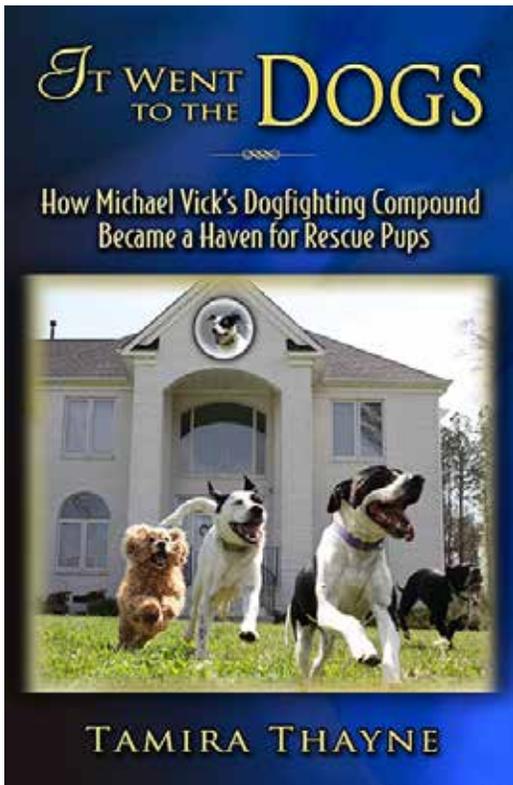


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“It Went to the Dogs: How Michael Vick’s Dogfighting Compound Became a Haven for Rescue Pups”



“It’s not often that a job can change your entire life. I never considered myself an activist for animals as I was looking for employment. That all changed when I read about the job opening as an office manager for Dogs Deserve Better. I’ve never had a more meaningful, life-changing opportunity. The work I accomplished at DDB is truly something I will cherish for the rest of my life. I thank Tamira for the opportunity she gave me, and for everything she taught me.”—Julie Sayre, DDB former facility manager



“Because of Tamira’s dedication, devotion, and strong convictions toward the plight of chained dogs, her dream of all dogs living free from chains has become a national and international movement. Her legacy continues through many who supported and were mentored by her, and were inspired to carry on her important work with or through their own anti-chaining organizations.”—Melody Whitworth, former DDB Rep and founder, Unchained Melodies Dog Rescue



“What a wonderful day I spent at the Good Newz Rehab Center in Smithfield, Virginia, founded by my friend Tamira Thayne. Her love for dogs and passionate fight for their rights moved me on a very deep level.

“Since I was there soon after the foundation took over, I was able to view and photograph the actual buildings Michael Vick had used for his dog-fighting ring. The photos portray a dark and frightening place marked by chains, blood, and a horrible cycle of life and death for so many pups. Being there in that space made me feel exactly the same way I did when I photographed Dachau concentration camp so many years before.”—Rita Fillinger, photographer