



Dear Friends and Supporters,

2021 has been a productive year for the SHARK Team on multiple issues - rodeos, pigeon shoots, cockfighting, exotic animals and more. Tenaciousness is key to achieving victories, and no one is as stubbornly focused as we are. When you combine dedication with innovation, the result is victories for animals. No one is more productive with your donations than SHARK. That's why I am proud to send you this mailer showing you what your financial support has accomplished.

COCKFIGHTERS BRUTALLY ATTACK SHARK INVESTIGATORS

For the first few days of 2021, SHARK investigators criss-crossed Kentucky checking on known cockfight locations. On January 3, we moved to southern Ohio to investigate a tip about an active cockfighting pit located just outside the town of Ironton.

Soon after arriving, SHARK President Steve Hindi legally launched a drone to document the illegal activity. **Two cockfighters - James Newcomb and Shannon Clark - attacked SHARK president Steve Hindi and investigator Adam Fahnestock.**

Newcomb grabbed the drone controller, smashed it, and then proceeded to viciously assault Steve. A second cockfighter joined in, leaving Steve bloodied and battered with a broken rib, a gash in his head, a separation in his back and many bruises and abrasions. They took Steve's Sony camera and two body cams. **What they didn't know was that Steve had a hidden camera on him that recorded the attack.**

Adam was **repeatedly rammed** by the cockfighting thugs, **leaving his vehicle totaled in a ditch.**

*Right: James Newcomb's mugshot after conviction and
Below: as he rushed to attack Steve.*

Convicted!

Cockfighter James "Bub" Newcomb gets 4-6 years in Prison.



Trial was held for James Newcomb on Thursday and Friday, November 4th and 5th at the Lawrence County, Ohio courthouse.

After deliberating several hours, **the jury found Newcomb guilty of one charge of felony theft, one charge of felony assault, and one charge of misdemeanor assault.** On November 10, **Newcomb was sentenced to 4 - 6 years in the Ohio State Penitentiary,** effective immediately.

SHARK appreciates the fine investigative work of Detective Sergeant Bolinger and Assistant Prosecutor Steve Nord's handling of this case.

The trial date of the second attacker, Shannon Clark, is still to be determined.

(Right: The totaled SUV that was run off the road and Steve in the hospital after the attack.)



SHARK's Work Featured in Two Docuseries



Carole Baskin of Big Cat Rescue

In November, **some of SHARK's drone work was featured in a docuseries on Discovery+ entitled *Carole Baskin's Cage Fight*, as well as in the Netflix series *Tiger King 2* (Ep. 4).**

As you know, SHARK has for years worked with the Baskins to gather evidence against the animal abuser known as "Joe Exotic." In an attempt to evade a judgement against him, Joe transferred his Zoo over to Jeff and Lauren Lowe.

Using our drones while working with Big Cat Rescue, SHARK documented the horrid conditions at the Lowe Zoo.

SHARK documented the long-overdue removal of the suffering big cats to sanctuaries earlier this year. SHARK followed up with the US Department of Agriculture until they finally removed the remaining animals from the Lowe Zoo and they were transferred to acceptable sanctuaries.

Carole Baskin's Cage Fight documents the investigation into the treatment of animals at the Lowe Zoo. Said Baskin: **"This is a unique opportunity for audiences to come behind the scenes with us for an unfiltered look at how we expose the cub-petting exploiters and roadside zoos we feel are mistreating animals. This is our real-life work within a dangerous world, and viewers will see it comes with our people being threatened, guns pointed at us and the bad guys shooting at our drones."**

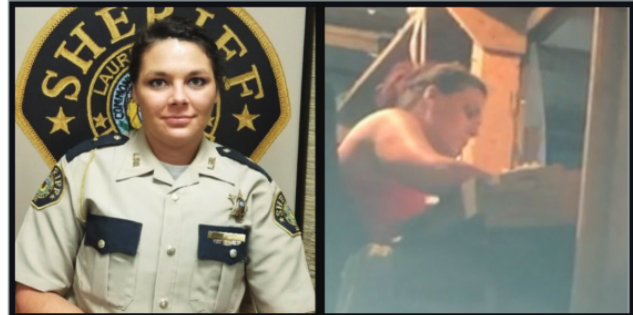
VICTORY! KENTUCKY COCKFIGHTING PIT SHUT DOWN!

Previously we've told you about Jacklyn Johnson. **Johnson was a bailiff with the Laurel County Sheriff's Department** in Kentucky. We have an important update.

Ms. Johnson's law career came to a screeching halt on July 10th, when SHARK investigators reported a cockfight held at a pit named, "Bald Rock" to the local State Police Troop. **After months of mounting pressure from SHARK the State Police shut down the fight and 10 cockfighters were cited.** This included Ms. Johnson who was cited for promoting gambling. Her name was soon removed from the Sheriff's Department's website and we confirmed that she no longer worked there.

SHARK and our partners at the Humane Farming Association took out large ads (right) in multiple KY newspapers. After seeing these ads the State Police knew they couldn't sit idly by anymore!

Shutting down this major fighting pit was a major victory against cockfighting in KY!



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

COCKFIGHTING IS DESTROYING KENTUCKY'S COMMUNITIES!

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO STOP COCKFIGHTING!

Communities across Kentucky are being ravaged by illegal cockfighting and its associated crimes. These "fighting pits" are havens for drug dealing, illegal gambling, illegal weapons and organized crime.

Last summer, Showing Animals Respect and Kindness (SHARK) and the Humane Farming Association (HFA) went undercover at cockfights in Kentucky. We recorded heart-breaking video of animal cruelty, illegal gambling and other crimes. We provided evidence, including specific locations, to both county sheriffs and the Kentucky State Police, yet these criminal operations remain open. **Why does Kentucky law enforcement protect these cruel, violent criminals?**

Cockfight pits are drug dealer hangouts, because the dealers know the police will not bother the pits. Fathers gamble away money their children desperately need at these violent, bloody events.

SHARK and HFA are partnering with brave Kentuckians to stop what amounts to the cockfight mafia.

These fighting pits are large, commercial-sized criminal operations. The sheriffs and state police have long known about them. The Laurel County Sheriff knows he has a cockfighter on his staff. In the picture to the left, taken from undercover video, two Clay County Sheriff deputies were filmed inside a fighting pit, socializing with cockfighters at an illegal cockfight. This is collusion, not law enforcement!

July 4th weekend is the biggest time of the year for cockfighting. Investigators from SHARK and HFA will be patrolling the illegal fighting pits throughout the weekend. We are inviting the media to join us, and demand that the police do their job!

We call upon all citizens of Kentucky to make your voices heard. Please call Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear and your state legislators and ask them to take decisive action to permanently shut down all illegal cockfights.

Governor Beshear: (502) 564-2611

Please visit: **www.CrushCockfighting.com** to watch our videos and for contact info for your legislators

SHARK HFA

Corrupt Sheriff John Root

The biggest reason that cockfights still exist in the United States, even though they are illegal everywhere throughout the country is corrupt police who protect the cockfighters for payoffs. Perhaps the most extreme case of corrupt police is to be found in Laurel County, Kentucky, where Sheriff John Root and his corrupt team of deputies not only protect cockfighters, but also run a towing scam, fix court cases, and allow illegal gambling. We're exposing Root and other corrupt police because it is both the right thing to do, and it is the best way to put a chokehold on cruel, illegal cockfighting.

You can see our videos about Sheriff Root by going to our YouTube Playlists at: <https://www.youtube.com/SHARKonlineorg/playlists>

VICTORY! **SHARK SHUTS DOWN A COCKFIGHT IN OKLAHOMA!**

In May, **SHARK** shut down our first cockfight in **Oklahoma**, in Atoka County.

The Atoka County Sheriff's Office took swift action. Multiple law enforcement vehicles were dispatched to the scene. **The cockfighters moved quickly as well, quickly shutting and locking a gate**, and running for the hills like the cowards they are.

With your help, we continue to monitor this and other known or potential cockfight properties in Oklahoma and elsewhere and we will shut down many more cockfights!



The cockfighting property, taken with our drone. The small boxes at the bottom are where the roosters are kept.

SHARK FIGHTS COCKFIGHTING IN CALIFORNIA

SHARK and our friends at the Humane Farming Association have been tirelessly going after illegal massive rooster breeding/cockfighting operations in Monterey County, CA. **This included a lawsuit we filed to have a county anti-cockfighting ordinance enforced.** We returned to California in April and used our drones to see if the County was enforcing the law, which is supposed to limit properties to just 5 roosters unless they have a permit. **Our video was covered in the news as there are still massive illegal rooster**

SHARK's campaign to crush cockfighting is the most comprehensive, forceful and successful effort ever in the history of the animal protection movement to shut down these vile and disgusting fights. It's been a hard journey fraught with danger, violence and threats, but with your help we continue to fight on.



Undercover video from the Newcomb cockfight in Ohio. The rooster has razor-sharp blades tied to his legs

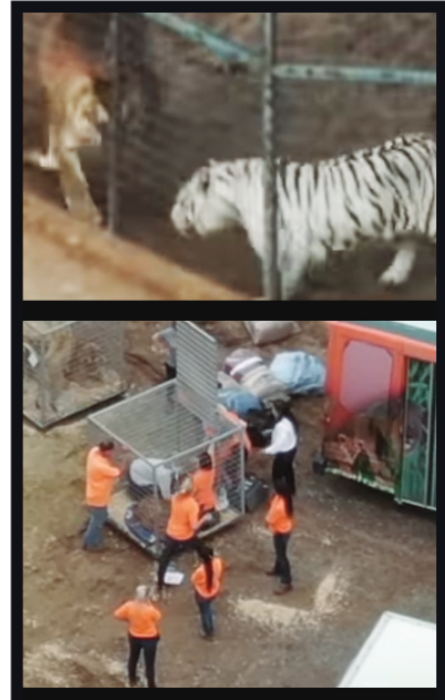
SHARK EXPOSES THE NEW TIGER KING!

SHARK has taken on Jeff and Lauren Lowe, who run the new Tiger King Park in Oklahoma. In 2021, we ramped up our efforts against this despicable couple who have abused and mistreated the animals in their care. The Lowe's were furious that we were capturing evidence of their abuse and took it out on SHARK's investigators. This not only included the Lowe's verbally harassing our drone team but Jeff's adult son, Taylor, tried to shoot down our drone numerous times. He also recklessly drove his car right past us at probably 100 miles an hour on the small road we were stationed on.

After seeing SHARK's drone video footage of the horrid conditions at the Tiger King Park, the federal government sued the Lowes and forced them to give up 68 of their big cats. **As soon as we found out when the cats were going to be moved, we rushed to OK with our drone and filmed the transfer.**

We captured dramatic video of the big cats being moved along with the sad plight of those animals left behind, such

as the wolf in the picture below who is clearly in desperate need of care. Our video was covered in multiple media outlets.



SHARK's drone video of tigers, followed by the removal of big cats from the zoo

We returned once more to the Lowe's property and filmed piles of burnt carcasses and illegal dumpsites containing hazardous materials (*see picture on bottom left*).

We filed a complaint with the OK Department of Environmental Quality who sent out an inspector. The DEQ forced the owner of the property to clean up the sites and warned them to never do that again. **If we had not been there, then the Lowe's polluting and contaminating of the environment would have continued.**

SHARK's work and videos against the Lowes spurred a petition. Our video was so powerful that the petition garnered over 75,000 signatures.

SHARK FILMS DESPERATE DOGS AND ROOSTERS

In late May, SHARK investigators were in Oklahoma at a suspected cockfighting and dogfighting property. What we found there were starving dogs covered in flies and roosters living in flooded cages. **Steve stayed in Oklahoma all week to get these animals help.**



It turned out that the owner and abuser of the animals was a member of the local Native American tribe and therefore it fell to the Tribal Marshal Service (TMS) to investigate.

The good news is that our work forced the owner to get the dogs much-needed veterinary care. The bad news is that the TMS shockingly downplayed the situation and has taken no legal action.

How can anyone look at this picture and write off her suffering? **Unfortunately, law enforcement unwilling to do their job has been a consistent problem when it comes to protecting animals.**

VICTORY!

CRUEL PIG WRESTLING EVENT IN WISCONSIN PERMANENTLY CANCELLED

A few years ago, we told you of a pig wrestling event at the St. Patrick's Parish in Wisconsin that was shut down thanks to SHARK's efforts. Pig wrestling is a vile event where men, women and children tackle pigs by punching them in the face, kicking and body-slaming them for fun.



We learned of another such event that was held at the Caldron Falls Bar and Grill in Northern Wisconsin. SHARK Investigator Mike Kobliska attended the event and obtained footage of the horrible abuse the pigs suffer as well as the event MC, exposing himself to the drunken crowd while children watched. We supplied videotape of the incident to law enforcement, and he was cited for Disorderly Conduct.

We are now thrilled to report pig wrestling has been permanently canceled at this location. The new owners of the bar confirmed that the pig wrestling is gone permanently and it has been replaced with a car show.

SHARK FIGHTS CRUEL LIVE PIGEON SHOOTS

Live pigeon shoots in Pennsylvania, where innocent birds are forced into small boxes, then launched into the air and shot for fun, have been decimated by our relentless efforts against them. Most of the birds, who are on the brink of starvation (which makes them easier to shoot) do not die right away, but instead suffer for hours or days after being wounded. These shoots are truly depraved and cause incalculable suffering.

While other animal groups have either abandoned or betrayed the pigeons in PA, SHARK has stood resolute in our defense of them. The pigeon shooters are so scared of SHARK showing up and filming them that they have been driven underground and limited the number of shoots they hold. This has saved tens of thousands of birds every year.



Children are often used to capture and kill wounded birds at pigeon shoots



Just some of the many dozens of wounded pigeons SHARK has rescued over the years at pigeon shoots

The main pigeon shoot SHARK focused on in 2021 was the notorious Philadelphia Gun Club. A SHARK investigator filmed a number of shoots at the gun club, capturing horrific acts of animal cruelty and a complete disdain for human life, as the wealthy and politically connected members of the gun club openly flouted COVID restrictions that were in place. These sociopaths just didn't care about anything other than slaughtering small birds for fun.

The President of the gun club is Edward Bruce DiDonato. DiDonato is an optometrist who has deep ties to Rider University in NJ, including having a lecture hall named after him, and being listed as a Director of the University.

SHARK released a video calling out Rider for this relationship, not just because of the heinous animal cruelty, but because over the past ten years, gun club members have attacked female activists who were protesting the club. This includes disgusting verbal harassment that was targeted to a woman and pigeon shooters driving their vehicles at female activists. DiDonato himself used his SUV to harass a woman who filmed him. Shockingly, Rider President Gregory Dell'Omo has refused to even respond to this important issue. Money, it seems, matters more to Rider than morality.

Please contact Rider President Dell'Omo and ask that he dissolve all relationships between Rider and DiDonato: Email: gdellomo@rider.edu Phone Number: 609-896-5001

SHARK FIGHTS RODEO CRUELTY

SHARK investigators have often called the **Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo** the **cruellest rodeo on earth**. Given all the rodeos we have investigated that's really saying something. Unfortunately, the claim was reproofed this year with the indefensible abuse of just one horse.

It happened during an event misnamed "The Wild Horse Race." The horses abused in this event aren't wild - they're terrorized. **On July 29th one horse had a clearly injured leg, possibly broken, early in the event, which lasts several minutes. Instead of stopping and giving the horse immediate care, the contestant on the horse forced her to keep running for several minutes. The injured, suffering animal eventually collapsed.**



The story of this poor horse is just one example of why we have to continue to expose rodeos everywhere.

You can stand up for this victim, and the others abused by rodeos. Please do not patronize any of the following sponsors of the CFD rodeo: Coca-Cola, Albertsons/Safeway, Grease Monkey, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Dodge automobiles and Coors beer.

BANK OF THE WEST DUMPS THE CFD RODEO!

Bank of the West has been a long time sponsor of the CFD rodeo, including being a platinum sponsor. **It is our pleasure to announce, that after our campaign exposing sponsors of this cruel rodeo, Bank of the West has dropped their sponsorship!** Rodeos can't survive without corporate money, so this was a great turn of events for animals abused and killed by the CFD rodeo!

VICTORY! DISNEY+ CANCELS PRO-RODEO MOVIE

Back in February we heard that Disney+ was moving forward with a movie glorifying the world's most cruel and deadly rodeo - the Cheyenne Frontier Days.

We quickly formed a coalition of animal protection organizations, released a video exposing the planned movie, and created a petition asking Disney to stand down.

We are very pleased to announced our efforts succeeded, and Disney+ cancelled the project! We want to thank all of our coalition partners and all of you who signed the petition and took action!



WKRC Cockfighting Investigative Report

On November 12, WKRC's Chief Investigative Reporter Duane Pohlman did a great in-depth story about SHARK while exposing both cockfighting and corruption in Ohio.

Duane repeatedly called Lawrence County Sheriff Jeffery Lawless and Prosecutor Brigham Anderson to ask questions about the illegal cockfighting and lack of investigation, however, neither responded. The bottom line is - Lawrence County Ohio's top law enforcement officials are deliberately covering for, and protecting cockfighting, which is illegal throughout the country, including in Ohio.



SHARK President Steve Hindi and Award-Winning Investigative Reporter Duane Pohlman

NEW BOOK ABOUT SHARK PRESIDENT STEVE HINDI

A new book by Pauline Marie Gambill was published this year that deals with SHARK President Steve Hindi's work fighting for animals.

"The FOX FEATS and SHARK TALES of Pollution Fighter James F. Phillips and Animal Rights Warrior Steven O. Hindi is an extensive and absorbing look at the lives and achievements of two courageous and fearless individuals...The book delves into the early lives of Phillips and Hindi and looks at what drove them to a fierce and relentless dedication to their causes. Their journeys were not without serious and dangerous obstacles, and—in Hindi's case—even resulted in physical injury. In addition to the telling of the men's intriguing histories, visual images provide an important peek into their lives and work."

You can find the book on Amazon.com. Please note that neither SHARK nor Steve Hindi receive any money from the sale of this book.





SHARK created the Beagle Salvation campaign 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 has done ground-breaking work with our drones at breeding factories in New York and Virginia, where we filmed overcrowded cages littered and stained with feces and urine. We filmed how these stressful conditions lead to fighting and repetitive, erratic behavior. We also captured hours of heart-breaking audio, of these dogs howling and crying through the day.

We want to shed light on more of these prisons and the cruelty committed within them. We want to create enough public pressure to force changes to not only how these dogs are treated, but to replace dogs with valid, non-animal means of testing which are much more reliable and safer for humans. This is the 21st century, not the dark ages. It's long past time we started acting like it.

These dogs deserve freedom from a life of suffering. Please consider making a generous donation to SHARK to support work that no one else is doing.

We are also selling t-shirts as a fundraiser for this important campaign! Please visit www.BeagleSalvation.com to learn



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'Truly barbaric': Viral video of dogs warehoused for research raising concerns



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



*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,



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