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The Hon. B. M. Miller
Governor of Alabama
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Governor Miller:

The American Humane Association learns with grave concern that it is proposed to hold a series of dog fights in Tuscaloosa, January 27-28, under auspices of the American Pit Bull Terrier Association, and that members of that Association from other states will bring their dogs to stage fights in Tuscaloosa.

The Birmingham Humane Society, which with other similar societies in Alabama is federated with and has a voice in the affairs of The American Humane Association, informs us that they have made representations to you and are hopeful that you will give your cooperation and assistance in preventing these inhuman and degrading conflicts taking place in your state.

Dog fighting is an outlaw sport contrary to the spirit of the humane laws of every state of the Union. It is our earnest hope that you will lend your powerful aid to the Birmingham Humane Society and make it impossible for the bull terrier owners to stage the advertised fights within your state.

Sincerely yours

THE AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION

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January 22, 1934.

Hon. B. M. Miller, Governor,
State of Alabama,
State Capitol,
Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear Governor Miller:-

The American Humane Association, representing over five hundred anticruelty societies in the United States, appeals to you as Governor of the State of Alabama, to take the most vigorous action to prevent anything in the way of a dog-fight from being held in Tuscaloosa at the American Pit Bull-Terrier Convention, January 27-28, 1934. Dog fights result in frightful cruelty to the animals involved and have a demoralizing effect in any community where they are tolerated.

The American Humane Association and its affiliated societies are spending thousands of dollars every year to bring the young people of this country to a more thoughtful attitude toward animals by a broad and comprehensive humane education program and I know of nothing which will thwart these efforts more than the staging of dog fights.

We feel confident that you, as Governor of the State of Alabama, one of the out-standing and progressive states of the Union, will back the efforts of the Birmingham Humane Society and prevent any violation of the animal protection laws of your state.

Yours sincerely,

THE AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION.

N. J. Walker
N. J. WALKER,
General Manager.

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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY
R. L. SHAMBLIN, SHERIFF
PHONE 92
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

January 24, 1964.

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Hon: B.M. Miller
Governor of Alabama.

Dear Sir :

In regards to the Dog fight in this County
I have taken it up with the Solicitor and Judge.
They will cooperate to the fullest extent in this
matter. I will see to it that this crime is not
committed in this County if they do they will
be arrested and brought to justice.

Thanking you for your cooperation with us in
this matter.

Yours, truly,

R. L. Shamblin

R.L. Shamblin*-Sheriff
Tuscaloosa County, Ala.

EDWARD DE GRAFFENRIED
ATTORNEY AT LAW
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

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E. W. SKIDMORE

January 25, 1934

Att
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Hon. B.M. Miller, Governor
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Governor:-

I have your letter under date of January 23 regarding a proposed dog-fight to be held here. I have succeeded in stopping the present intention of staging this fight and should they attempt to change their minds and stage the fight anyway it will be nipped in the bud if it is possible for us to do so.

Thanking you for your kind interest in this matter and assuring you of my cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

Edward de Graffenried
Solicitor 6th Judicial
Circuit of Alabama.

Jan. 26, 1934.

Mr. Richard C. Craven,
Field Secretary,
The American Humane Association,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Governor Miller has referred to me for attention and reply your letter of the 20th with reference to proposed dog fights to be held in Tuscaloosa County.

The Governor has instructed the Solicitor and the Sheriff of Tuscaloosa County to enforce the Alabama law against cruelty to animals. The State does not have a law prohibiting dog fights.

Yours very truly,

JOHN H. PEACH,
Legal Advisor to the Governor.

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