abandoned property.

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