

# Heath School PTO

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## An Open Letter from Heath 6th Graders

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The following letter was sent to the Brookline TAB by some of our Heath 6th graders:

We are sixth grade students, at the Heath School in Brookline. Through a service-learning project in our language art class, we are trying to build awareness about the negative impact of using animals for entertainment.

During our research for this project, some of the most concerning examples we found of animal abuse for human entertainment are dog fighting, which is illegal, but still happens, and dog racing, which is illegal in Massachusetts, but is still legal in states like Texas, Florida, Arizona, Arkansas, Alabama, West Virginia, and Iowa. We also found out about cockfighting, bull fighting, bull riding, and bear fighting. We even learned that some of the circuses that we all loved as children, often neglect and hurt their animals.

We discovered a very long list of cruel ways that animals are used for our entertainment, and it is very painful to know animals are out there being abused or neglected because their owner just wants to make money and was never educated on the proper way to treat animals. These activities, some illegal, still go on all over America.

We want to make a difference for these animals.

We ask that you consider joining us in supporting the MSPCA, a local organization that takes in neglected or abused animals, and finds a good home for them and also GREY2K USA, an organization working to stop greyhound racing on all 50 states. GREY2K USA has an office nearby, in Somerville, MA.

Please join us in stopping the cruel use of animals for human entertainment.

Ari Lerner and Chris Fronsaglia

6th Grade Students

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