After voters outlawed cockfighting 18 years ago, many cockfighters chose to disobey the law. An investigation by Animal Wellness Action and the Animal Wellness Foundation determined that Oklahoma cockfighters are raising, selling, and shipping tens of thousands of animals for fighting to Guam, Mexico, the Philippines, and other far-flung destinations.

Greyhound protection group GREY2K USA recently discovered inhumane and illegal training techniques for dog racing. Local breeders released helpless rabbits in an enclosed area and encouraged dogs to tear them apart. This cruelty was a misguided way of trying to fix races by obtaining a competitive advantage.

“Tiger King” exposed a roadside zoo in Wynnewood that bred and exploited big cats for cub petting and illegal sale of tiger cubs to other exploiters. The former owner is in federal prison, partly because of the illegal killing of tigers. His successor continues the abusive practices and was recently cited by USDA for numerous cases of allowing animals to suffer by not providing proper veterinary care or safe housing.

We’re asking law enforcement, judges, and legislators to make humane treatment of animals a priority. Join our Cruelty Isn’t OK campaign. Email us at CrueltyIsn’tOK@animalwellnessaction.org and visit our Cruelty Isn’t OK Facebook page.