Have you ever thought about the horrible consequences of dog fighting? Dog fighting is a sport that has a long history, is extremely cruel to dogs and is illegal in many countries around the world which is why I think it needs to be stopped.

Dog fighting began in ancient Rome and people have been entertained by this sport for hundreds of years. Most dog fights work by tying a piece of meat to the dog and is then put in a fighting arena with its opponent the two dogs then fight each other to get the piece of meat off the other dog.

Most fights go on for over an hour. Even after the meat has been taken the fight still goes on, by then the dog realises what its trainer wants it to do. Some are even trained to fight without the meat attached to the other dog. The fight ends when one of the dogs cannot continue or eventually dies.

The amount of cruelty in this sport is unbelievable. Even if a dog does survive a round of dog fighting, it can still suffer from horrible effects. Like dehydration, shock and blood loss. Did you know that over 20,000 dogs die each year from dog fighting?

As well as being cruel to dogs, dog fighting is also illegal in most countries around the world. The average jail sentence is around five years in prison, a fine for up to $10,000 or even both. According to a survey done in January the average amount of people arrested for dog fighting is around 2,500 per year.

After this information I think the only way to stop dogs suffering is to put an end to dog fighting.