



English in Action

ANIMAL IDIOMS

OPEN A CAN OF WORMS



Do or say something that leads to problems

"If you mention it to him, it'll **open a can of worms.**"

LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE



Don't revisit a bad situation if it's already forgotten

"Don't talk about her past marriage - it's better to **let sleeping dogs lie.**"

LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG



Reveal a something that you should have kept secret

"It's a surprise party - so when you speak to her don't **let the cat out of the bag.**"

GRAB THE BULL BY THE HORNS



Deal with a difficult situation in a direct way

"It's no good avoiding the situation - you need to **grab the bull by the horns.**"