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***THE ROLE OF VETERINARY FORENSIC SCIENCE IN THE
DOCUMENTATION AND PROSECUTION OF ORGANIZED DOG
FIGHTING***

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SAŽETAK

Organizirane borbe pasa predstavljaju aktivnosti u kojima se dva psa, obično istog spola i težine, izazivaju na borbu radi zabave ili kladjenja. Prepoznate su kao teški vid zlostavljanja životinja jer pored prisilnog sukobljavanja pasa podrazumijevaju cijeli niz drugih okrutnih postupaka kojima su ove životinje izložene tokom uzgoja, treninga i priprema za borbe. Osim toga, organizirane borbe pasa neraskidivo su povezane i sa drugim oblicima kriminala, naročito trgovinom drogom i oružjem. Iako su bosanskohercegovačkim zakonodavstvom zabranjene, čak i kvalificirane kao ozbiljno krivično djelo, organizirane borbe pasa i dalje se registruju na području naše države što implicira potrebu da se ovakvi slučajevi i efikasno procesuiraju. Zbog visokog stepena organiziranosti i skrivene prirode, rasvjetljavanje ovih slučajeva i kažnjavanje odgovornih lica zahtijeva multidisciplinarni pristup u kojem veterinarska profesija ima nezamjenjivu vitalnu ulogu. Osim što rutinskim radom u praksi veterinari mogu predstavljati prvu kariku u otkrivanju i procesuiranju ove problematike s aspekta zakonodavstva, veterinarski stručnjaci se po pravilu angažuju i od strane nadležnih organa u istražnim i dokaznim postupcima kada se od njih očekuje da na osnovu pregleda zaplijenjenih pasa i/ili mjesta koja se dovode u vezu s izvršenjem ovih aktivnosti, izradom stručnog nalaza i mišljenja, doprinesu dokazivanju organiziranih borbi pasa i njihovom pravnom rješavanju. Ovaj diplomski rad, kroz sistematičan pregled relevantne stručne i naučne literature, generalno razmatra i analizira organizirane borbe pasa kao složeni, visokoorganizirani i društveno opasni oblik kriminaliteta. Posebno se ističe fundamentalna uloga veterinarske forenzike u prepoznavanju, dokumentovanju i interpretaciji relevantnih činjenica koje pred sudom, kao validni dokazi, olakšavaju vođenje postupaka i efikasno procesuiranje odgovornih lica.

Ključne riječi: veterinarska forenzika, organizirane borbe pasa, dokumentovanje, dokazi

SUMMARY

Organised dog fighting represents activities in which two dogs, typically matched by same sex and weight, are pitted against each other for entertainment or gambling purposes. It is widely recognized as a severe form of animal cruelty, encompassing not only the forced combat itself but also a systematic pattern of abusive practices to which dogs are subjected throughout breeding, conditioning and fighting preparation. Furthermore, dogfighting is inextricably linked to other criminal enterprises, particularly drug trafficking and arms dealing. Despite being explicitly prohibited under Bosnian – Herzegovinian legislation and even classified as a serious criminal offense, these activities continue to be documented within the country, underscoring the imperative for effective prosecution. Given the highly organized and clandestine nature of this criminal enterprise, identifying and prosecuting dogfighting operations requires a multidisciplinary approach in which the veterinary profession plays an indispensable and vital role. Beyond serving as frontline observers in routine clinical practice, often representing the first point of contact for detecting and reporting these activities from a legislative standpoint, veterinary experts are routinely engaged by competent authorities in investigative and evidentiary proceedings. In such capacities, they are expected to contribute to the legal resolution of dogfighting cases through the forensic examination of seized animals and associated premises, producing expert reports and opinions that establish probative facts admissible in court. This thesis systematically reviews relevant professional and scientific literature to examine and analyze dogfighting as a complex, highly organized, and socially dangerous form of criminality. Particular emphasis is placed on the fundamental role of veterinary forensics in identifying, documenting, and interpreting evidentiary findings that, when presented as valid legal proof before the judiciary, facilitate proceedings and enable the effective prosecution of perpetrators.

Keywords: veterinary forensics, organised dog fighting, documentation, evidence

