

A COMMON LANGUAGE

For the Victims of Cruelty

**“ . . . THE QUESTION IS NOT,
CAN THEY REASON?
NOR,
CAN THEY TALK?
BUT,**



“ CAN THEY SUFFER?”

Jeremy Bentham,
Introduction to the Principles of
Morals and Legislation, 1780



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LET US AGREE ON THIS:

**“People who fight dogs engage in animal cruelty.
It is a human action.”**

“The Victim of the crime of dog fighting is the dog.”

**The victims of dog fighting suffer, just as other
canine victims of cruelty suffer. All victims of cruelty
are deserving of our compassion.**

We must treat victims of cruelty as individuals and not
portray them as a collective burden.

We must never suggest that dogs seized in fight busts
are anything less than dogs who are victims of cruelty.

What we say about these dogs will color public
perceptions about all dogs called “pit bulls”.

**We must make humane and compassionate care of
the victims a priority while we continue to prosecute
the people who fight dogs. To do otherwise is to
criminalize the victim.**

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