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Is status dog ownership linked to deviant behaviours? Conclusion; 6. Off the chain: the issue of dog fighting; Why do people fight dogs?; Dog fight DVDs/videos; How dog fighting works; Level 1: 'off the chain' rolling; Level 2: dog fighting enthusiasts or 'hobbyists'; Level 3: professional fights (professional circuit) and dog-fighting rings; Breeding fighting dogs; Training (the 'keep'); 'Street surgery'; Trunking; Dog fighting links to gangs; Does the HSUS typology fit the current UK situation?; UK regional variations of dog fighting; How dog fighting behaviour is rationalised; Conclusion

Implications of status dogs in public spaceDog attacks on adults; Dog attacks on children; Dog attacks on dogs; Dog attacks on working dogs; Damage to the environment; Intimidation of users of public space; Impact; Strays; Conclusion; 8. Responses to the issue of status dogs; Setting the scene; MPS Status Dog Unit; Court standards; Merseyside; Kennelling; The judicial process; Judicial disposals; Local authority, animal welfare agency and government responses; Welfare agencies; Regional government; National government; US anti-dog-fighting programmes; Conclusion; 9. Conclusion

The phenomenon of status dogsThe media; Motivations for ownership; How do status dogs convey status?; Cultural factors; The evidence; Dog fighting; The concerns for public space; Responses to the issue of status dogs; Legislation; Solutions; An issue for social policy; An alternative perspective; Bibliography; Appendix A: Dangerous dog legislation, controversies and debates; Dangerous Dogs Act 1991; Criticisms of the DDA 1991; Appendix B: Status dog data from RSPCA, MPS and research findings; Appendix C: Disposals of status dogs by Metropolitan Police Service; Appendix D: Legal costs Appendix E: Defra consultation, 2010

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#### Sommario/riassunto

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The first book in the UK or US to set on record the recent cultural phenomenon of the use of certain dog breeds - both legal and illegal - to 'convey status' upon their owners.

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