



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

RANKING OF STATE DOGFIGHTING LAWS

State	Dogfighting	Spectator at a dogfight	Possession of dogs for fighting	Rank
	3 Felony			
New Jersey	Crime of the 3 rd degree 3-5 years \$3,000-\$5,000	Crime of the 3 rd degree 3-5 years Max \$15,000	Crime of the 3 rd degree 3-5 years Max \$15,000	1
Louisiana	Felony 1-10 years \$1,000 - \$25,000	Felony 1-10 years \$1,000 - \$25,000	Felony 1-10 years \$1,000 - \$25,000	2
Alabama	Class C Felony 1-10 years Max \$5,000	Class C Felony 1-10 years Max \$5,000	Class C Felony 1-10 years Max \$5,000	3
Illinois	Class 4 Felony 1-3 years Max \$25,000	Class 4 Felony 1-3 years Max \$25,000	Class 4 Felony 1-3 years Max \$25,000	4
Colorado	Class 5 Felony 1-3 years Max \$1,000	Class 5 Felony 1-3 years Max \$1,000	Class 5 Felony 1-3 years Max \$1,000	5
Mississippi	Felony 1-3 years \$1,000 - \$5,000	Felony Max 1 year \$500 - \$5,000	Felony 1-3 years \$1,000 - \$5,000	6
Arizona	Class 5 Felony 9 mo. - 2 years Max \$150,000	Class 6 Felony 6 mo - 1 ½ years Max \$150,000	Class 5 Felony 9 mo. - 2 years Max \$150,000	7
Ohio	4 th Degree Felony 6 - 18 months \$5,000	4 th Degree Felony 6 - 18 months \$5,000	4 th Degree Felony 6 - 18 months \$5,000	8
North Carolina	Class H Felony 4-8 months - 5-10 months	Class H Felony 4-8 months - 5-10 months	Class H Felony 4-8 months - 5-10 months	9

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Hawaii	Class B Felony Max 10 years Max \$25,000	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$10,000	Class B Felony Max 10 years Max \$25,000	10
Pennsylvania	3 rd Degree Felony Max 7 years Max \$15,000	3 rd Degree Felony Max 7 years Max \$15,000	3 rd Degree Felony Max 7 years Max \$15,000	11
New Hampshire	Class B Felony Max 7 years Max \$4,000	Class B Felony Max 7 years Max \$4,000	Class B Felony Max 7 years Max \$4,000	12
Oregon	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$125,000	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$125,000	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$125,000	13
District of Columbia	Felony Max 5 years Max \$25,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$25,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$25,000	14
Nebraska	Class IV felony Max 5 years Max \$10,000	Class IV felony Max 5 years Max \$10,000	Class IV felony Max 5 years Max \$10,000	15
Washington	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$10,000	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$10,000	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$10,000	16
Connecticut	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	17
Florida	3 rd degree Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	3 rd degree Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	3 rd degree Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	18
Vermont	Felony Max 5 year Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 year Max \$5,000	Felony Max 5 year Max \$5,000	19
Virginia	Class 6 felony Max 5 years Max \$2,500	Class 6 felony Max 5 years Max \$2,500	Class 6 felony Max 5 years Max \$2,500	20
Massachusetts	Felony equivalent Max 5 years (state prison) or Max 1 year (house of correction) Max \$1,000	Felony equivalent Max 5 years (state prison) or Max 2.5 year (house of correction) Max \$1,000	Felony equivalent Max 5 years (state prison) or Max 1 year (house of correction) Max \$1,000	21
Delaware	Class E Felony	Class F Felony	Class E Felony	22

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	Max 5 years Discretionary fine	Max 3 years Discretionary fine	Max 5 years Discretionary fine	
Michigan	Felony Max 4 years \$5,000 - \$50,000 500 - 100 hours community service	Felony Max 4 years \$1,000 - \$5,000 250 - 500 hours community service	Felony Max 4 years \$5,000 - \$50,000 500 - 100 hours community service	23
Rhode Island	Felony Max 2 years Max \$1,000	Felony Max 2 years Max \$1,500	Felony Max 2 years Max \$1,000	24
New Mexico	4 th Degree Felony 18 months Max \$5,000	4 th Degree Felony 18 months Max \$5,000	4 th Degree Felony 18 months Max \$5,000	25
2 Felony				
Oklahoma	Felony 1-10 years \$2,000 - \$25,000	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$500	Felony 1-10 years \$2,000 - \$25,000	26
Georgia	Felony 1-5 years Min \$5,000	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$1,000	Felony 1-5 years Min \$5,000	27
Kansas	Level 10 nonperson felony 1-5 years Max \$100,000	Class B nonperson misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$ 1,000	Level 10 nonperson felony 1-5 years Max \$100,000	28
Minnesota	Felony Min 1 year 1 day	Misdemeanor Max 90 days Max \$1,000	Felony Min 1 year 1 day	29
Tennessee	Class E Felony 1-6 years Max \$3,000	Class C Misdemeanor Max of 30 days Max \$50	Class E Felony 1-6 years Max \$3,000	30
Indiana	Class D Felony 6 months - 3 years Max \$10,000	Class A Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$5,000	Class D Felony 6 months - 3 years Max \$10,000	31
Missouri	Class D Felony Max 10 years	Class A Misdemeanor Min 6 months	Class D Felony Max 10 years	32
Arkansas	Class D Felony Max 6 years Max \$10,000	Class A Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$1,000	Class D Felony Max 6 years Max \$10,000	33
Idaho	Felony Max 5 years Max \$50,000	Misdemeanor Max 6 months \$100 - \$5,000	Felony Max 5 years Max \$50,000	34

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Utah	3 rd Degree Felony Max 5 years Max \$25,000	Class B misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$1,000	3 rd Degree Felony Max 5 years Max \$25,000	35
Alaska	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$50,000	Violation No jail time Max \$500	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$50,000	36
Iowa	Class D Felony Max 5 years \$750 - \$7,500	Aggravated misdemeanor Max 2 years \$500 - \$5,000	Class D Felony Max 5 years \$750 - \$7,500	37
Maine	Class C crime Court must impose a fine of \$500 max, in addition to: Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Class D crime Max 1 year Max \$2,000	Class C crime Court must impose a fine of \$500 max, in addition to: Max 5 years Max \$5,000	38
North Dakota	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Class A Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,000	Class C Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	39
South Carolina	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$500	Felony Max 5 years Max \$5,000	40
Wisconsin	Class I Felony Max 3 years, 6 months Max \$10,000	Class A misdemeanor Max 9 months Max \$10,000	Class I Felony Max 3 years, 6 months Max \$10,000	41
Maryland	Felony Max 3 years Max \$5,000	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,500	Felony Max 3 years Max \$5,000	42
California	Felony 16 mo or 2 or 3 years Max \$50,000	Misdemeanor Max 6 mo Max \$1,000	Felony 16 mo or 2 or 3 years Max \$50,000	43
South Dakota	Class 6 Felony Max 2 years Max \$4,000	Class 1 Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,000	Class 6 Felony Max 2 years Max \$4,000	44
Wyoming	Felony Max 2 years Max \$5,000	Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$750	Felony Max 2 years Max \$5,000	45
1 Felony				
West Virginia	Felony 1-5 years	Misdemeanor Max 1 year	Misdemeanor Max 6 months	46

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	\$1,000-\$5,000	\$100-\$1,000	\$300-\$2,000	
Nevada	Category D Felony 1-4 years Max \$5,000	Misdemeanor Max 6 months Max \$1,000	Gross Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$2,000	47
Texas	State jail felony 180 days – 2 years	Class A misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$4,000	Class A misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$4,000	48
New York	Felony Max 4 years Max \$25,000	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$1,000	Misdemeanor Max 1 year Max \$15,000	49
1 Legal				
Kentucky	Class D Felony 1–5 years \$1,000 - \$10,000	Legal	Class D Felony 1–5 years \$1,000 - \$10,000	50
Montana	Felony 1-5 years Max \$5,000	Legal	Felony 1-5 years Max \$5,000	51