



**FROM THE COMMITTEE  
ON MODEL CRIMINAL  
JURY INSTRUCTIONS**

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The Committee on Model Criminal Jury Instructions has adopted the following amended model criminal jury instruction, M Crim JI 33.1a (use of an animal for fighting, baiting or shooting), involving crimes charged under MCL 750.49 to address a recent statutory amendment. The amended instruction is effective June 1, 2021.

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**[AMENDED] M Crim JI 33.1a Use of an Animal for Fighting,  
Baiting, or Shooting**

(1) The defendant is charged with a crime involving the use of an animal for fighting, baiting, or shooting. To prove this charge, the prosecutor must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

*[Select (2), (3), (4), or (5) according to what has been charged:]*

(2) First, that the defendant knowingly [was a party to / caused] the use of [a / an] [*identify kind of animal*] [for fighting / for baiting / as a target to be shot at as a test of skill in marksmanship].

(3) First, that the defendant [rented / obtained the use of] [a building / a shed / a room / a yard / grounds / premises] for the purpose of using [a / an] [*identify kind of animal*] [for fighting / for baiting / as a target to be shot at as a test of skill in marksmanship].

(4) First, that the defendant permitted the use of [a building / a shed / a room / a yard / grounds / premises] that belonged to [him / her] or that was under [his / her] control for the purpose of using [a / an] [*identify kind of animal*] [for fighting / for baiting / as a target to be shot at as a test of skill in marksmanship].

(5) First, that the defendant [organized / promoted / collected money,

property, or any other thing of value for] the use of [a / an] [*identify kind of animal*] [for fighting / for baiting / as a target to be shot at as a test of skill in marksmanship].

(6) Second, that the defendant knew that the [*identify kind of animal*] was to be used [for fighting / for baiting / as a target to be shot at as a test of skill in marksmanship].