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Ladies and gentlemen of the jury,

This case involves criminal charges by the State against the defendant, Manny Rayfield. The defendant has been charged with animal fighting and the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine. Defendant has pleaded not guilty to each of these three charges.

The evidence consists of the testimony of the witnesses, the exhibits admitted in evidence, and any facts that I may instruct you to find or that the parties may agree or stipulate to. A stipulation is an agreement between both sides that certain facts are true.

You will have to decide whether the testimony of each of the witnesses is truthful and accurate, in part, in whole, or not at all. You also have to decide what weight, if any, you give to the testimony of each witness.

You should use common sense in weighing the evidence and consider the evidence in light of your own observations in life. In our lives, we often look at one fact and conclude from it that another fact exists. In law we call this “inference.” A jury is allowed to make reasonable inferences. Any inference you make must be reasonable and must be based on the evidence in the case.