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## **Howard County Police Call for Dog Fighting Tips** *Animal Advocates Organization Offers \$1,000 Reward*

The Howard County Police Department has partnered with local organization Animal Advocates to seek out information about possible dog fighting in Howard County. While Howard County has not seen cases of dog fighting in the past, Animal Advocates is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 to help identify any unreported incidents.

“We don’t believe that dog fighting is a problem in Howard County,” said Police Chief William McMahon. “But the only way to be sure is for our citizens to come forward. We are grateful that Animal Advocates has partnered with us to help ensure the safety of animals in Howard County.”

Animal Advocates of Howard County is an all-volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to preventing the suffering of animals in our area. Although the group focuses primarily on the plight of homeless pets, it is also interested in animal health, safety, and environmental issues, and promotes activities that strengthen the human-animal bond.

Anyone with information about possible dog fighting cases in Howard County should call police at 410-313-3200.

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