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Luke A. Dommer was the founder of the Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting. He was its president from 1976 until his passing in August 1992. Mr. Dommer's research and publications served as the foundation for the anti-hunting movement. He remains, through this organization, an invaluable and dedicated warrior in the battle to save wild animals, the environment, and general public from the silent economy that encourages and preys on the passion of a few to kill the wildlife that belongs to all.

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STEPS TOWARD A LEGAL CHALLENGE TO HUNTER HARASSMENT STATUTES

By PETER MULLER

Hunter-harassment statutes have played out to stifle any form of criticism or objection to hunting. "Harassment" as used in the hunter-harassment statutes presumably meant to apply to physical interference with the activity of hunting – though increasingly the statutes have been interpreted by the enforcing agents to include any verbal expression directed toward an individual who is engaged in hunting.

People have been charged or threatened with charges for hunter-harassment for saying anything ranging from "Please don't shoot I'm right here" while in or near the line of fire to "Get off my property!" to "You @#%# idiot why don't you *(&%#." It seems that verbal expressions, whether annoying, vexing, upsetting, or vulgar are still speech protected by the First Amendment of the US Constitution and several state constitutions as well.

Charging wildlife protection activists, home owners, kayakers, or hikers with violating hunter-harassment statutes for speech is unconstitutional.

Once case-law to that effect is established in the courts, the prosecutors have two choices:

1) Acknowledge that speech was not meant to be included in the hunter-harassment statute

or:

2) Insist that the hunter-harassment statute was meant to include speech and is therefore unconstitutional

The reports that have come to Wildlife Watch have most frequently been from Pennsylvania. Although there is most likely no dearth of similar cases in the other 49 states.

As we have previously published, a particularly shameful misapplication of the hunter-harassment statute that has come to our attention is that of Jan Haagensen, a land-owner and an attorney in Pennsylvania. **Jan was charged with several**



ADELE, PETE AND ANNE (TAKING PHOTO) "HARASSING" BOW HUNTER ON ADELE'S PROPERTY

Legal Challenge

counts of hunter harassment after she told hunters in a hunting party who were approaching her land not to trespass.

Rather than accept a plea-bargain deal, which would have resulted in a nominal fee, Jan decided to fight the charges in court. As expected, she lost in the local "good-ole-boys court" where the "judges" are often political hacks appointed by the political party in power.

Jan's strategy is to appeal to higher courts until she reaches a professional judiciary and then, upon winning the appeal, bring civil action for damages against the officers involved in the abuse of police power.

In Jan's appeal, she based part of her argument on questioning the constitutionality of the Pennsylvania hunter-harassment statute on First Amendment grounds.

constitutional issues involved in this appeal. Amicus respectfully urges this Court to reverse the trial court's decision and hold that 34 Pa. C.S. § 2302 (the "hunter harassment statute") is unconstitutionally vague and overbroad on its face and as applied in this case because it permits - and in fact permitted here - criminal convictions for speech protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I § 7 of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

It went on to say:

This appeal presents the question whether a Pennsylvania statute enacted for the purpose of protecting hunters engaged in recreational activity is constitutionally infirm for reasons of vagueness or overbreadth because it permits punishment of speech protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I § 7 of the Pennsylvania Constitution. The statute, moreover, punishes speech based on its content and viewpoint - that is, speech directed toward and critical of hunters. The Constitution, however, forbids content-based restrictions in all but the narrowest of circumstances and absolutely forbids viewpoint based restrictions.

Ms. Haagensen's conviction should be reversed because she was convicted pursuant to a statute that is unconstitutional on its face and as applied. The statute criminalizes speech deemed to be "harassing" - thereby impermissibly allowing the punishment of constitutionally-protected expression. Absent a specific and narrow definition of "harassment," the statute is capable of an unlimited, and unrestricted, number of unconstitutional applications. Because the statute does not define "harass," it is unconstitutionally vague. And, because the available definitions of "harass" would include speech clearly protected by the federal and state constitutions, the statute also is unconstitutionally overbroad.

The statute does not define the term "harass." When a term of a statute is not defined, courts are guided by the principles set forth in the Statutory Construction Act, which provides that such terms shall be construed according to their common and approved usage. See 1 Pa. C.S. § 1903. The courts of this Commonwealth generally use dictionaries as source material to determine the common and approved usage of terms. ... Webster's definition of "harass" reads as follows:

harass: la.: to lay waste: raid; harry

b.: to worry and impede by repeated attacks

2a.: to tire out;

b.: to vex, trouble, or annoy continually or chronically: plague, bedevil, badger.

There can be no question that the dictionary definition of "harass" reaches a substantial amount of constitutionally-protected speech: certainly, speech that is much more provocative than merely "vexing" or "troubling" speech is accorded constitutional protection. See e.g. Terminiello v. Chicago, 337 U.S. 1, 4 (1949) ("Speech is often provocative and challenging. ... [But it] is nevertheless protected against censorship or punishment, unless shown likely to produce a clear and present danger of a serious substantive evil that rises far above public inconvenience, annoyance, or unrest.").

Indeed, there is no limit to the constitutionally-protected speech that would be encompassed by the dictionary definition of "harass." In consequence, any interpretation of the hunter harassment statute using the dictionary definition of "harass" cannot withstand constitutional scrutiny.

This brief makes a good and general case that harassment as it applies to speech, no matter how aggravating and vexing and annoying it is to the hunter, is protected speech under the first amendment of the US Constitution as well as many state constitutions (including Pennsylvania).

The Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania can make several possible decisions regarding this portion of the appeal:

- 1) It can decide that whatever the hunter harassment statute of Pennsylvania says, it cannot apply to Jan's case since the only action on Jan's part was speech and the statute does not apply to speech.
- 2) It can decide that since the statute is attempting to prohibit annoying speech directed at hunters, it is unconstitutional.

Obviously the case decision 2 would have much broader consequences than decision 1.

In any case though the amicus may serve as a blue-print for other attorneys defending clients accused of hunter harassment where the alleged harassment was primarily in the form of speech.

If the Pennsylvania statute is overturned, or even just held to be not applicable to speech directed at hunters, it will have far-reaching consequences for other cases.

Normally, after an appeal is filed the Appellee responds to the arguments of the Appellant. In this case, the Appellee (the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) has failed to respond by the required deadline. Although this does not constitute formal concessions of the points made in the appeal, it does prevent them from arguing at a later time against the points made. This should make court's decision a lot easier. As of this writing the court has not yet made a decision in this precedent-setting case. We feel fairly optimistic that, minimally, we are about to be blessed with great case-law regarding speech as harassment. Hopefully, there will be a more sweeping decision that will knock out hunter harassment statutes in one state, and become the legal basis for more such decisions nationwide.

We feel this is an important step forward in the dismantling of these statutes and discouraging their unprofessional, overreaching enforcement. Should Jan prevail, the authorities can have civil actions brought against them.

We and Jan would be happy to share the brief with any interested party. Please contact JanHaagensen@aol.com or petermuller@verizon.net

A CRUEL SENTENCE FOR A KIND WOMAN:

Deer Lady is sentenced to work where the flesh of her beloved deer were served!

Justice Mark G. Farrell ordered Anita Depczynski to work for 100 hours at the food bank.

Jeff Termini, who knows Anita, said, "Anita was more than willing to serve time but instead was given this cruel and bizarre sentence. The judge also wanted Ms. Depczynski to undergo a psychiatric evaluation. Anita has not given up the battle to save the deer and parks, but will now do so within the limits of the law."

C.A.S.H. became a little suspicious of Justice Farrell and Googled him. We discovered the following site: <http://www.scjc.state.ny.us/Determinations/F/farrell.htm> - Enjoy!

VA GAME AGENTS STRIKE AGAIN

Richard Firth of Virginia sent the following news alert:

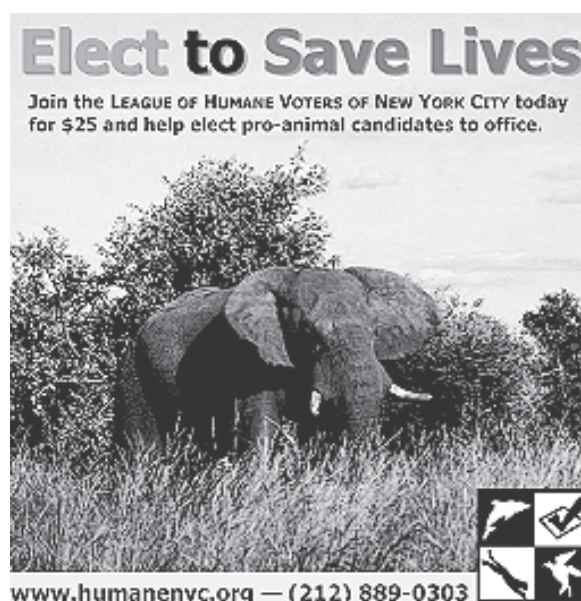
A VA woman is resisting efforts by state game officials to take her fallow deer and also a whitetail deer that was brought to her as a fawn five years ago. His mom had been hit by a car. The game agency wants to chop the whitetail deer's head off to test for CWD and they want to give the fallow deer to a local zoo! They backed off when the press showed up for the showdown. The neighbors are helping her to protest this cruelty. Her name is Phyllis Goforth from Prince Edward County in VA. www.whitepages.com should get good results.

GUT SHOOTING BY SOME FARMERS

We received the package of material that was sent to many AR groups regarding "gut shooting" of deer in PA. An individual was accused in the letter of practicing gut shooting to prevent crop damage on a dairy farm. Gut shooting is when deer are shot in the stomach and not a vital organ. They die in agony over a period of days. It is done so the bodies don't have to be reported or dealt with. The deer run off the property and die elsewhere or in a hidden area. We can only suggest that the person who sent this will come forward as an eye-witness, or get video footage of the perpetrators. It will be very difficult to have charges brought without proof. We wish we could be of more help, but it will take cooperation from the person reporting. The sender sent statutes that s/he felt applied in this case. If there are folks in PA who can investigate this, please contact us at: wildwatch@verizon.net

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NEWS FROM THE LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS

The League of Humane Voters (LOHV) expansion program kept Anne and Peter Muller active in the first quarter of this year. Please keep checking www.humanevoters.org to see LOHV grow and find out if there's a presentation being offered near your community.

There was the re-vitalization of **LOHV Lower Hudson Valley, NY** chapter, a meeting of the LOHV leaders of several chapters held at the **Sharon Shapiro Peace Sanctuary in New Paltz**; the launching of a **LOHV Lancaster, PA** chapter, preparations to launch a LOHV chapter in South Carolina, and on March 14, **LOHV's Annual Legislative Breakfast** in Albany, NY

Later on in the quarter we went on to the crow poisoning and puppy-mill capital of the world: Lancaster, Pennsylvania. A



LOHV - Lower Hudson Valley

misguided official thought that crows were a nuisance and the best way to deal with the "crow problem" was to poison them.

The reaction was swift and furious – and a LOHV chapter is quickly forming. Almost 50 people attended the presentation, realizing that it is the way to go if we are going to



LOHV- 2006 Legislative breakfast discussion

bring a more animal-friendly government to Lancaster.

Please visit **Laurie and Bob Fuller's** excellent website: <http://freedomforanimals.org/> Also see: **Michele Calabretta Nicarry's** site: www.wildanimalrehab.com). Both Laurie and Michele arranged for the presentation and will be initiating a LOHV Lancaster chapter. We also thank **Priscilla Cohn** for attending.

One of the main functions of the NY State LOHV is state level lobbying and holding the Annual Legislative Breakfast.

LOHV invites all state legislators to attend an early morning feast of vegan



LOHV- 2006 Legislative breakfast discussion

bagels and muffins, vegan spreads, a fruit-plate, juices, and coffee.

This year over 35 legislators and/or their top-aids attended. This gave us a chance to press them for their support on three pending bills and present a new bill to them. See the LOHV website:

www.humanevoters.org



LOHV- 2006 Legislative breakfast discussion – Like the fruit plate?

During the breakfast, a state senator actually agreed to sponsor the new bill that we had just "rolled out" during the breakfast. After the breakfast, we met legislative leaders of key committees to enlist their support for our measures.

All in all, it was a great success. Some of the legislation that we promoted has a good chance of still passing in the current session. We are seeing greater recognition of perception of LOHV on the part of the legislators, since shortly after the breakfast we were consulted by a legislative committee to see if we were in support of some bills (not the ones we were advocating) that had come in front of the committee.

LOHV WORKS FOR ALL

Another gratifying result of LOHV strategy was experienced in the Town of New Paltz. LOHV had supported the Town Supervisor in the last election based on her satisfying answers to LOHV's questions. As she won by a narrow margin, she was very grateful for the support.

Just months after the election, the humane Supervisor, our candidate of choice, was tested when the Superintendent of Highways asked for approximately \$500 in town funds to lethally trap beavers whose activity had previously resulted in road flooding. She called **Marion DuBois**, a local animal protector who got in touch with **Beavers, Wetlands and Wildlife** - www.beaversww.org. She also called **Wildlife Watch**.

Instead of a trapper, **Skip Hilliker of HSUS** came to install a beaver deceiver. (A beaver deceiver is a device that allows beavers to continue their activity but prevents the damming of culverts.)

In addition to four NY LOHV chapters, LOHV also has a chapter in Ohio, one is forming in Pennsylvania, and there are plans to launch chapters in NY (another), South Carolina, and Iowa.



Skip installing the beaver deceiver early March

Photo by Peter Muller

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT (BOB) DEFILIPPO

March 22, 2006

C.A.S.H., and Anne and Peter Muller, would like to express to **Mary**, Bob's wife, and **Tara**, Bob's granddaughter, the deep sorrow and loss we feel over Bob's passing. Bob was among those rare and special people who touched our hearts. His gruff voice was in stark contrast to his compassionate heart and love for all animals. After Bob moved to Sullivan County, NY, he was able to expand the number and types of animals that he could care for. Bob helped our many demonstrations over the years with his innovative and succinct slogans and artistic devices. He enlisted his granddaughter, Tara, who drew amazing pictures of animals and political cartoons at an early age. So many mornings Bob would call to tell me to get the newspaper because of an article or a letter that he found. Then he would make copies and send them to us underlined and annotated to save our time reading them. There was no better sleuth! Bob passed unexpectedly and only days after a fire burned down the top floor of his home. He called to say that one cat had jumped from the roof and couldn't be found, and I could hear the pain in his voice, it was worse than the material loss of property. We were so happy when his wife, Mary, said that the cat came back before Bob passed away.

Days before Bob's death, he sent us a list of sayings that he thought we could use. One of them was similar to a Zen koan: **"Hunters that get shot can say they walked a mile in deer hooves or bear paws."**

TEACHING KIDS TO STALK AND KILL

BY DICK MEISTER, REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION C.A.S.H. thanks **Louise M.** for sending us the article. It's bad enough that 20 million adult Americans find it great fun to hunt down and kill their fellow creatures of the winged and four-legged variety. But now they've intensified their efforts to recruit youngsters to join them in killing for the sport of it.

Thanks to the rise of the animal rights movement, reduction of open space, availability of other leisure activities, environmental awareness, anti-gun sentiment and the increasing cost of hunting equipment, the number of hunters, although still high, has declined steadily. And with that has come a steady decline in the revenue of state fish and game departments, which rely heavily on hunters' license fees to meet operating costs.

Thus most states have been holding "junior hunts" and otherwise encouraging children in their teens, or even younger, to join their fathers in stalking other animals. Manufacturers of guns and other hunting equipment have enthusiastically added their support.

The results have not been pretty. Consider the experience of a hunter helping his 14 year old son make his first kill in last November's Junior Deer hunt in Maryland, as described by Washington Post reporter Nelson Hernandez:

"A year-old spiked buck strolled out of the woods...paced around nonchalantly, oblivious to the gun trained on him from 120 yards away....A deafening shotgun blast pierced the air. The deer crumpled in its tracks. The son's face glowed with satisfaction, the father's with pride.

Although hunting is largely a macho thing, the new recruits include girls, the most notable of them another Marylander, eight-year-old Sierra Stiles. That's right: eight years old.

Sierra is one of some 10,000 children nationwide with hunting licenses, a 4.5 foot-tall third grader who skipped school to go hunting in October, when she brought down a 211 pound bear from 50 yards with two shotgun blasts to the chest.

"I was scared, because bears will eat anything!" she said. "I was really, really, really happy...The bear won't eat now...won't eat a thing."

Sierra Stiles is not alone. There are plenty of accounts of young hunters who've been taught to kill by men describing themselves as "sportsmen". Listen to this testimony from a hunter recalling his first experience at age 14.

"I could hardly believe it! I was finally going to shoot a pheasant on the wing and see him fall out of the sky. I would be a real hunter...It was the first solo hunt of a young boy who was reaching longingly toward manhood. It was truly a coming of age."

In a truly civilized society, the money and energy being spent by the government agencies and others to recruit young hunters and otherwise promote hunting would instead be devoted to protecting our fellow animals and expanding and safeguarding their habitats. It's not just the animals that need protecting. Think of the message that's being delivered to the young — the message, as animal rights activist Jamie Kemsey notes, "that it's acceptable to commit an act of violence and take innocent life simply for the fun of it. In these violent times, we cannot afford, under any circumstances to condone such morally bankrupt actions

Dick Meister is a San Francisco columnist. He can be contacted at www.dickmeister.com.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

In addition to the many letters written to papers across the country, we continue to handle wildlife calls. Calls now have come in from as far as Texas since we announced our 800 number: 877-WILDHELP (945-3435). It's gratifying to be able to talk people through a wildlife situation or to help wildlife by getting humane people in touch with a nearby rehabber. Often it's a matter of finding someone online who is in their area.

CHENEY IS A PLAIN VANILLA HUNTER

BY SUSAN GORDON

The only thing out of the ordinary about Dick Cheney's shooting of another hunter is that the perpetrator is the Vice President of the United States.

The media portrayed Cheney as a buffoon and law breaker, as someone who did not report the crime in a timely manner and who initially blamed the shooting on the victim. The media also failed to report to the public that hunters routinely maim and kill each other in hunting accidents.

Injuries and deaths are incurred while recreationally and/or criminally killing innocent victims, and they are but examples of "those who live by the sword die by the sword"; but the tragedy is that innocent (non-hunting) humans, and millions of innocent animals, also die at the hands of hunters.

While Cheney's reckless shooting received all of the media attention, here are some hunting accidents that occurred during February that hardly made a ripple in the national media.

* A Michigan hunter was shot by another hunter who mistook his friend's elbow for a squirrel.

* A 7 year old Virginia boy, part of a hunting party, was shot in the head and died.

* A 13 year old NY boy was shot in the back and killed by his grandfather, who was hunting illegally. According to the news report, as the boy "called out for help...his 38 year old cousin kicked him and threatened to duct-tape his mouth if he didn't shut up." They waited 1½ hours to seek medical help for the boy so they could retrieve their deer victims. The grandfather, when initially questioned, denied shooting his grandson. The cousin's first question to the State Police was whether he would lose his hunting permit "after all this is over."

* A Kansas farmer was stabbed and killed by a hunter whom he caught poaching and cutting the head off of a "trophy" buck. The farmer "was so badly wounded ... that he had to hold his intestines in as he stumbled to a grain truck parked a half-mile away... He then drove the truck to his home and began honking to get the attention of his wife, a nurse."

* An Indiana man shot and killed his son, while hunting.

Only in the most egregious

cases of human death at the hands of hunters, are charges filed. The easiest way to kill someone with impunity is to claim that it was a hunting accident.

While hunters report killing 100 million animals annually in the US, countless millions more suffer and die through illegal, non-reported hunting. Hunters also kill non-"game" animals, including companion animals, horses, and cows, along with non-target wildlife - sometimes intentionally (for target practice, because the



Photo of bobwhite quail
<http://texnat.tamu.edu/rollins/images/bobw-3.jpg>

animals get in their way or compete with them for "game," or out of just plain wickedness).

As the number of hunters decreases every year, due to demographic changes and expanded ethical concerns, panicked hunters recruit women and young children. The latter recruitment (accompanied by the push for legislation to lower the legal hunting age), if successful, will result in even more human fatalities and more wounded animals left to suffer and die slowly.

State wildlife agencies and The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service exist to provide recreational opportunities for hunters, to the detriment of animal and human victims, the environment, and the public. See the USFWS web site, which proudly answers the question "What does the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service do for hunters?"

Hunters do not alone pay for this carnage, misleadingly termed "conservation," as they claim. You and I pay via the General Fund for "increased hunting opportunities" meaning more animal targets, more access roads,

and more pro-hunting propaganda.

Additionally, strong lobbies cause more and more laws to protect and promote hunting. All decisions affecting wildlife in New Jersey are made by, and for the benefit of, the less than 1% of New Jerseyans who hunt. But because the mainstream media does not acknowledge or question this power disparity, the following questions have not been asked:

Why are there are so many deer and geese? Why is hunting foisted on the public as the only solution, even though animal numbers rebound after a hunt? Why are habitats manipulated to create higher numbers of overpopulated animals? Why are "game" animals demonized to the public as health threats, although hunting is the cause of deer-car collisions, and hunting does not lower the incidence of Lyme Disease? Why were bear population numbers AND the public manipulated to justify a bear hunt, though hunters, not bears, pose a risk to the public?

When these questions are asked, the demons are no longer the manipulated animal victims, but the hunting industry that derives profit and perverse pleasure from causing death.

This control is not enough, however, for hunters. These cowards who torment and kill hundreds of millions of animals every year, these criminals who scoff at already lenient hunting regulations, these goons who harm innocent people: they want - and they get - more, from our government. Private landowners must post their land against hunting, or it is assumed that hunting is allowed. In all 50 states, hunters are protected by Hunter Harassment Statutes. Those opposed to hunting, can be - and have been - arrested for trying to protect animals from their tormenters. New Jersey has ruled that the right to kill animals for fun eclipses the right to peacefully disturb the killing.

What other activity enjoys such protections? What other activity is more unworthy?

Susan Gordon is a Board Member of New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance. She has been active with NJARA for over 20 years and has advocated for animals since earliest childhood.

URGENT:

A Mississippi Bill exempts hunting incident reports from disclosure. The Senate passed legislation that adds hunting incident reports to the list of exemptions to the public records law. The bill earlier passed the House.

Critics say the bill restricts the public's right to know about hunting accidents.

But House Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committee Chairman Eric Robinson, R-Quitman, argues that releasing the reports could jeopardize a criminal case.

"If it turns out not to be an accident, if it was foul play or murder, then it would compromise the investigation," Robinson said.

Senate Judiciary B Committee Chairman Gray Tollison, D-Oxford, said he was "confident" the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks would release the reports once an investigation is complete.

The MDWFP did not return a call from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Barbara Powell, a lobbyist for the Mississippi Center for Freedom of Information and Common Cause, said the language in the bill is confusing. The bill states that "hunting incident reports shall be exempt from disclosure and dissemination" under provisions of the current law.

"The way they worded it is that it never gives an end to that," Powell said.

Powell said the February 2006 hunting accident in which Vice President Dick Cheney shot his friend is an example of the type of incident reports the bill would keep from public view in Mississippi.

Powell said in the Cheney case, the public knew what happened, who was involved, and how it happened. Under the anti-disclosure provisions, however, there will be no public record that anything happened.

Robinson said the conservation officers must have probable cause to test a hunter. Robinson said the agency has been requesting the legislation for years.

CASH ACTION ALERT!

Urge Governor Barbour to VETO SB 929
The Mississippi Legislature passed Senate Bill 929 which will make hunting accidents exempt from the state Public Records laws.
The Honorable Haley Barbour, Governor
P.O. Box 139, Jackson, MS 39205, 1-877-405-0733

MORE NEWS RELATED TO CHENEY HUNTING ACCIDENT

According to South Dakota hunting accident reports, the Game, Fish and Parks HuntSAFE Coordinator said "VP Cheney highlights the level of awareness everyone must have for the potential of a hunting accident while in the field."

"2005 saw a significant increase in hunting incidents in the state of South Dakota. In fact, there were more injuries while pheasant hunting during the first three weeks of the 2005 pheasant season than were total hunting-related incidents reported for all of the 2004 hunting seasons." **The highest number of hunting-related accidents since SD began keeping records in 1988 is 40, which includes all hunting-related incidents. As of Oct. 30, 2005, 32 incidents were reported for pheasant hunting alone, and by the end of the 2005 season, 54 accidents had been reported. This is an increase of 22 (69 percent) from 2004, and 14 (35%) more than the previous high mark of 1988.**

HUNTERS IMMUNIZED FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

BY JAN HAAGENSEN, ESQ.

I have been thinking about the ways in which state governments attempt to immunize hunters from criminal prosecution for highly destructive and criminal behavior—i.e., defiant trespass and assault with a deadly weapon; lesser offenses include stalking and surveillance of landowners who repeatedly say no to any form of home invasion. When hunters are the victims of lethal assaults on their person, the standard of review gets spun around. A real criminal investigation of a suspected homicide may actually take place. However, if the victim is a non-hunter, the Game Commission first adjudicates the investigation and invents the

sanctions for deadly assaults on human beings (such as the loss of a license for five years or so).

This dichotomy takes away from non-hunters the equal protection of the law. So too do gross invasions of privacy. The right to privacy is an element, as I see it, of our very fundamental right to private property. Any surveillance or identity-checking of a landowner done without probable cause is a serious infringement upon basic rights of privacy, if such activity is engaged in by agents of the state, or by state-licensed hunters. In Pennsylvania, the law on the books demands that hunters must identify themselves fully and immediately when approached by

landowners in the field. **In reality, hunters cover their faces with ski-masks, take off their coats and cover up the license on their backs, and in many ways defy requests for identification.** Instead the non-hunting members of the public are far more likely to be roused for identification in the field. Frequently non-hunters are surveilled both by agents of the state and by marauding hunters in the wild. This is a classic and gross violation of rights of privacy guaranteed through private ownership of property.

Even the request to produce identification is highly improper when it comes from the state. Hunters when they buy a license impose on themselves the

absolute obligation to fully ID themselves without any form of delay. In Pennsylvania, I would bet money that no hunter has ever been prosecuted for their failure to comply with existing law on this subject. Landowners don't have hunting licenses pinned to their backs. As such, they are free of any duty to respond at all to privacy-infringing inquiry from agents of the state. This kind of surveillance without probable cause is a civil rights violation of the first order. **We all have the right to say "no," or to say nothing at all to any form of aggression in the field.**

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A FRIEND OF THE BEARS: STAN PABST

ORIGINAL ARTICLE WRITTEN BY DAWN TRENT, VP FRIENDS OF THE BEARS;
PHOTOS COURTESY OF FRIENDS OF THE BEARS

Stan has lived with black bears for more than 20 years. He has fed and sheltered them, protected the orphans and nursed the injured. In return for his kindness he has received death threats, had property stolen, been shot at more times than he can count, interrupted two attempts to burn down his house, and on several occasions he discovered a rattlesnake in his van. All this at the hands of hunters and poachers, and more often than not, abetted by government employees.



Stan's crusade on behalf of the much maligned black bear began in 1980, when he discovered a small cub clinging precariously to a tree branch.

Stan observed the cub for 24 hours and when no female bear appeared, he concluded that it was an orphan. He contacted the local Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR) and was bluntly told to back off, that since it was hunting season the sow had no doubt been shot, and the cub was serving as a decoy to attract other bears. Decoy be damned, Stan decided to entice the cub from her perch, took her home, and cared for her until she could fend for herself.

Bears are quick to differentiate between friend and foe, and soon they began to visit the feeding station that Stan had established on his property for wild geese and small animals. Soon it was not uncommon for several black bears to share corn, bread, and sunflower seeds with geese, raccoons, and squirrels.

During the '80s and early '90s, Stan and the bears pursued their relationship in relative peace. There was poaching, but not on a grand scale. Then, in 1992, Stan became aware of a growing number of orphaned cubs as a result of the expanded "spring bear hunt" in Ontario.

While OMNR has little regard for any species, it has even less respect for the black bear, the only large "game" species it allows to be hunted in the spring.

According to reports provided by Animal Alliance of Canada in the course of its battle against the spring hunt, hunters were encouraged to lure bears to feeding stations (referred to as "bait sites") with rotten meat. When bears became accustomed to the food they returned repeatedly.

For the first four weeks of the spring season the bait sites were also used to provide scent for the hunting dogs that chased, harassed and cornered frightened bears. At the end of a hunt, if a bear was wounded, the hunter might allow the dogs to tear the injured animal apart.



For the remaining weeks, the bait sites were reserved as shooting galleries, primarily for Americans and other non-resident bear hunters who wanted a guaranteed kill. Almost thirty percent of the bears killed were female, and

caring for small dependent cubs. When orphaned in the spring, these tiny animals are killed by predators or starve to death.

In 1992, sickened by the practice of baiting and the sight of so many orphaned cubs, Stan circulated a petition to the Parry Sound area calling for the abolition of the spring bear hunt. To his amazement, he collected 3,500 signatures!

Thus began the long battle to end the spring bear hunt in Ontario. Stan's cause was espoused by *Globe and Mail* columnist Michael Valpy, who interviewed Stan and produced scathing comments concerning the hunt; by Animal Alliance of Canada, as well as every humane society and wildlife protection organization in the province.

Stan was now *persona non grata* as far as officialdom was concerned.

A wildlife biologist with MNR went so far as to threaten him when Stan refused to stop feeding the bears. "One way or another," he was told, "you will stop feeding them!"

Poaching of bears on Stan's property increased and complaints to MNR went unheeded. Bears from other areas were relocated to Stan's property, causing problems because of incompatibility with resident bears. On more than one occasion, Stan risked serious injury when he had to break up quarrelling bears.

MNR helicopters chased deer and moose from Stan's property, enabling hunters on neighboring concessions to shoot them. Blue heron nests were destroyed and beaver houses dynamited. The CPP offered Stan no assistance. When, in one night, eleven bears were slaughtered within yards of Stan's house, and he contacted the North Bay detachment of the OPP, he was told, "Don't get excited. It's probably licensed hunters. When they shoot them all, they will leave. It doesn't take much to set you off."

Stan noted the sergeant's name and reported him to the Public Complaints Commission. Three months later, he was asked by the investigating officer to consider dropping his complaint against the sergeant. Stan contacted his lawyer, who in turn consulted a friend in the Solicitor General's office. The result? Stan was advised, "It would be to your advantage if you ever need police assistance in the future!"

The harassment continued. Shortly after he was interviewed by two German reports and articles about Ontario's spring bear hunt appeared in German newspapers, Stan experienced difficulties with the local phone service when he attempted to call friends in Germany. "Trouble on the line," he was told consistently, until finally he demanded that his calls be sent via satellite.

Unfortunately, abolition of the spring bear hunt has done little to stop poaching, which has been on the increase since 1995, due primarily to the demands of Asian markets.

Bears are poached for their gall bladders, which are used in traditional medicines in Taiwan, South Korea, China and parts of the US and Canada. Bear gall bladders are sold for 3400 US in Taiwan, and for over 10,000 in South Korea. Bear gall bladders and bile are used to treat a variety of illnesses including fever, liver disease, diabetes and heart disease. This market has already driven the Asian bear population to near extinction.

"The most arrogant and persistent poachers are CN and Hydro employees. MNR and the OPP have known this and have done nothing. Stan is concerned that is concerned that some bears have been killed by hunters prior to hibernation. But he said that at least 20 will emerge and at least 9 cubs. They'll be hungry and the mothers will be ravenous. Fee costs are soaring. Last year Stan operated on an annual budget of \$5,000 and it will go up to \$6,000.

Stan is now worried about money, but soon he will have to worry about saving bears as well. Stan's favorite holiday is "Mother's Day." "It's hard to believe," says Stan, "but for years the female bears have brought out their cubs on Mother's Day!"



You can get in touch with Stan Pabst at Friends of the Bears, Box 17, R.R. #1, Parry Sound, ON Canada P2A 2W7 or phone 705-389-1777

TAKE ACTION

www.nj-ara.org, www.saveNJbears.com and www.honorandnonviolence.com are three New Jersey organizations trying feverishly to stop the killing of NJ bears. Please contact them and visit their sites to learn how to become involved in stopping this outrage. At least 54 bears were killed during the last bear killing season. "You have to have conservation" said one of the killers.

In the Integrated Black Bear Management Strategy Report for NJ, the NJ Wildlife Habitat Council (comprised of hunters) set objectives for the black bear population. The first and foremost is: "Preserve a robust black bear population as part of New Jersey's natural resource base." Do you see a pattern of increasing populations to have hunters bring them down?



Photo from NJ bear hunt by Stu Chaifetz From www.honorandnonviolence.com

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

Wildlife Watch submitted COMMENTS ON NJ COMPREHENSIVE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STRATEGY (CWCS) on behalf of our 2,300 NJ supporters

Our comments read in part: The Plan is deficient for the following seven reasons:

1. There is no independent ombudsman or oversight process
2. General funds may be used for either non-game or game.
3. An alternative agency or newly created division of DFW should handle general funds for non-game
4. Hunting is touted and promoted as a viable management tool and propaganda is being developed to ensure its acceptance.
5. The animal protection community has either no representation or no significant representation in the decision-making process
6. The decision makers and partners are entirely pro-hunting, or of the opinion that hunting is necessary to protect habitat.

7. There is no positive strategy planned to engage the public in wildlife protection, but merely to keep individuals from directly or indirectly harming animals or habitat. (While other forms of human impact are criticized, the strategy unrealistically excludes hunting and management for hunting.)

7. NO POSITIVE STRATEGY:

Definition: "Positive strategy" means to engage the public in the appreciation of wild animals thus providing an incentive to protect the animals and their homes and habitat via an uncoerced agreement to reduce harmful impacts. One such method of engaging the public is through **Wildlife Watching Programs** throughout the year...

Please contact wildwatch@verizon.net if you would like a copy of our full Comments.



ASK UNCLE JOE

BY JOE MIELE

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UNCLE JOE GETS A LOT OF MAIL SO DON'T BE OFFENDED IF HE CANNOT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION IN THE COURIER. HECK, HE'S GOTTA WORK A DAY JOB, TOO.

Letters are printed as received. They are unedited.

Dear Readers:

What I envisioned as a column where I could answer questions about wildlife has devolved into a forum where I answer some of the hate mail that I receive on a daily basis. I welcome the change because it gives me the opportunity to reply to the many charges that hunters and the "wise use" community hurl at us. While I may not change many minds within the hunting community, I think answering their mail is important because it shows them that the wildlife protection community knows what it is talking about. As always, I welcome your comments, suggestions and questions. Yes, you can even send hate mail.

Dear Uncle Joe:

"You're out of your mind. Do you even know what stopping sport hunting will do to the animals?"

Thank you for starting your letter in such a rational, mature manner. Yes, I know what stopping sport hunting will do. After several years of unbalanced wildlife populations the animals will adapt to the amount of available habitat and food. Nature will see to it that everything is balanced. During the transition period, it would behoove every one of us to join forces to fight against runaway development and the human overpopulation that causes it. We should encourage building upward rather than outward and we should run political candidates that will not cave in to developers.

"You talk about the problems with 'bait and shoot' and how some of these occurrences are actually sanctioned and planned by local authorities. Have you ever seen what an area looks like that has reached and then exceeded its carrying capacity of Whitetail deer?"

Unfortunately, "modern wildlife management" has been increasing deer and other "game" species for over 50 years. Only those who have been misled or those who profit from the system are happy with the status quo.

As you may know, there are management techniques in place that are designed to increase deer populations.

Please allow me to quote from the Central New York Outdoor Journal (Vol. 2, Issue 3, December 2005)

Gary Alt's statement: "Deer management has been the biggest mistake in the history of wildlife management." Alt refers to it as "malpractice." (Alt was the Chief Deer Biologist in PA until he resigned last year.)

What is the reason for the management problem? Hunters, who have paid the freight with their license dollar, have always asked for more deer. Biologists have responded with various techniques that allow deer herds to build beyond the

carrying capacity of the forests, and now they are paying the penalty with declining forest regeneration. The basic premise is that biologists have kept hunters happy but ruined the forest.

It is easier for a hunter to defend deer hunting than it is to defend rabbit, squirrel, or raccoon hunting. Hunters are also reluctant to bring up the subject of canned hunting where animals are kept on fenced-in properties and the "hunters" are guaranteed a kill. And then there are the millions of animals who are not overpopulated at all and who are bred to be released for hunters to shoot. State game agencies have breeding programs for several species of birds so that they can be used as living targets. These birds are pen-raised and have no survival skills, so those who are released but not killed end up starving or becoming the victims of predators.

Since canned hunts, wildlife breeding programs and small game hunting is much harder for the hunting industry to defend, it likes to keep these practices quiet while they vilify deer and make deer hunters its public face.

"In summation, you'll never outlaw hunting. There's too many people who share my outlook on this topic, and unlike the majority of your spineless entourage, we'll get things done."

Maybe you're right, maybe you're wrong. Only time will tell. What we do know for certain is that there are fewer people hunting today than there were yesterday, and there will most likely be fewer hunters tomorrow than there are today. Hunters are dying and dropping out of the sport faster than they can be replaced (a fact that you cannot deny) and sport hunting may very well extinguish itself due to many factors, including help from the animal rights and pro-wildlife communities. I will continue to do what I can to hasten the day that sport hunting becomes only a bad memory.

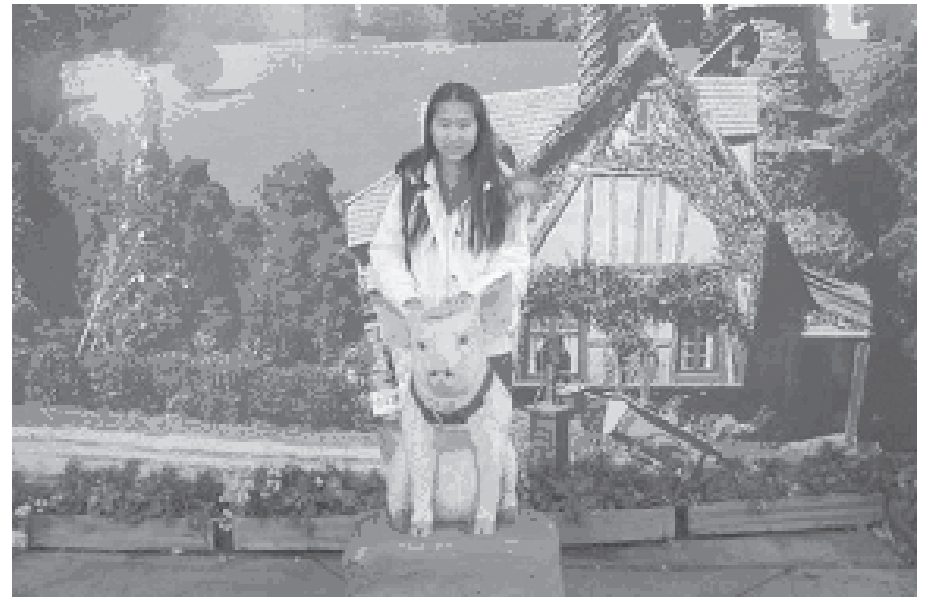
"Frankly, I think you're all cowards and would rather spend time whining to the government and doing other equally cowardly things than address those who are opposed to you. Yours in hunting, Skip Toomalu, Alpharetta, GA."

Cowards? How courageous is it to hide yourself in a tree or a bush and blow away a rabbit, duck or squirrel? Is it the brave hunter who pays a fee to kill a semi-tame exotic animal on a fenced-in hunting preserve? How brave is the person who falls asleep on a boat as a fish struggles on the end of a fishing line?

Your views of us are not our focus. We plan on making hunting illegal. That's about all I have for you today, Skip. Please keep checking in with C.A.S.H. so you can learn how to build a sense of respect and admiration for wildlife and the natural world.

Peace,
Uncle Joe

To Hunt or Not to Hunt



Picture sent by Flora Wang

BY YU-FEN (FLORA) WANG

Flora is a precocious young student who lives in California. She discovered C.A.S.H. on the Internet. She asked to interview Joe Miele. This is what she submitted to her class.

After the Vice President, Dick Cheney, accidentally shot a fellow hunter, the controversial issue of sport hunting has bubbled up into the public forum once again.

However, for Joe Miele, Vice President of C.A.S.H., the issue of sport hunting has always been something he has been passionately involved in. Miele, who has been working with the Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting (C.A.S.H) for approximately four years, explains that he "particularly became involved with the issue of sport hunting when a local New Jersey area became a hunting park."

One of the topics surrounding hunting is the enforcement of hunter harassment laws. Joe gave an example of how these laws are being abused by hunters. "I know hunters who go crazy with the hunter harassment laws. There was even a case in Pennsylvania where landowners themselves were arrested for harassment - and they were on their own property! The hunter harassment laws are being used to allow hunters to run over owners of private property."

He adds that "It's ridiculous to think that the people out there with the guns are the ones that need to be protected."

Miele acknowledges the fact that hunters helped to rehabilitate some natural habitats. However, he states "I would be hard-pressed to believe that hunting groups would be willing to save these habitats if they couldn't hunt. Groups like Ducks Unlimited have saved hundreds of acres that are habitat for ducks and other waterfowl, but it's because they want to kill them. They protect them so they can kill them."

Joe and C.A.S.H are working to change the entire wildlife management system. They believe that this is the way to truly save America's wildlife. "Our main focus is on changing the public's view about hunting, and educate them about the role that state and federal agencies play in increasing hunted animal populations. By increasing game species for hunters, they are also increasing conflicts that arise between the public and wild animals. What we try to expose is that wildlife management policies are made for hunting, not to help the animals themselves."

Miele explains that the problem lies in relying on hunters as a way to earn money. "Agencies have to constantly create an overabundance of animals because that's the only way they earn money. Their sale of hunting licenses, and taxes collected on firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows, keep them in business. If there weren't any hunters, the game agencies wouldn't survive...They manage to keep hunting going, but not for ecological balance."

An alternative to current policies would be managing for wildlife watching. "We want to show how wildlife is being harmed and hope that someday, sport hunting will be abolished altogether. In its place, we hope to see pro-wildlife programs, like Wildlife Watching, which already has more people than hunting. The studies all show that wildlife watching far exceeds hunting in participation and income generated."

Joe Miele, of the Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting, thinks it's sad that "hunters don't respect animals as we do...they shut off emotion which allows them to feel joy and not remorse when they end an animal's life."

Yu-Fen (Flora) Wang was born in Taiwan. She just recently moved to San Diego and is attending high school. She enjoys writing, participating in Speech and Debate, being a Peer Counselor and also a TA for the San Diego Chinese Academy. Her interest in protecting wildlife came from the years she spent in England when she was small. Her friend, Stuart, took her on long walks in the British countryside and taught her to respect and treat animals as equals. Flora hopes to be a lawyer and a writer when she grows up.

C.A.S.H.'S JOE MIELE THANKED

(It doesn't happen often as our hate mail testifies to!)

Hi, it's Mollyna again. I would just like to thank you for answering the questions on animal hunting I needed for my report. It's great to know that there is a society protecting animals and that can still find time for school students interested in the subject. Your answers were really very helpful, so thanks again. I look forward to visiting your website for more information and good luck with the Committee.

THE CENTRAL PARK COYOTE – HAL

...ELISE ABLE REPORTS THE REAL STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM

The news reported:

Hal, the coyote who paid a visit to New York City and was captured as he loped around Central Park, died as he was being tagged for release in the wild, a state official said Friday.

The coyote stopped breathing Thursday night during the routine tagging procedure and biologists could not revive him, said Gabrielle DeMarco, spokeswoman for the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Elise Able, founder of Foxwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Inc., is a fox and coyote rehabilitator in the Buffalo, NY area. We heard from her just as we were finalizing this newsletter. We are reprinting the real story of Hal's death that appears on Elise Able's website: <http://foxwoodrehab.com/>



NY WILD CANINE EXPERT ELISE ABLE GIVES TALKS ABOUT THE EASTERN COYOTE. Arrange to learn about the behavior of this intelligent animal and learn to sort fact from myths and rumors. Elise will answer questions as well as discuss how to protect your pets and livestock. Contact Elise at: 716-592-1861 to book.

The Violent Death of Hal, The Central Park Coyote

BY ELISE ABLE

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So how does a healthy young male Eastern coyote wind up dead after being kept healthy and safe for more than a week by skilled wildlife rehabilitators? You may have heard the story about Hal, the young male coyote who made the mistake of ending up in Central Park- where he was surely going to feast on rats, mice, squirrels and other small rodents? Instead he was terrorized, chased, darted, lost with the dart in him (eek!!!) and then chased and darted again the next day. Though this animal surely posed little or no threat to children and small pets, he was hunted down like a criminal and finally captured hungry, thirsty and exhausted after two days of being chased.

He rested with a wildlife rehabilitator for a few days, ate a lot, drank a lot of water and started to regain his strength. This wildlife rehabilitator is very knowledgeable and reputable and consulted with me on this coyote, as he did with another coyote just a few weeks earlier. The other coyote was much luckier - having been spared the interaction with a Cornell graduate student doing a 5-year study on suburban coyotes (with an agenda unrelated to their well-being).

Rather than release Hal in a more remote place as soon as he recovered, the rehabilitator was ordered to keep the

coyote while the local biologists decided "what to do with it". Meanwhile, The Cornell grad excitedly awaited his opportunity to put an ear tag in Hal. I had previously warned this student that the method he was to use for ear tagging was unnecessarily harsh and violent - he wanted to use a catch pole, pull the coyote out of the carrier as it struggled and fought against such force and pin it down, and fasten the ear tag. The rehabilitators had offered to tag Hal gently themselves, but were told "No".

As soon as the trusting wildlife rehabilitator handed over the coyote to this group, Hal was snared around the neck with a catchpole, and fought as he was dragged out of the carrier this way. Any animal would have fought this type of handling. As wildlife rehabilitators we NEVER use this method as it is unnecessary, dangerous and harmful to the animals. As Hal fought for his life, his muzzle was taped firmly shut, and then he was hog tied. Again, this is highly unprofessional and unnecessary restraint for a coyote. Imagine the stress and terror the coyote felt.

The individual proceeded to straddle the struggling, exhausted coyote and then sat on him for about ten minutes until his chest rose no more. The news says "Hal suddenly and inexplicably died during the ear-tagging process???".

Mind you, tagging an ear is like using a hole punch - very

quick and easy. How many people do you know who died a violent death during an ear piercing? For an experienced, knowledgeable and responsible wild animal handler, tagging should be very non-stressful on the animal, quick and easy. But no - Not for THIS crew.

No consideration was given to Hal, who had been a perfect patient, a very docile, easily handled animal. These people were obviously afraid and inexperienced. They roughly handled, over handled, over tightened and pinned Hal for ten minutes, suffocating him. Wouldn't it have been much more humane to just put a bullet in his head? I have worked with a lot of Eastern coyotes through the years, vaccinating, worming, checking teeth, and even bathing unrestrained, fully conscious, wild Eastern coyotes.

Why? Because they are docile and easy to handle. A simple towel placed over the eyes and gently held in place is the most restraint ever necessary. Poor Hal died an agonizing, terrifying, and unnecessary death at the hands of a fearful inexperienced person who obviously has no affinity for or respect for wildlife. Why is this person "studying" coyotes? He certainly is not fond of them or knowledgeable about them. Let us hope the group that caused Hal's death takes responsibility for his unnecessary death, and learns from this travesty so that no wild animal is ever again subjected to such an agonizing demise.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

The ECROW Tourism Watch in Auburn NY went spectacularly well. We were so pleased to be joined by Sharon and Owen Brown of Beavers, Wetlands and Wildlife www.beaversww.org, Dr. Ahmed Halima, JK the Cat and so many of her friends, including Brigit and Aresh, and our fellow-collaborators: Rita and Joe Sarnicola. Below you will see some photos, and we hope you'll join us next time.



Top left: The first ECrow Tour group EVER. **Bottom left:** Brigit in awe of the incoming crows; **Top Right:** Dr. Anne Clark who gave a riveting lecture about crows the evening we arrived; **Bottom right:** Aresh trying to join the crows. Maybe one day!! **Hope you can join us next time!** Check www.wildwatch.org for future wildlife tours when they are posted.

On Saturday, March 11th Anne Muller of Wildlife Watch was one of two presenters at an event sponsored by NY Companion Bird Club of Manhattan. <http://www.manhattanbirdclub.com> We thank Carol Moon from Farm Sanctuary for arranging this. The NY Companion Bird club is dedicated to encouraging the positive portrayal and treatment of wild species residing in the New York City metro area.

Anne's presentation concerned Canada geese and focused on the following main concerns:

1. The government's response to complaints about Canada geese from towns and NYC facilities.
2. The impact of pollution and ecological concerns in NYC
3. How bird lovers can become more involved in protecting this magnificent species.

The talk generated a lot of questions and interest in the plight of urban Canada geese



MAKING GOOD USE OF C.A.S.H. INFORMATION

Mr and Mrs. Adolfo Lopez sent C.A.S.H.'s car-deer collision article that appeared in the winter 2005-2006 issue of the Courier to their mayor. They received the following reply:

"Thank you for your letter and the article regarding car-deer collisions. It certainly made for interesting and enlightening reading. As I wrote before, I will continue to do whatever I can to help animals."

Sincerely, Jerry Sanders, Mayor (San Diego)

ADOW-Animal Defenders of Westchester will be having events in April and May.

Contact Kiley Blackman for the schedule. K-Blackman@animail.net or visit her website at: www.adow.org

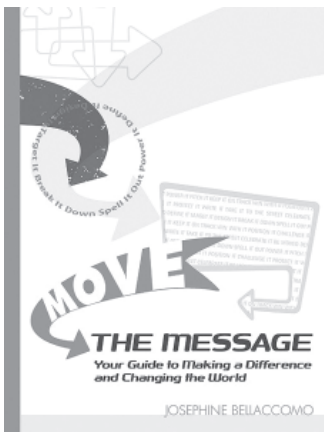
C.A.S.H. CATALOG

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GOD'S DOG

We were happy to learn from Hope Ryden that her amazing book, *God's Dog*. We encourage you to read it and give it to others to read. Ask libraries to order it, and give it to friends for holidays and birthdays. It will be a gift that will last a lifetime, for it will change the readers' perspective of coyotes forever.

"Full of charm and tenacious inquisitiveness as the appealing animal she pleads is allowed to live."—The Washington Post.

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God's Dog : A Celebration of the North American Coyote by Hope Ryden

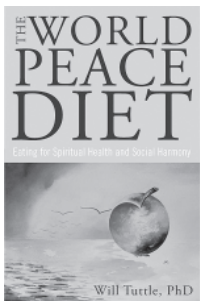
THE WORLD PEACE DIET

This new book by **Will Tuttle, Ph.D.** is not a New Age rant; it's an Old Age treatise, so to speak, that draws upon ancient wisdom, scientific data and reasoning, spiritual grounding, and a fine mind.

In the twenty years I've chosen not to eat meat, numerous people have asked why I made the choice. Back then when in college, I've explained, I stopped eating meat to clear my clogged mind and to fuel my energy. It worked, and the diet stuck. Over time, ethical reasons complemented the practical ones. My explanations, though, pale compared to Will Tuttle's thorough and cogent argument for why a vegan diet is not only necessary for a person's health but, more importantly, also for our planet's well being.

Book review by **Jeff Davis**, Managing Editor of the *Wildlife Watch Binocular*; Yoga instructor, Bliss Yoga Center, Woodstock, NY. You can find the book online at: <http://www.willtuttle.com/>

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PETER'S HUMOR?

By PETER MULLER, V.P. C.A.S.H.

Bubba and Clem sit on the stoop in front of Bubba's shack whittling and drooling. After a few hours Clem turns to Bubba and ventures: "You're goin' huntin' next week?" "Yup" "Be gone all week?" "Yup" "I was thinkin' if while you're gone, I stay with your wife and we have a kid - will that make us kin?" Bubba looks puzzled, scratches his head, readjusts his baseball cap and finally speculates "Well - I don't rightly know if it'll make us kin - I think it'll just make us even."

☺☺☺

Q: How do hunters' brain cells die?
A: Alone.

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An animal-rights activist was telling a new co-worker one of his dumb-hunter jokes. About half-way through the joke his new colleague stopped him; looked at him very intently and declared slowly and with exaggerated emphasis: "Do you know - that I am a hunter?"

The animal-rights activist apologized, "Oh, I'm very sorry, do you want me to start over and talk slower?"

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There was an old hunter from Arizona Who went to run with the bulls in Pamplona He got on the wrong plane And was not heard from again 'cause he went to Sweden without any krona

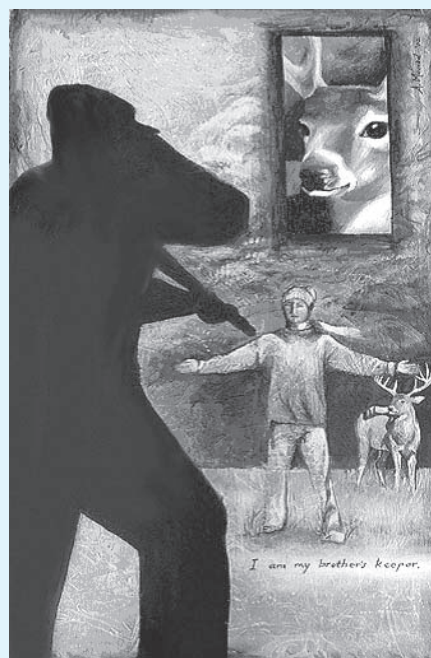
A Voice in The Wilderness

Video Tape approximately 20 minutes \$12.00

Expose of wildlife management by Luke Dommer, founder of C.A.S.H., produced by Focus on Animals, CT. Esther Mechler of Focus has generously given C.A.S.H. the right to sell *A Voice in the Wilderness*. Copies are being generously donated by Nancy Gordon of HAVE, a video company in Hudson, NY.



Luke Dommer



I am my brother's keeper

Beautiful color poster 11 x 17 (Original is oil on canvas) by Amanda Moeckel, a brilliant, young artist. www.myanimalart.com \$19.95 non-members; \$15.95 for members;

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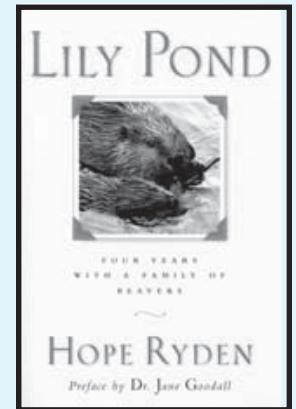
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Lily Pond

By Hope Ryden

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- ✓ Become a member
- ✓ Include WILDLIFE WATCH, INC. in your will (you may earmark bequests for C.A.S.H.). If you have general questions about leaving a bequest in your Will to Wildlife Watch, or making Wildlife Watch the beneficiary of life insurance or other assets, you can contact Frances Carlisle, Esq. at 212-213-0172. Frances Carlisle is a trusts and estates attorney with expertise in advising clients about bequests and other types of disposition to charitable organizations.
- ✓ Donate shares of stock, avoid capital gains and get a tax deduction! Notify your broker or the company whose stock you hold. Ask them to transfer stock to Wildlife WaTch, Inc. Federal Tax Identification Number: 13-3076705

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