



Fighting Roosters.

Mon, Sep 11 at 1:28 PM

Alexander Neighbor

Report them to the animal control and take them down.

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Hi Martin, 19205 has a rooster fighting ring going. They have about one hundred roosters. This has been going on for more than 12 years and getting worse. Per ccrs this is not allowed. Will you please do something about it?



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Sorry but there's nothing I can personally do about that and its beyond HOA capabilities. That's a county agency enforcement issue. I believe there was a previous text thread with some guidance from one of the members on how to go about collecting info and reporting it



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Ok, thank you Martin

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There is an open case on that property regarding this issue. However the county ordinance does allow someone to have up to 499 chickens/roosters on their property. The animal control officer said they doubt anything will happen based on what they currently have. More evidence needs to be obtained. The best way to bring this to light is Call 911 when or if they host a Cock Fight with all the attendees.



owner knows people are watching and he is being careful

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I have been talking with animal control, fighting this for a very long time. They need a permit to have the 499 chickens and so far it's being denied. I was last told a different case is going to court and that will help with this case. There is also an open case on the building's. The case has sat twice and closed after over a year. I believe they have a friend in code enforcement. She told me they are in compliance so she closed it. However they are not in compliance and for the second time I got it reopened. This time with more force. I'm not doing this to be mean. I'm doing this because fighting

Finding:

The Agricultural Commissioner was not in compliance with all procedural requirements. According to MCC CHAPTER 8.50.110 B. ¹² the Agricultural Commissioner shall notify applicants of denials of a rooster keeping operation exemption in writing, informing them of the reason or reasons for denial and of the right to appeal the denial to the Board of Supervisors. However, Mr. Hidalgo failed to provide this information to the applicant, violating this procedural requirement.

CDFA

A potential case of bureaucratic deception!

- 1. **Initial statement**:** The Agricultural Commissioner stated that CDFA does not recognize the UGBA as a legitimate poultry hobbyist organization.
- 2. **Request for information**:** An email was sent to the Commissioner requesting information on who he spoke to at CDFA regarding this matter. He Provided the name Maureen Lee Dutra and her phone number.
- 3. **Response from Maureen Lee Dutra**:** Maureen Lee Dutra acknowledged that her department (CDFA) has no jurisdiction in determining what breeds or organizations are considered legitimate poultry associations.

Now, let's highlight the inconsistency:

****The Commissioner's statement vs. Mrs. Lee Dutra's response**:**

- * The Commissioner stated that CDFA doesn't recognize UGBA as a legitimate organization.**
- * Mrs. Lee Dutra, representing CDFA, acknowledged that her department has no jurisdiction in determining what breeds or organizations are considered legitimate.**

The Commissioner's statement implies that CDFA has a role in determining legitimacy, which is contradicted by Mrs. Lee Dutra's response. This suggests that the Commissioner was misinformed or provided false information.

Additionally, Mrs. Lee Dutra mentioned that CDFA collaborates with a couple of Gamefowl programs.

It appears that the Agricultural Commissioner's initial statement was misleading and potentially false.

UGBA promoting gamecock fighting according to Juan Hidalgo

The California Agricultural Commissioner's statement is a blatant misrepresentation of the California Association for the Preservation of Gamefowl's (UGBA) mission and purpose. The commissioner is attempting to twist the meaning of UGBA's statements to fit his own agenda and make UGBA appear to be promoting cockfighting and cruelty to animals.

Here's a breakdown of the commissioner's manipulation:

1. **Twisted definition of gamefowl behavior**: The commissioner uses UGBA's description of gamefowl behavior to imply that they are promoting cockfighting, when in reality, UGBA is simply providing a historical and educational context about gamefowl behavior. The commissioner selectively focuses on the phrase "where they use their sharp leg spurs in combat, often to the death" without mentioning the natural context of courtship display and mating.
2. **Dubbing and spur trimming**: The commissioner presents these practices as evidence of UGBA's involvement in cockfighting, claiming that dubbing is done to prevent damage during fights and spur trimming is done to attach weapons. However, UGBA clearly states that dubbing is done for animal husbandry reasons (e.g., preventing frostbite, improving vision, and reducing injuries) and spur trimming is done to prevent lacerations, infections, and injuries during mating.
3. **Misleading implications**: The commissioner implies that UGBA is promoting cockfighting by mentioning the use of sharp metal spurs (gaffs) in combat. However, UGBA never mentions gaffs or cockfighting in their statement; instead, they discuss the natural behavior of gamefowl and the importance of animal husbandry practices.

The commissioner's statements are defamatory and lack evidence to support his claims. It is essential to demand proof or credible sources backing up his accusations. Here's a possible response:

In conclusion, the commissioner's actions are a clear attempt to manipulate public perception and tarnish UGBA's reputation. It is crucial to demand evidence-backed facts rather than speculative accusations.

Adequately described the operation:

Firstly, I would like to clarify that Gonzalo Narez did provide sufficient evidence of his operation in the Additional Information section of the application. He described his poultry operation as a hobby, stating that he raises chickens and roosters for enjoyment, education, and family tradition. He also highlighted the benefits of raising poultry as a hobby, including teaching his children valuable lessons in responsibility and animal husbandry.

Regarding his membership in an organization, I am a proud member of the American Poultry Association, which promotes the breeding and exhibition of poultry. While he may not have been able to attend shows recently due to work commitments, this does not diminish his status as a poultry hobbyist. As stated in the ordinance, "Poultry hobbyist" means a person who is recognized by the Agricultural Commissioner as a member of a local, state or national organization which promotes the breeding of poultry for exhibition or show and/or sale of poultry to promote breeding as a hobby. (Emphasis added). Nowhere in this definition does it require attending shows or entering competitions.

It appears that Mr. Hidalgo is imposing additional requirements not found in the ordinance. The term "poultry hobbyist" is not defined as someone who must actively participate in shows or competitions. Rather, it is defined by their membership in an organization that promotes breeding and exhibition of poultry.

I urge you to focus on the language and intent of the ordinance, rather than adding extraneous requirements. As a member of an organization that promotes the breeding and exhibition of poultry, Gonzalo meets the definition of a poultry hobbyist as outlined in the ordinance.

May 1, 2024 inspection more roosters than hens

I would like to respectfully address the concerns raised regarding the observation made during the May 1, 2024, inspection. I understand that you noted a majority of roosters and a limited number of hens, which led you to suggest that breeding is not a focus of our operation. However, I would like to provide a more accurate representation of our poultry operation.

Firstly, I would like to clarify that the observation was limited to a specific area on Gonzalo's property, and not a comprehensive assessment of his entire flock. As the inspector was more concerned about the roosters. Gonzalo keeps his chickens in different areas to rotate them out as they age, which is a common practice in responsible poultry keeping. It's possible that the commissioner did not visit all areas where his chickens are kept. On May 1, 2024 there was around 110 chickens and about 30 baby chicks in the property.

Secondly, I would like to provide a definition of breeding: "Breeding" refers to the process of mating and reproducing animals for the purpose of propagating their species or improving their characteristics. In Gonzalo's case, he is actively breeding chickens to raise them for food, as he does not purchase store-bought eggs or chickens. Gonzalo believes in self-sufficiency and takes pride in raising his own food. The fact that he raises and consumes 4-8 chickens per month is evidence of his continuous breeding efforts.

It is important to note that the term "breeding" does not only refer to the act of mating but also includes the process of raising and caring for offspring. In Gonzalo's case, he is committed to providing a healthy and nurturing environment for his chickens, from birth to maturity, which is an integral part of breeding.

During inspection photographed roosters variety for cockfighting

It states that the inspectors photographed roosters that are the variety used for cockfighting.. Could you please explain what you mean by this? Any rooster, regardless of its breed or appearance, can be used for cockfighting. Cockfighting is not limited to a specific breed or physical characteristic. It's a serious accusation that relies on more than just a rooster's appearance.

In fact, AB 946 specifically removed dubbing as evidence of cockfighting because it was deemed unfair to assume that a rooster's appearance determines its purpose. The implication that Gonzalos roosters are associated with cockfighting simply because they're dubbed is unfair and unjust.

To make such an accusation, wouldn't you need more concrete evidence? Like what? The presence of bloodstained arenas? The presence of other animals being kept in inhumane conditions? The lack of care? Instead, you're relying solely on the appearance of his roosters, which is not only unreliable but also discriminatory.

I'd like to remind you that dubbing roosters is a personal choice and a standard practice in poultry breeding. It's not unique to cockfighting. Many breeders dub their birds as part of regular care and maintenance. In fact, dubbing has several benefits, such as preventing frostbite and infections, allowing the birds to see better as the comb can grow and block their eyesight, and meeting the standards of perfection set by the American Poultry Association.

I urge you to reconsider your accusation and base your judgment on facts rather than assumptions. All laws and regulations, rather than making unfounded accusations based on superficial appearances.

2021 Rooster permit

According to M.C.C. 8.50.060 (c), the Animal Control Officer has 30 days from the date of completion of the inspection to deny or approve the permit. However, it was not until much later that the permit was denied, which is not in compliance with the procedural requirements.

Inspections on home

Regarding the findings during the inspection, rooster cages that might not meet building code standards and all building code violations were addressed and taken care of immediately.

Tie downs and boxes

The tie downs at one point were used to restrain the roosters to keep them separate and from fighting when cleaning their cages. During that period Gonzalo was not aware he was unable to do that. He immediately stopped the use of the tie downs. The keep boxes were used to transport a chicken or rooster when given away. They are commonly available at feed stores and USPS uses similar boxes when transporting birds.

Cockfighting Paraphernalia

It is important to note that tie-downs and keep boxes are not considered paraphernalia when used for legitimate purposes such as those described above. According to Section 597 I (a) of the California Penal Code, it is unlawful to manufacture, buy, sell, barter, exchange, or have in one's possession any implements commonly known as gaffs or slashers, or any other sharp implement designed to be attached in place of the natural spur of a gamecock or other fighting bird. Tie-downs and keep boxes are not listed as prohibited items.

Animal services Staff

The written denial of Gonzalo's rooster operation cited building codes as the reason for the denial, not them being denied entry. Animal control officer had 30 days of the date the animal control officer completes his or her inspection to deliver a notice denying or approving a permit. (MCC 8.05.060c) The animal control officer failed to do so, meaning she was not in compliance with all applicable procedural requirements. As for Animal Services' attempts to enter Gonzalo's property, this happened in 2023 not 2022. As before the 2023 incident animal services were permitted to enter when they requested. I would like to explain that Gonzalo felt harassed by their repeated visits and requests to enter his home. It seemed like every time they came, it was for a new reason or excuse. He was still awaiting resolution on a previous citation issued by Animal Services, and was starting to feel unsafe in his own home. As a result, he exercised his

Fourth Amendment right which states "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

What Are Gamefowl?

The gamefowl heritage can be traced to the Red Jungle Fowl the ancestor of domesticated chickens. Jungle fowl—any of four Asian birds of the genus *Gallus*, family Phasianidae (order Galliformes). *Gallus* species differ from other members of the pheasant family in having, in the male, a fleshy comb, lobed wattles hanging below the bill, and high-arched tail. The red jungle fowl (*G. gallus*) is the ancestor of the domestic fowl. The cock has shining silky plumage, red on the head and back and green-black elsewhere—a pattern seen also in several domestic breeds. The hen is rusty brown with speckled neck and minimal comb. Males meet in a selected arena—natural precursor of the gamecock pit, where they use their sharp leg spurs in combat, often to the death. In courtship display, the male drops one wing

display, the male drops one wing and tilts his head, mantle, and back—his most colorful parts—toward the hen; the domestic rooster behaves similarly. Jungle fowl seem to be monogamous under normal circumstances. The hen lays 5–8 buff colored eggs in a clutch before setting.

The gray jungle fowl (*G. sonnerati*), of southern India, may also have contributed to the ancestry of the domestic fowl, which in some breeds shows a similar grayish and white pattern. Other species inhabit parts of India and are found also in Sri Lanka (Ceylon), Java, and some Indonesian islands. –"Jungle Fowl." Encyclopedia Britannica. 2003– Encyclopedia Britannica Premium Service. 16 Sep, 2003.

There are many varieties of gamefowl, all admired for their beauty, strength, health and longevity. Currently, gamefowl are much in demand as exhibition poultry. In the past, gamefowl have provided the genetic foundation for many of our most popular varieties of production, broiler, layer and show fowl. Since early history, gamefowl have been an inspiration to man through their courage, beauty and spirit. There is a saying that among the 20 qualities such as courage that humans should possess, four should be acquired from the gamefowl.

The dubbing of gamefowl (removal of the comb and wattles) is a practice followed by many in the poultry industry. Dubbing is good animal husbandry and all poultry show rules call for it. Dubbing prevents damage done by frostbite and provides better vision. It reduces injuries incurred when the comb comes in contact with feeder and water grills and wires in cages and

water grills, and wires in cages and pens. Dubbing also helps prevent the spread of mosquito born illnesses. The dubbing of gamefowl is in no way any indication of whether or not that bird is being used for fighting purposes. Gamefowl will most often have their spurs trimmed as well. This is also good animal husbandry. Contrary to popular belief this is not done to attach weapons. The spurs are hard, pointed and naturally very sharp. Trimming of the spurs of male birds prevents laceration to the backs of females during mating. Sometimes these injuries are severe enough to cause the death of the female. If the spur is allowed to grow, it can inhibit a cock's ability to walk,

as well, resulting in straddle legs and occasionally in overgrowing back into the male's leg. Cocks have also been known to catch their untrimmed spurs in the wire of their cages which can cripple a rooster if he is hanging for a length of time. Cutting the spurs also prevents injuries to humans, such as caretakers and judges during handling of the birds. The spur is very porous and harbors millions of bacteria. A slight scratch from the spur can result in a serious infection to a human. To minimize the chance of injuries all show rules call for the spur to be trimmed as a safety precaution.

This picture you see the rooster is dubbed and the spurs has been cut, making them nubbed. This is done to this length for the intent to fight the rooster with a gaff or knife. It is placed on the spur of the leg of the rooster.



****Description: The Dangers of Rooster Spurs and the Importance of Trimming****

Rooster spurs are a serious concern in the agricultural industry, as they can cause harm to both animals and humans. The Agricultural Commissioner's statement that roosters are intentionally trimmed to fight with knives or gaffs is misleading and inaccurate.

In reality, rooster spurs are used as a natural defense mechanism by the birds, and trimming them is necessary to prevent injuries and fatalities. When roosters are not trimmed, their spurs can become long and sharp, causing harm to other birds, humans, and even themselves.

The spur is a weapon used by the bird to defend itself from predators and rival roosters. If left untrimmed, the spur can grow to be several inches long and become razor-sharp, capable of causing severe lacerations and puncture wounds. These injuries can lead to infections, scarring, and even death.

As stated in the recommendation from the Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine, "the spur is used as a weapon by the bird and can cause injuries to other birds and humans." (Attached Document)

The dangers of rooster spurs are not limited to animal welfare concerns. Humans who work with roosters or are in close proximity to them can also be at risk of injury. As demonstrated in the attached news article, a person has died as a result of a spur injury.

In addition, the attached pictures show the devastating effects of untrimmed rooster spurs on both animals and humans. These injuries are not only painful but also costly to treat and can have long-term consequences for those affected.

Therefore, it is crucial that roosters be trimmed regularly to prevent these dangerous situations from arising. Trimming the spur not only reduces the risk of injury but also helps maintain the overall health and well-being of the birds.

****Attachments:****

- * Recommendation from Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine
- * News article about person who died due to a spur injury
- * Pictures of injuries caused by untrimmed rooster spurs

Rooster got me with his spur...



Rooster punctured owners ankle with spur.
Owner states "Took disturbingly long to get the
bleeding to stop."



Spur Damage (Julie Germyn)

Spur damage on chicken while mating.

Source: bitchinchickens.com/



Man who died after being attacked by his pet rooster. Jasper Kraus, 67, suffered a heart attack after the Brahma chicken plunged its spur into his leg. He lost liters of blood and couldn't be saved, his daughter said.

Source: www.independent.co.uk



Medical Management of the Rooster Spur

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What is a Spur?

A spur is a bony conical projection found on the inside aspect of the leg of sexually mature roosters, tom turkeys and other male birds belonging to the Galliformes Order including guineafowl, partridges, and pheasants. The spur, used as a weapon by the bird, is an outgrowth of the leg bone and is surrounded by a cone of horny (keratinized) material. On the male chick, the spur appears as a projection, called a papilla. As the bird matures, the papilla grows larger, hardens and starts to curve.



Figure 1: This radiograph shows the tarsometatarsal bone (A) with the calcar (B) protruding from it. The calcar is surrounded by an extensive horny, keratinized layer (C). The calcar and the horny layer make up the spur.

Can the Spur be Removed?

The spur papilla can be removed when the rooster is still a chick. A veterinarian uses electrocautery to hinder the growing cells of the spur papilla. Since the bony core is not fully developed, the process is quick, non-invasive, and the bird recovers well. Removing the spur from an adult rooster is a more invasive procedure because it involves the amputation of bone. The rooster is anesthetized, and a bone saw is used to cut the spur at its base from the tarsometatarsal bone. The skin has to be sutured over the wound and the area needs to be kept clean. Postoperative infection of the bone is a possible complication.

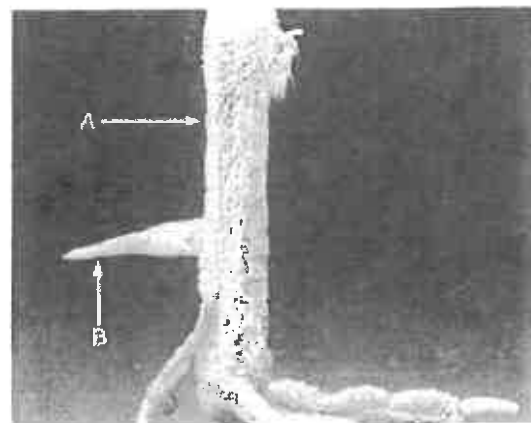


Figure 2: This photograph shows the leg (A) and the horny layer of the spur (B). Under this layer is the calcar bone, seen in Figure 1. The horny layer can be filed down, but like a toenail, it will continue to grow, and the procedure will have to be repeated as necessary.

My Rooster is Aggressive and Has Its Spurs Intact. What Should I Do?

Roosters that are part of backyard flocks can be dangerous if they still have spurs. Injuries to children, pets, and other chickens are likely if your rooster is aggressive. Increasing the size of your backyard flock to include more hens and roosters may subdue the aggressive rooster because chickens are social birds that need to form a structured social order. Adding more birds to the flock will allow the rooster to establish a pecking order among its own species, instead of among other animal species, including humans.

Another recommendation is to file down the

tip of the spur with a dremmel or other grinding instrument. Since the spur continuously grows, like the toenails, the procedure will have to be repeated as the spur tip continues to grow. It should be noted that if the rooster is aggressive, filing down the tip may not reduce injury as the aggressive behavior to fight will still occur whether the spur point is sharp or blunted. If these recommendations do not improve the flock situation, a veterinarian may perform surgical amputation of the spur. Since this is an invasive procedure, the humane use of anesthesia and postoperative pain relief should be included in the surgical protocol.

Revised from Original Resource. Revised 2019: Davis, M.F., G.M. Ebako, T.Y. Morishita, and J.S. Mattoon. Medical management of the rooster spur. Extension Factsheet, Veterinary Preventive Medicine. The Ohio State University Extension. Factsheet #VME-014-02, 2002.

Dubbed rooster, meaning the comb and wattles have been removed. This makes the rooster look like it was scalped. Dubbing this close to the rooster's skull is only seen in Roosters where the intent is fight them.



Dubbing , meaning comb and wattle is a common practice in the poultry industry that serves multiple purposes.

One of the primary advantages of dubbing is preventing frostbite and infections. The comb is vulnerable to invasion with several fungal pathogens resulting in primary infection. (Source:<https://poultrydvm.com/condition/comb-infections>)

The comb and wattles of a rooster can become prone to frostbite in cold weather, leading to painful and potentially life-threatening conditions. By removing these areas, owners can protect their birds from this risk. Additionally, the comb and wattles can also harbor mites and other parasites, which can cause discomfort and disease in the birds. Dubbing eliminates this risk, ensuring the roosters remain healthy and free from infestation.

Another benefit of dubbing is improved vision. As the comb grows, it can obstruct the rooster's line of sight, making it difficult for them to see their surroundings. By removing the comb, birds can see more clearly, reducing stress and improving their overall quality of life.

During mating, roosters may struggle with hens, causing them to pull on the comb and wattles, leading to tears, lacerations, and even amputations.

Roosters' combs and wattles can become tangled in wire mesh or netting, causing discomfort, pain, and even injuries leading to infection if not removed promptly

Furthermore, dubbing can also prevent injury from other animals. Aggressive birds may target the comb and wattles as a means of establishing dominance, leading to injury and pain. By removing these areas, owners can reduce the risk of aggression and promote a more peaceful coexistence among their flocks.

In addition to these practical benefits, dubbing is also a requirement for many poultry shows. The American Poultry Association sets strict standards for bird presentation, including the removal of combs and wattles. This ensures that all birds are presented in a uniform and visually appealing manner, allowing judges to evaluate them fairly.

AB 946 specifically removed dubbing as evidence of cockfighting because it was deemed unfair to assume that a rooster's appearance determines its purpose. Many people choose to dub their roosters for reasons unrelated to fighting, such as aesthetics or health concerns.

Ultimately, dubbing is a personal preference that should not be judged or stigmatized based on assumptions about its intended use. Like ear cropping in dogs or tail docking in cats, dubbing is a cosmetic procedure that serves specific purposes without necessarily indicating an animal's purpose or treatment. It is unfair to imply that roosters are associated with cockfighting simply because they have been dubbed.



Rooster with Favus on comb and wattle, it is contagious.

Source: [www. Backyardchickens.com](http://www.Backyardchickens.com)



Mites/flea infestation on comb and wattle

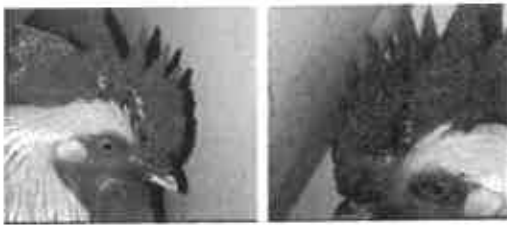
Source: google images





Rooster was attacked by another rooster injuring comb

Source: www.backyardchickens.com



Unknow comb injury to rooster. Suggested fence injury

Source: www.backyardchickens.com



Rooster wattle injured and swollen. Owner suggested it could have been barbed wire on some of their fences.

Source: www.backyardchickens.com



Frostbite on roosters comb.

Source: www.backyardchickens.com



Butcher, a light-legged red rooster, was named Best of Show at the 2017 Graham County Fairgrounds Chicken Show, a fun, family, friendly event.

He was dubbed very close to the head, as needed to enter show competition. Dubbing this close to head is not an indication of intent to fight them.

Picture Source: www.eacourier.com

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1977-78 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 946

Introduced by Assemblyman McVittie

March 15, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

An act to amend Section 597j of the Penal Code, relating to cocks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 946, as introduced, McVittie (Crim.J.). Cocks: fighting exhibitions.

Existing law specifies that the fact that a mature cock's comb has been clipped to a length of three-quarters of 1 inch or less shall be prima facie evidence of intention to use or engage such cock in an exhibition of fighting in violation of misdemeanor provisions.

This bill would delete such provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 597j of the Penal Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 597j. Any person who owns, possesses or keeps any cock
- 4 with the intent that such cock shall be used or engaged
- 5 by himself or by his vendee or by any other person in any
- 6 exhibition of fighting is guilty of a misdemeanor. ~~The fact~~
- 7 ~~that a mature cock's comb has been clipped to a length~~
- 8 ~~of three-quarters of one inch or less shall be prima facie~~

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- 2 exhibition of fighting.

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GAMEFOWL WELLNESS PROGRAM

University of California, Davis veterinarians and poultry scientists will be providing gamefowl owners with important information on topics aimed to improve the health, management, and nutrition of their birds.



Topics will include:

- **Vaccination** - what, how and when?
- **Behavior** - to stop bad habits
- **Management** - to provide the best care possible for your birds
- **Biosecurity** - measures to prevent the introduction of disease to your flock
- **Common diseases** - how to recognize, prevent and treat
- **Nutrition** - for better growth and performance

More information on the program will follow on the UC Davis Poultry Health website:

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‘Litres of blood’: Daughter of man who died after chicken attack breaks silence

Jasper Kraus, 67, suffered a heart attack after the Brahma chicken plunged its spur into his leg

Amy Reast SWNS • Friday 17 February 2023 12:13 GMT • 2 Comments



Jasper Kraus died after being attacked by his pet rooster (Virginia Guinan / SWNS)





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The daughter of a man who died after being attacked by his pet rooster has spoken out about the tragedy - as the bird is pictured for the first time.

Jasper Kraus, 67, suffered a heart attack after the Brahma chicken plunged its spur into his leg.

He lost litres of blood and couldn't be saved, his daughter said.

Virginia Guinan, 33, now wants to warn others about the dangers of owning poultry.

She says Jasper - a father of two and grandad of two - was an experienced animal handler.

Trainee healthcare assistant Virginia, from south Roscommon, Ireland, said: "You wouldn't think a chicken can be dangerous - but they can be."

RECOMMENDED

- **Man dies after being attacked by 'aggressive' chicken**
 - **Dead animals and reports of sickness as ecological disaster unfolds after Ohio toxic train derailment**
 - **Fowl-free: McDonald's debuts plant-based McNuggets**
 - **Bird flu pandemic warning as taxpayers shell out £42m to compensate farmers**
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“It was a malicious attack, absolutely brutal. There were litres of blood all over the floor when I arrived.

“This particular bird was thought to be a nice and docile breed, and good for children. But this shows any breed can be dangerous.

“Having pet chickens is a big thing for families now, especially getting children involved.

“For this to happen is so rare and unbelievable, but it can happen.”

Retired horse trainer Jasper was out in his garden on April 28 last year when the rooster attacked from behind.

The bird plunged its spur - a spike on the back of its leg used for protection and fighting - into Jasper’s left leg.

He lost so much blood that it caused a fatal heart attack, it is thought.

Now Virginia is warning of the dangers of owning poultry - encouraging owners to watch out for signs of aggression.

Fwd: Follow-up on Phone Conversation - California Preservation for Gamefowl Recognition

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To: jessie8314201@gmail.com <jessie8314201@gmail.com>

Hi Teresa,

There are a couple of Gamefowl programs that we do some collaboration with. We provide outreach to the Gamefowl Assurance Program in the LA Basin Region and collaborate with UC Davis on their Gamefowl Wellness program. As our jurisdiction pertains to animal diseases, the outreach and collaboration focuses on biosecurity and vaccination for this high-risk group---as identified during the virulent Newcastle Disease outbreak 2018-2020.

Our department has no jurisdiction in determining what breeds or organizations are considered legitimate poultry associations.

Maureen Lee-Dutra, DVM

CDFA Animal Health Branch

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From: Teresa Narez <jessie8314201@gmail.com>

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Subject: Follow-up on Phone Conversation - California Preservation for Gamefowl Recognition

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Dear Maureen Lee-Dutra,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to follow up on our phone conversation earlier today, July 5th, 2024, at 9:06 am. As you may recall, I reached out to you after receiving information from Agricultural Commissioner Juan Hidalgo that you were the contact he was in

consultation with regarding the California Preservation for Gamefowl's recognition as a legitimate poultry organization.

During our conversation, you informed me that your department only deals with animal health and poultry diseases, and that poultry/rooster organizations are outside of your jurisdiction. You also mentioned that your department conducted animal health surveillance on poultry from the Gamefowl Association during the Newcastle disease outbreak.

I wanted to confirm that this information is accurate and ensure that there is no additional context or details that may have been missed in our conversation. Could you please reply to this email and let me know if there is anything else you would like to add or clarify?

Your input will help me better understand the situation and provide accurate information. I would appreciate any additional information or clarification you can provide. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Best regards,

Teresa Narez

Fwd: Request for Information on Contact with California Department of Food and Agriculture

Teresa Narez <jessie8314201@gmail.com>

Tue 7/9/2024 10:15 AM

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From: **Teresa Narez** <jessie8314201@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 5, 2024 at 9:41 AM

Subject: Re: Request for Information on Contact with California Department of Food and Agriculture

To: <HidalgoJ@countyofmonterey.gov>

Thank you for the information. It is appreciated.

Regards,
Teresa Narez

On Fri, Jul 5, 2024 at 8:57 AM Hidalgo, Juan x7302 <HidalgoJ@countyofmonterey.gov> wrote:

Good morning Teresa Narez,

Please see the information below regarding your request.

Maureen Lee-Dutra

Veterinarian

California Department of Food and Agriculture

559-331-3669

maureen.leedutra@cdfa.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Juan Hidalgo

Agricultural Commissioner

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Agriculture Commissioner's Office

1428 Abbott Street Salinas, CA 93901

O: (831)759-7325 C: (831) 759-7302

HidalgoJ@countyofmonterey.gov



Please be advised effective **April 19, 2024**,

my **NEW** email address will be: hidalgoj@countyofmonterey.gov

NEW County of Monterey web address is now CountyofMonterey.gov

Kindly update your records accordingly. Thank you.

This change is part of the County's commitment to meeting the rigorous security standards of the

Department of Homeland Security.

From: Teresa Narez <jessie8314201@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 1, 2024 8:48 AM

To: Hidalgo, Juan x7302 <HidalgoJ@countyofmonterey.gov>

Subject: Request for Information on Contact with California Department of Food and Agriculture

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Dear Commissioner Hidalgo,

I am writing to request information regarding the statement made on the denial letter for Gonzalo Narez's rooster hobbyist exemption. "The County of Monterey Agricultural Commissioner's Office in consultation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) have determined that the UGBA is not recognized as a legitimate poultry hobbyist organization."

I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide me with the name(s), phone number(s), and email address(es) of the individual(s) from the California Department of Food and Agriculture with whom you or your staff members have been in contact regarding this matter.

As this matter is of great importance, I would like to request that you provide a response within the next few days. Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely,

Teresa Narez

From: Teresa Narez <jessie8314201@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 4:19 PM
To: Lujan, Valiska S. <LujanVS@co.monterey.ca.us>
Subject: Permit Denial 19205 El Cerrito way aromas va 95004

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Good afternoon Mrs. Lujan. Earlier today beginning at 11:57 a.m we spoke over the phone. We went over the reasons why the permit allowing to have roosters was denied. You specified the reasons for the denial which were the nose complaints, and outstanding case violation (case # 22CE00457 which you provided). On 10/31/2022 I spoke to one of the officers in your department, they stated an officer had gone out to our property to conduct an investigation on the noise complaint for the roosters. The officer I spoke to informed me that after this investigation was done, it was determined that the noise complaint was going to be dismissed/ not valid. After that incident no other officer had gone out to our home to conduct another investigation for the rooster noise. Today 05/25/2023 you let me know you did an investigation yourself. My rooster permit was denied 11/2022, there was no merit for that to be a reason. An officer in your department had concluded the noise level was not an issue and somehow was still cited as one of the reasons for denial. Upon doing research myself the above case # is not associated with our property so that should also have not been a reason our permit was denied. All of our violations have been cleared and I have attached supporting documents. Please give me valid reasons why our permit was denied.

Regards,

Teresa Narez

From: Teresa Narez <jessie8314201@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 10:27 AM
To: Lujan, Valiska S. <LujanVS@co.monterey.ca.us>
Subject: Re: Permit Denial 19205 El Cerrito way aromas va 95004

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Hello Valiska, this matter is very important to me, I have not heard back from you or anyone. I am assuming that a proper investigation was not done to suffice a permit denial. This is my third attempt requesting valid information on the permit denial. If I do not hear back in a timely manner it will be assumed there was no grounds for denying the permit and I will be requesting for the denial of the rooster permit be reversed.

Regards,

Teresa Narez

On Mon, Jun 5, 2023 at 9:40 AM Teresa Narez <jessie8314201@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Valiska, following up. Is there someone else I should be contacting regarding this issue? If so please let me know.

On Fri, May 26, 2023 at 4:53 PM Lujan, Valiska S. <LujanVS@co.monterey.ca.us> wrote:

As per are earlier conversation. I will get back with you as soon as I here back from Monterey County housing and community development and the other Officers that have made contact with your residence in the past. They are currently on vacation. Hopefully I will have a response to you before the end of next week.

Thank You,

V.S. Lujan

Field Services Supervisor CACO

Hitchcock Road Animal Services

(831) 769-8851

www.hitchcockroadanimals.org

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From: **Teresa Narez** <jessie8314201@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 12:37 PM

Subject: Re: Permit Denial 19205 El Cerrito way aromas va 95004

To: Lujan, Valiska S. <LujanVS@co.monterey.ca.us>

Good afternoon Valiska, please direct me to the statement where I said I currently own roosters. I have been a rooster owner in the past not so anymore. A permit is not needed for me as I don't currently own roosters. This matter is very important to me because it concerns my brother and my parents home. Please provide an authorization to release information form so I can have information about the case. Thank you for your understanding.

On Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 12:06 PM Lujan, Valiska S. <LujanVS@co.monterey.ca.us> wrote:

Hello Teresa

I have been out of the office, this is why you have not heard from me. Officer Phillips will be making an appointment with you and your brother, as his work load allows. The incident you are referring to was for barking dogs, yes that was resolved, however the issue of noise from the crowing roosters has not been mitigated. I did hear back from zoning and both cases have been closed. Officer Phillips will discuss with you and your brother ways to mitigate noise. Also since you too are a rooster owner, both you and your brother will need to mitigate the noise from the roosters. You both would be responsible for any violations, corrections, approvals or denials of your permits. You both will need your own permit per the rooster ordinance. After reviewing the application on file, your name is not on it. We do not have an application on file from you. You have not been approved or denied a permit as you have not applied for rooster keeping permit. I will add you as a rooster owner, as per your earlier statement, to our system and have our office mail you out a permit application with a copy of the rooster ordinance. Your brother's denial will be only discussed with him from this point forward.

Thank You,

V.S. Lujan

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RELEASE OF NOTICE OF MONTEREY COUNTY CODE VIOLATION

Case Number: 21CE00489

APN: 141-091-029-000

Location: 19205 El Cerrito Way, (Aromas), Monterey County, California

Owner of Record:
Narez, Gonzalo, Narez, Teresa, &
Narez, Gonsalo
19205 El Cerrito Way
Aromas, CA 95004-9132

To Whom It May Concern:

I have hereby caused to be released the "Notice of Monterey County Code Violation" recorded on February 15, 2023, as Document Number: 2023004750.

Date: April 20, 2023

COUNTY OF MONTEREY
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Josh Bowling, Chief of Building Services

By: 

Elizabeth Ruiz, Senior Code Compliance Inspector

Search Phrase: [Highlight](#)**PENAL CODE - PEN****PART 1. OF CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS [25 - 680.4]** (
Part 1 enacted 1872.)**TITLE 14. MALICIOUS MISCHIEF [594 - 625c]** (*Title 14
enacted 1872.*)

597i. (a) It shall be unlawful for anyone to manufacture, buy, sell, barter, exchange, or have in his or her possession any of the implements commonly known as gaffs or slashers, or any other sharp implement designed to be attached in place of the natural spur of a gamecock or other fighting bird.

(b) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period not to exceed one year, by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or by both that imprisonment and fine and upon conviction thereof shall, in addition to any judgment or sentence imposed by the court, forfeit possession or ownership of those implements.

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 133, Sec. 3. (SB 1145) Effective January 1, 2013.)

