



The PACT ACT

Reintroduced Bill seeks to make animal cruelty a federal felony across the U.S.

Two lawmakers have proposed a bill that will make animal cruelty a federal felony. The Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act was recently reintroduced to Congress in an effort to secure more protection for animals, and harsher punishments for those who hurt them. Congressman Ted Deutch and Vern Buchanan think the PACT Act will close a gap that's existed for years.

Currently, Federal law prohibits animal fighting. And it also criminalizes animal cruelty if the wrongdoers create and sell videos depicting the act.

The PACT Act, will broaden the scope of prosecutors. Those convicted under the PACT Act would face federal felony charges, fines, and up to seven years in prison.

