

THE C.A.S.H. COURIER

THE COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH SPORT HUNTING

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The mission of C.A.S.H. - Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting - is to accomplish what its name says in the shortest possible time. Understanding that abolishing hunting entails a process, a series of steps taken and not a single action that would effect our goal overnight, a time frame cannot be established. We hope for building a succession of wins, and if not wins immediately then at least a succession of stirrings of consciousness. We hope to encourage those who are still silent to speak out, awakening community after community about the heavy hand of state and federal wildlife management agencies. We hope to alter whatever belief still exists that sport hunters are conservationists and champions of the environment to a realization that they are destroyers of wildlife and ecosystems in the narrow and broad sense. Where the natural feeling for wildlife doesn't exist, we strive to engender among citizens outrage that their own rights are violated by legal hunting and their quality-of-life diminished.

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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The Geese and Cap'n Sully

BY PETER MULLER, VP, C.A.S.H.

On January 15, 2009, Chesley Burnett Sullenberger III was the pilot of US Airways Flight 1549 from New York's LaGuardia Airport to Charlotte, NC. Shortly after taking off, Sullenberger reported to air traffic control that the plane had hit a large flock of birds, disabling both engines.

Sullenberger discussed alternatives with air traffic control but quickly decided that the only feasible option was ditching in the Hudson River.

Sullenberger told the passengers to "brace for impact," then piloted the plane to a smooth ditching in the river. All passengers and crew members survived.

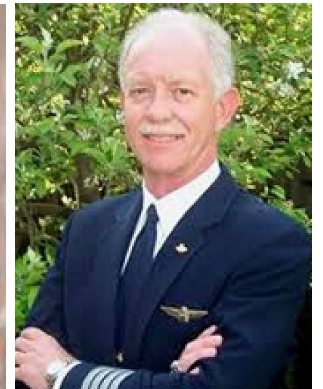
Sullenberger walked the length of the passenger cabin twice to make sure everyone had evacuated before retrieving the plane's maintenance logbook. He was the last to evacuate the aircraft.

That story has been retold countless times by the media. I'm sure we all applaud the skill of the pilot and the "grace under fire" of the crew and passengers.

But as animal protective advocates

we can't let it go at that. That story has evolved into a blanket justification for killing geese throughout the United States - especially in New York City.

Before the ink was dry on the New York City tabloids and before the umpteen reruns of videos on TV had even started, the usual gang of goose-killing advocates weighed in by calling for the killing of Canada Geese to "assure the safety of airline passen-



gers." They are still at it — counter to all known scientific findings about the "bird-strikes" on airplanes, and in particular the bird-strike involving flight 1549 on January 15, 2009.

One instant advocate of goose-killing was Sean Hannity, a commentator on Fox news. A video clip of his

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN AND FOR HELPING C.A.S.H. CONTINUE TO HELP WILD ANIMALS!

That was a close one!

We made the decision to skip an edition of the C.A.S.H. Courier. Finances were tight and the projects we're involved with took priority over publishing our newsletter. We didn't just gloss over the newsletter as an unnecessary expense during a lean time. Our feelings about it are quite the opposite. We understand the importance of letting our members know about the latest happenings in the world of hunting and trapping so that action can be taken in the form of letter-writing, calls to legislators, and more. We want to let you know how we and other organizations and individuals are trying to stop this gruesome legal activity. We know that you look forward to our informative articles, updates from citizens-turned-activists fighting against oppressive fish and wildlife agencies, and the incoherent babblings of hunters who are highlighted in our *Ask Uncle Joe* column. You've told us how this information empowers you to defend wildlife and their habitat.

We cannot thank YOU enough for responding to our fundraising appeal. Because of YOUR generous donations we were able to publish the newsletter you are reading now and connect you

to the news and information that you want. As well, your donations enable us to continue helping wildlife in any way possible within our means.

The news and information is encouraging. For example, the number of duck hunters in states such as Minnesota has declined significantly; the popularity of hunting in general continues its steady decline nationwide; and more people are speaking out for wildlife and against the systems in place that are designed to exploit them. Read through this edition of the C.A.S.H. Courier and you will see that change is in the air.

As much as we would like to do only an electronic copy of the newsletter, our experience has shown that many of our members do not "do" online. In addition, most of our contributions come in the little envelopes that we include with the paper version of the newsletter. As our contributions shift to electronic Paypal contributions, we will be able to transition to only electronic distribution. For that reason, you may continue to get the Courier in both an electronic and paper format. By delivering the Courier via e-mail we save trees and reduce expenses, leaving more of our budget

available to directly help wildlife and their defenders. If you'd prefer to receive the newsletter only via e-mail, you can let me know at cash@AbolishSportHunting.com and we'll make it happen, but please keep in mind that we need donations to sustain our organization.

From all of us at C.A.S.H., thank you for your generosity and your dedication to helping and defending wildlife.

Joe Miele, President



Dear Anne and Joe,

I very much missed my mid-August issues of the C.A.S.H. Courier and the Wildlife Watch Binocular!! I always look forward to reading them and finding out about any progress for the poor creatures that are being hunted.

*I really hope you can publish the FALL issue 2010 soon!! I hope I will find it soon in my mailbox!
My Best Regards, Ana Garcia, NY*

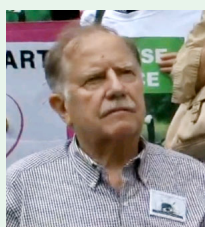
Thank you, Ana. The contributions of our members and donors, including yours, have allowed us to publish once again!

For the Wildlife, Anne and Joe

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

PETER SPOKE AT CITY HALL TO PROTEST PROSPECT PARK GOOSE KILLING

8/12/10 **Peter Muller**, V.P. of C.A.S.H., was invited to address a rally sponsored by **IDA (In Defense of Animals)** at New York City Hall against the killing of 400 Canada



geese in Prospect Park in Brooklyn. Over one-hundred demonstrators participated at the rally. The speakers included New York

State Senator **Eric Adams**, New York City Councilmember **Letitia James**, as well as speakers from the animal protection movement from the greater New York Metropolitan area.

One of the highpoints of the rally occurred when Mayor Bloomberg's limo pulled up so he could enter City Hall. After one glance at the crowd, the limo turned tail and delivered "Hizzonor" to the back door of City Hall so he could sneak in unobserved.

Anne Muller was interviewed in her office as a counterpoint for a taxidermy film by **SUNY New Paltz** film students. She was probably laughing when the interviewer asked her if she considered taxidermy to be an "art form."



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reaction can be seen at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAIv9bA1wWQ>

A few days later, in the *New York Post* (a Rupert Murdoch paper), an alleged wildlife biologist, Steve Garber, advocated that all geese should be removed from New York City:

"It would be fairly easy for Port Authority workers to round up and net geese in June and July, when they're molting and unable to fly," Garber said.

"Once they're caught, they could be taken to a new habitat far from the city - or killed for their meat, which could be donated to homeless shelters," he added.

"If you keep on doing that, you will get the whole breeding population," said Garber. *"In a short period of time, you will have fewer breeding birds..."* *"There are lots of ways,"* he said. *"You can throw rocks at them. You can hit them with sticks..."*

Does Garber believe that there's nothing wrong with shooting Canada geese, poking holes in their eggs, shaking their eggs so the embryos are destroyed, wrecking their nests, or taking any number of other measures to eradicate them?

As time passes the refrain of "Kill the geese" persists – with Captain Sullenberger's landing mentioned at every turn.

On June 12, 2009, New York City and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey announced that they are embarking on a plan to kill at least 2,000 Canada geese living within 5 miles of airports.

Mayor Bloomberg said:

"The serious dangers that Canada geese pose to aviation became all too clear when geese struck US Airways Flight 1549. The incident served as a catalyst to strengthen our efforts in removing geese from - and discouraging them from nesting on - city property near our runways."

On July 8th 2010 the department of



Wildlife Services of the USDA rounded up 400 geese in Prospect Park in Brooklyn and took them to a building where they were gassed with carbon dioxide.

Again the "Sully story" played in the media as the justification for the slaughter.

Mayor Bloomberg:

"Look, the Department of Agriculture has to deal with the fact that all these geese are a danger to people flying," he said. *"People are not going to stop flying and we have to make a decision. It's geese or human beings — I can tell you where I come out on that. I don't think you need a quote from me."*

Let's take an objective, scientific look at the situation and assess rationally whether those shoot-from-the-hip goose-killing plans make any sense.

The geese in Prospect Park were resident geese who do not fly at the same altitudes that migrating geese fly. The resident geese will fly locally from one pond or grazing area to another; they do not need to reach the altitudes that migrating geese need to fly long distances. The geese that caused the bird-strike were migrating geese.

The Washington Post headline on June 12, 2009 – more than one year before the roundup was:

"Geese That Downed Flight Shown to Be Migratory Birds. *According to the paper, published Monday in *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, finding the origins of the birds in the crash was based on analyzing a key property of the atoms in their remains...*

Finding the ratio of the two types of hydrogen atoms in bird feathers can indicate the place of origin of the food that formed the feathers, and thus show where the birds themselves came from.

Comparing the ratios from geese known to be migratory with remains of the New York birds showed them to be migratory, too."

It is important for us to note here that the determination that was made was based on the origin of the food that formed the feathers. It was not, as was frequently misreported, based on DNA analysis.

Resident Canada geese and migrant Canada geese are the same species – no DNA distinction between them has ever been established. They are the same species; they behave differently due to the climate differences in the regions where they fledged, which they consider their home.

Moreover, the statistics of flights and bird strikes causing airline passenger injuries or fatalities are insignificant compared to other causes such as pilot error and mechanical failures.

A detailed statistical analysis by the **Animal Welfare Institute** "Bird Strikes on Aircraft-What's the Risk?"

<http://www.awionline.org/ht/display/ContentDetails/i/19142/pid/19130> shows clearly that to place these statistics into a national context, according to U.S. Department of Transportation data in 2008 (the latest calendar year available for statistics), there were a

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minimum of **54,823,492 airport operations** (defined as the number of arrivals and departures at U.S. airports of air carrier, commuter/air taxi, general aviation, and local aircraft), providing transportation for **736,470,443 passengers**. With a reported **7,516 wildlife strikes, approximately .013 percent of all aircraft takeoffs and landings struck wildlife**. The government claims that only one in five (20 percent of) bird strikes are reported. Yet, assuming this is accurate, even if 100 percent of all strikes were reported, this would still mean that less than .068 percent of all aircraft operations struck wildlife.

While the five human fatalities attributed to wildlife strikes in 2008 were unfortunate, considering that nearly 736.5 million people traveled by air via U.S. airports, **the risk of being killed as a result of a wildlife strike is nearly non-existent.**

The chance of an airline passenger being killed due to a bird-strike of the aircraft is **0.00000068%**. **You would have to take a flight every day for over 200,000 years before you had a 50/50 chance of being killed due to a bird-strike of your plane.**

However, most goose-killing advocates will never let mere science interfere with their irrational rants; they simply go on:

On 10/1/2010, Mayor Bloomberg said:

Incidents like the emergency landing of US Airways Flight 1549 show us how important it is to keep geese from nesting near airport runways. Please know that we've already taken a number of non-lethal measures, including: public education to discourage feeding, the use of dogs for herding, pyrotechnics, bird deterrent wires and netting, and more. We've had some success, and we're now working with the United States Department of Agriculture Office of Wildlife Services to take additional steps to avoid serious accidents and ensure the safest possible conditions for New Yorkers and travelers alike.

Wildlife Services announced that it has a plan to kill two-thirds of the resident Canada geese in New York State and elsewhere.

Who is Wildlife Services and what does that announcement mean? Wildlife Services is a division of the US Department of Agriculture. In practical terms, we can think of Wildlife Services as a private extermination service that operates within a division of the federal government. Historically, they are notorious for getting contracts from the livestock industry to kill most of the large predators (cougars, panthers, and wolves) in the US.

Wildlife Services does nothing on its own initiative. However, any individual, corporation, or government entity can enter into a contract with Wildlife Services to have wildlife on their property or within their jurisdiction killed.

So it's the contracting party – in this case, the government of New York City - that has to be pressured not to enter into such contracts. Wildlife Services' plans will not be carried out unless the New York City government is willing to pay for it.

Non-lethal methods will achieve the goal of reducing the goose population and dissuading geese from the airports. There is radar equipment used at many airports that can detect migrating flocks of geese and warn airplanes away from the bird flights.

Clearly, we have ethics on our side; but we also have science on our side. We have economics on our side: non-lethal methods are much more cost-effective than killing. We also have documented experience on our side: there are communities throughout the country that have switched to non-lethal Canada goose population control and are totally satisfied with the result.

The question becomes: Since we have ethics, science, cost-effectiveness, and experience on our side, why is killing geese even considered an option?

The problem is the misperception of the city government that there is no strong constituent demand for the humane, non-lethal option.

To remedy this, the animal protective community must become politically active by making our position known to our legislators. We urge you to visit www.lohv.org

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Hooray for Humane Canada Goose Control!

Wildlife Watch is working with the State University of New York in New Paltz to humanely dissuade geese from the campus.

You can see the article at:

<http://oracle.newpaltz.edu/the-new-paltz-oracle-volume-82-issue-6/>

Wildlife Watch has found a home for all 30 domestic geese. Their removal is a preliminary step toward the use of a border collie to dissuade the Canada geese from settling in the spring.



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Joe Miele, President of C.A.S.H., has worked with high school students to help them articulate their feelings about hunting, providing them with speaking points for debates or reports. He is called for radio interviews, and has provided factual, statistical information to people who contact C.A.S.H. for help with their local governments. He has written hundreds of letters for publication during the year.

See the latest list on page 15.

Wildlife Services Exterminates Over 4.1 Million Animals in 2009 Agency's Budget Shrouded from Public

BY WENDY KEEFOVER-RING

WASHINGTON, DC – According to records released today by WildEarth Guardians, “Wildlife Services,” the ironically-named branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, killed more than four million wild animals and pets in 2009 while spending \$121,039,763. Last month, WildEarth Guardians filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit seeking to track how this money is spent, but the agency continually sidesteps public scrutiny.

“Apparently, Wildlife Services is comprised of bands of secret agents. One group, the assassins, operates on our national forests and kills millions of the public’s wildlife using helicopters, guns, poisons, traps, and hounds. The second, the artful dodgers, play shell games in the dark with the public’s money,” said Wendy Keefover-Ring of WildEarth Guardians.

In 2009, Wildlife Services reported it killed 4.1 million animals and “destroyed” 18,000 more. That total includes a staggering 27,314 beavers; 988,577 blackbirds; and 114,522 mammalian carnivores (e.g., 1,775 bobcats, 82,097 coyotes, 480 wolves, 571 river otters, and 443 black bears.)

Wolves in Idaho and Montana are now listed as federally endangered.

In response to WildEarth Guardians’ lawsuit, Wildlife Services and its parent agency, the USDA’s Animal and Health Inspection Service, stated that it could not answer the group’s simple request for line-item spending data. The agency stated that it tracks expenses using two different data bases: one that is “operational” and the other “financial”, but the accounting systems are “not interactive.” Thus, Wildlife Services claims it does not know how much it spends on its controversial operations such as shooting coyotes and wolves from helicopters. The agency further stated: “Wildlife Services does not have a managerial need for financial data at this finite level.”

“Federal agencies must be fiscally accountable to the public,” stated Steve Sugarman, WildEarth Guardians’ attorney. “It’s time for Wildlife Services to stop playing shell games and show the public what they’re doing with our money in the light of day,” he added.

Wildlife Services is biologically harmful and unselective for species killed. Many conservation biologists have noted that Wildlife Services’ carnivore eradications amount to a “sledgehammer” approach to wildlife management because of the breadth of the extermination. Wildlife Services uses indiscriminate and deadly means to slay wildlife—many are killed by mistake—even rare species such as kit foxes, swift foxes, and river otters.

“Of the 571 river otters it killed in 2009, Wildlife Services

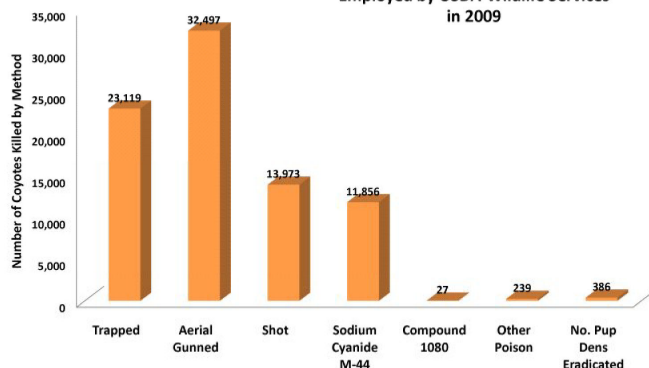
notes that 84% were killed accidentally. This is simply not tolerable: river otters are sorely lacking from many river systems,” said Keefover-Ring.

These shocking charts are an indictment that has yet to happen:

Raptors Killed by USDA-APHIS- Wildlife Services (2007- 2009)

Raptors	2009	2008	2007	TOTAL
Caracaras	33	17	17	67
Eagle, Golden	1	1	0	2
Falcons, Amer. Kestrels	337	190	211	738
Falcon, Merlin	1	3	0	4
Falcons, Peregrin	0	1	1	2
Falcon, Prairie	0	1	0	1
Hawks, Broad-winged	1	0	0	1
Hawks, Cooper's	45	35	0	80
Hawks, Ferruginous	15	10	0	25
Hawks, Goshawk	0	0	0	0
Hawks, Harrier, North.	66	66	40	172
Hawks, Red-Shouldered	17	13	0	30
Hawks, Red-Tailed	593	451	342	1,386
Hawks, Rough-Legged	22	19	0	41
Hawks, Sharped-Shinned	10	11	0	21
Hawks, Swainson's	40	48	0	88
Kites, Mississippi	11	9	23	43
Ospreys	17	32	41	90
Owls, Barred	2	0	1	3
Owls, Burrowing	6	0	0	6
Owls, Common Barn	199	302	569	1,070
Owls, Great Horned	16	13	14	43
Owls, Short-Eared	19	11	0	30
Vultures, Black	2,689	2,968	3,201	8,858
Vultures, Turkey	1,462	1,344	1,201	4,007
Total	5,602	5,545	5,661	16,808

Comparison of Coyote Kill Methods
Employed by USDA-Wildlife Services
in 2009



Wildlife Services Exterminates

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Mammalian Carnivores Killed by USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services Nationwide (2009)

Species	Number Killed
Badgers	574
Black Bears	443
Grizzly Bears	0
Bobcats	1,775
Cats	1,354
Coyotes	82,097
Dogs	477
Fishers	1
Arctic Foxes	36
Gray Foxes	2,287
Kit Foxes	21
Red Foxes	2,420
Swift Foxes	13
Mountain Lions	342
Minks	17
River Otters	571
Raccoons	13,292
Ringtails	3
Hog-nosed Skunks	2
Hooded Skunks	2
Spotted Skunks	14
Striped Skunks	8,293
Weasels (unknown)	4
Long-tailed Weasels	4
Gray Wolves	480
Mexican Wolves	0
TOTAL	114,522

Expenditures and Animals Killed (2004-2009) USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services

Year	Budget	Total Animals Killed	Mammalian Carnivores Killed
2004	\$101,490,740	2,767,152	101,246
2005	\$99,792,976	1,746,248	98,199
2006	\$108,590,001	1,642,823	115,929
2007	\$117,337,662	2,222,189	121,565
2008	\$121,059,992	4,996,899	124,414
2009	\$121,039,763	4,120,295	114,522
Total	\$669,311,134	17,495,606	675,875

Reprint of press release from **WildEarth Guardians**
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View Wildlife Services' 2009 Annual Tables
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/prog_data/2009_prog_data/ata_index_2009.shtml

Download Report: War on Wildlife: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Wildlife Services"

http://www.wildearthguardians.org/Portals/0/support_docs/report-war-on-wildlife-june-09-lo.pdf

If your municipality calls in the "USDA," they are really calling in "Wildlife Services." Be sure to use this material to keep them out!

MEET A WILDLIFE SERVICES "AGENT"

This monster is actually on Facebook! Gary Strader calls himself a **Wildlife Technologies Resident Expert** and brags:

Gary has been hunting coyotes and other predators professionally for over 35 years. He has held positions with several government agencies spanning several decades. He started calling and trapping coyotes at the age of 13 and is still calling and trapping them today. Gary currently owns a small ranch in New Mexico and is working under contract with local ranchers doing predator control. Gary has trapped and called more coyotes than anyone we know of during his career.

Gary also gives instructions on wildlife calling and all aspects of predator control including using dogs with calling, trapping, bait and lure usage, setting up a bait station, snaring, and M-44 applications.



God's Dog

We were happy to learn from Hope Ryden that her amazing book, **God's Dog** is back in print. 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 reader's perspective of coyotes forever.



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

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

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FROM THE BRINK OF OBLIVION AND BACK AGAIN?

BY JIM ROBERTSON

For hundreds of thousands of years, wolves played a central role as keepers of nature's balance across the American landscape. The personification of untamed wilderness, wolves have little patience or tolerance for the human world. Their presence is a sign of an ecosystem relatively intact.

Meanwhile, man's efforts—both historic and ongoing—to rid the world of his best friend's canine cousins, are part of a grand design to dominate wild places and control Mother Nature herself. The right of a species not to be hunted to extinction is a relatively new advancement. It's still about the only right extended to non-human animals thus far in American history. The 1996 reintroduction of wolves to the northern Rocky Mountains in Yellowstone and wilderness areas of Central Idaho as mandated by the Endangered Species Act—along with protections against hunting and trapping all too briefly afforded them under the ESA—gave the wolf a temporary reprieve and allowed Nature to reign again over some of her sovereign lands.

But the return of the “big bad” wolf struck terror into the hearts of little red-state, redneck riding hoods, who habitually hate what they fear. Bigotry against wolves has thrived across the country since colonial times and wolves have long been the object of unwarranted phobias. Today's wolf-haters panic at the thought of natural predators competing for “their” trophy “game” animals and loathe anything that might threaten their exploitative way of life. They view the federal government as the enemy in their ongoing combat against wilderness, and grasp for local control of species like wolves and grizzly bears, who, until recently, were all but extinct in the continental U.S. Far from being their foe however, the federal government has actually



Photo by Jim Robertson

been a fervent ally. The recent removal of wolves from the federal Endangered Species List, long before they were truly recovered, fits right in with a centuries-old, historic norm.

Despite remarkable advances in the understanding of wolves' social behavior and necessary place in a healthy ecosystem, willfully ignorant ruralites in the tri-state area of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming have no more regard for wolves than those who caused their near extinction in the past. The posture they assume on the subject of wolves is as warped and ill-informed as any Massachusetts witch hunter's.

The Idaho Anti-Wolf Coalition, backed by a well funded trophy elk-hunting industry, filed an initiative petition for the 2008 ballot demanding the removal of “all” wolves from the state “by whatever means necessary.” Fortunately, even in a state famous for militias and neo-Nazi compounds (not to mention, potatoes), the petition failed to collect the required number of signatures to move forward with that avaricious initiative. Still, the Idaho

state government is quietly implementing the “by whatever means” line of attack, adding aerial hunting (a method especially dear to Sarah Palin's heart) and trapping to their wolf decimation arsenal. No wonder some Idahoans feel they can get away with a call for the renewed obliteration of an entire species: their governor, “Butch” Otter, openly boasted he hoped to be the first to shoot a wolf when they lose federal protection.

Meanwhile, Wyoming's current state “game” management plan calls for wolves to be shot on sight anywhere outside Yellowstone National Park, supposedly to safeguard range cattle (who are actually 147 times more likely to fall prey to intestinal parasites than to wolves). **The removal of this tormented canid from the federal Endangered Species List in 2009 played right into the hands of anti-wolf fanatics and cleared the path for the bloodiest butchery of wolves in almost a century. Case in point: it took less than a week for hunters set up just outside the park to kill all of the adult wolves in Yellowstone's well-known and much-loved Cottonwood pack, leaving their pups to starve.**

Since wolves were reintroduced to the Northern Rockies, their population has fluctuated, reaching a high of about 1500 individuals in 2007. An impressive figure perhaps, unless you consider that 5,450 wolves were murdered in 1884 in Montana alone, after the first bounty was instated there. With a return of widespread wolf hunting, it could take just a few seasons for today's anti-wolf bigots to send this misunderstood embodiment of wilderness back to the brink of oblivion.

Please contact **Jim Robertson** at [wolfcrest@hotmail.com] and visit his website at:

<http://www.animalsinthewild.org>

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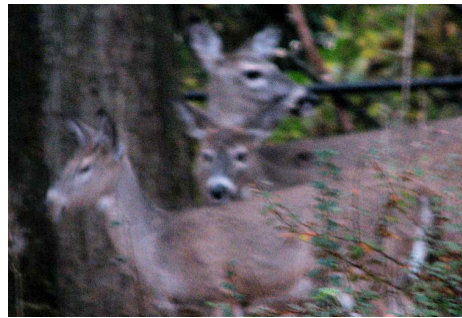
BY LAURIE CRAWFORD STONE

Grief and loss are cumulative. Year after year more beloved deer are killed by urban bow hunters. I moved to a wooded city property because I love watching wildlife. Over the years I have taken thousands of photos and have come to recognize many individual deer by their faces and sometimes an injured leg. Over the years, a particular doe, Sadie, has repeatedly adopted orphaned fawns. Two of the orphans would often stand together on the retaining wall waiting for food.

One of those orphans, Sweetie, now an adult, came to the wall in July 2009 with a metal ring caught on her foot. She had twins. She was skeletal. She came daily and she gained weight. She approached me. I sensed she wanted me to remove the ring. It weighed her foot down. She would turn her foot under for relief as she stood eating. I plotted with a friend how we might remove the ring. If we could cover her face, she would be less afraid.

One September morning after a torrential rain, Sweetie came into my yard with the metal ring gone! I could still see the indentation where the ring had been. She was still limping and holding her foot under. I fell to my knees in prayer and gratitude for this miracle. My joy was short-lived.

Sweetie was gone all winter. I assumed a hunter had killed her. She returned in July 2010 with another set of twins, her hock still indented from the ring. I was ecstatic to see her. The 2010 hunt started September 11th. September 24th I found a dead doe with an arrow in



Sweetie and her fawns

her face. I was horrified. I had to look, though, to see if she was Sadie or Sweetie. She was not. She was a nursing doe who had obviously suffered before dying from this non-vital shot.

I attended a hunter orientation class. Hunters are told to shoot the deer in the vital organs. This hunter's shot caused immeasurable suffering. He did not find the doe's body, despite the fact she climbed onto a brush pile in the adjacent yard to die. The neighbor was enraged. In Cedar Rapids, the hunter does not need adjacent property owner permission. Since fatally wounded deer can travel 250-300 yards, most wounded deer will enter adjacent property. Non-consenting adjacent property owners have no rights or recourse unless a hunter enters their property with a weapon.

October 17th Sweetie showed up with an arrow wound in her side. I was devastated and immobilized with grief. I knew the inevitable outcome. Three days later I found another dead doe who

had been shot through the face. This doe was found less than a block away from the first doe. The Hunt Manager came out to see her and asked if I could provide names of hunted properties. He said he'd try to identify the hunter. I have provided names and have had no response to emails. Wounded, un-retrieved deer are to be reported within 12 hours. None of these does were reported.

Sweetie returned October 24th at dusk with her fawns. She approached the wall and stood there until I came out. I think she was again asking for help. I will never know because she hasn't been back. Her fawns have been coming alone. Perhaps Sweetie was telling me good-bye and showing her fawns where they can be safe when she is gone. Knowing that she will suffer from this wound as the infection from the embedded, unsterilized arrow slowly kills her is almost more than I can bear.

Bow hunting has ripple effects. Fawns are orphaned. Does cannot protect their young. Cumulative grief and loss, for survivors – deer and human - is devastating. **Sadie is the only survivor from the original deer family. I pray daily that she will continue to live. I love her so.**

Laurie Crawford Stone is an attorney who lives in IA. She is a wildlife watcher and protector, wildlife photographer and writer.

NEW JERSEY BEAR HUNT IS ON

Under NJ Governor Chris Christie, bears will be hunted this year. Please visit the following sites to see how YOU CAN HELP:

Janine Motta of Animal Protection League of NJ (formerly NJARA)
www.aplnj.org

Janet Pizar of The Bear Group :
<http://www.savenjbears.com/home.html>

Angi Metler, State Director of the League of Humane Voters of NJ at
www.LOHVNJ.org

Please contact NJ Governor Chris Christie and urge him to stop this hunt from moving forward.

Governor Chris Christie
PO Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625
Phone: 609-292-6000
Fax: 609-292-3454
Webmail:
<http://www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/>
(pick Environment, then Fish and Wildlife)

Hunting Haiku
the seasons open
all the murderers
turned loose
death and maiming reign

By John Cannon

NO-HUNTING REFERENDA VICTORIES 2010

A Winning Formula

BY LANE FERRANTE

Last year, the typical “deer-over-population” dilemma came to Ottawa Hills, Ohio. The community was divided and the village council leaned towards lethal measures to address the perceived problem. They decided that the best course of action would be to hire sharp-shooters. A long-standing ordinance which prohibited lethal weapons from being discharged in the village was repealed so they could move forward and contract with a wildlife extermination company.

Rob Slater, an Ottawa Hills resident and member of the League of Humane Voters (LOHV-Ohio), immediately began organizing a referendum to repeal the ordinance.

A referendum is a proposal to repeal a law that was enacted by the legislature. For a referendum to get on the ballot in the upcoming election in the village of Ottawa Hills at least 10% of the number of voters in the most recent gubernatorial election had to sign a petition requesting that the referendum be placed on the ballot.

He developed a simple three-step strategy which has now become an established formula.

- 1) Write the referendum
- 2) Get the required number of signatures on petitions to get the referendum on the ballot
- 3) promote the referendum among the voters prior to the election

A team of attorneys quickly drafted the referendum language.

He set out to collect the requisite signatures:

He distributed lawn signs to homeowners favoring the referendum. The signs included the website www.villagedeer.com so that residents could learn about the petition online and get truthful and updated information on



the issue. The website enabled Rob to communicate with the residents and instruct them: Citizens were asked to go to a designated home to sign the petition.

Two other LOHV members and I drove into Ottawa Hills last fall and we were thrilled to see the bright orange signs all over the village.

The first weekend, I was at the home where the petition signatures were being collected, and was interviewed by TV media. I had been interviewed by the *Toledo Blade* the week before. The doorbell did not stop ringing!

Some people went door-to-door. It didn't take long at all before they gathered the required signatures. When they submitted the petition they had 500 more than needed! As a general rule-of-thumb, there should be at least 300 extra signatures since the Board of Elections will throw some out.

The referendum organizers in Ottawa Hills sent a letter to all residents explaining what a YES or NO vote meant on Issue 8. They issued a great press release and had very good media coverage before the vote. They

also had people put their signs back out, and gave them a sticker to add which said Issue 8 with a slash through it. The referendum language was written so that “No” vote was required to defeat the ordinances that had been passed.

Repeating Rob's Formula

When the Broadview Heights City Council passed an ordinance to allow bow hunting, **Susan Fowler** worked with the advice of the Ottawa Hills group and immediately began organizing a referendum! The Ottawa Hills webmaster helped put up the Broadview Heights website www.Broadview-Deer.com **and generally the same steps were taken as in Ottawa Hills.**

The required signatures for a referendum to be on a ballot in Broadview turned out to be the same as in Ottawa Hills; they also needed 10 percent of the electors from the previous gubernatorial election. We all hit the streets, gathering signatures and when the petition was submitted we had in excess of 500 signatures!

Broadview Hts. was not as lucky as

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Ottawa Hills in all respects. The media coverage was very slanted against us. Nevertheless their persistent, unwavering effort paid off.

The Results:

In Ottawa Hills there were 2300 voters: 1250 no votes; 1025 yes votes. Percentage wise it was 54% - 46%.

Happily, it was pretty much the same percent margin in Broadview Heights. Again, there was a 19% difference in our favor!

Eat your Wheaties, you'll need ener-

gy for this, but it's well worth it. Don't worry if you're asked to leave while getting your petition signatures. I was asked to leave the post office twice and the local grocery store parking lot. We just continued our efforts at other locations.

Lesson learned: If your state permits referenda or initiatives, then organizing to pass or repeal legislation to advance animal protection can be powerful tools.

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<http://lohv-ohio.org/>



For an understanding of the differences between referenda and ballot initiatives, please Google **IRI-Initiative & Referendum Institute** at the U. of Southern California.

HUNTERS AND GAME AGENCIES MAKE LIFE HELL FOR PROPERTY OWNERS!

BY KATHY ANDREWS

When people ask me what it's like to live in rural South Carolina, I tell them it's like living in Beirut. I wake up and go to sleep to the sounds of gunshots and hunting dogs.

I feed my animals after dawn, around

lunch time, and before sunset because that's the time when hunters are less likely to shoot their high powered weapons on my property. Some of my nearby neighbors leave home during hunting season just to get away from the reckless hunters who roam their land day and night with guns and dogs. The psychological stress of living with constant gunshots, the noise of dogs after prey, and men in trucks with confederate flags stuck to their windshield, is psychologically debilitating to say the least.

I moved to South Carolina during the sniper event in Washington, DC. **Trust me, I would rather deal with the DC sniper any day instead of the deep-seated hunting culture in South Carolina, which is filled with a lack of respect for people and animals, hatred, and bigotry. It is a culture where there is a sense of pride in killing animals and trespassing on another's land.** If the victim complains or calls authorities, the victim is considered unpatriotic, and in the case of women who complain, irrational. I've been told that city folk ought not to live in the country, although I was born and raised in the home I now live in, a home that has been in my family for over a century. It is a home I am now considering selling. A prominent physician and property owner sold his land after threats to

his family by hunters. He said it was the only way to get any peace. Though he sold, he is bitter that his dream of living in the country will never be a reality.

I am not alone in my plight to maintain my sanity and stay out of danger. Across the country, landowners, particularly women, are threatened by hunters and arrested if they complain or even go about their daily lives for fear of disturbing hunters. One landowner, Terri Mackenzie, was arrested for cutting firewood on her property. It disturbed a hunter and she was arrested for hunter harassment. Another landowner, Jan Haagensen, was arrested for asking hunters to leave the side of the road near her property for fear they would shoot and kill her beloved horses. I was arrested for taking a dog collar off of a hunting dog on my land to identify the hunter as I was told to do by the local Sheriff's Dept. The abuse at the hands of hunters is unending. As one psychologist told me, this is the type of psychological stress that often leads to suicide or homicide because you never know when it's coming, when it will stop, or how to prevent it. It is never-ending.

Even though hunters make up less than 5 percent of the population, they

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



Jan Haagensen, Terri MacKenzie, Kathy Andrews

Organized by **C.A.S.H.**, in July, three of the members of the Homeland Protection Group – a group of landowners seeking to overturn the hunter harassment statutes in all fifty states – gave a powerful presentation at **Animal Rights 2010** in Washington DC.

The presenters were **Jan Haagensen, Terri MacKenzie and Kathy Andrews** of the **Coalition to Annul the Hunter Harassment Law**. They gave a well-received and powerful presentation.

Videos of the presentations are at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2KCGgFC-Bg>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjhtthjChml&feature=related>
and
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fz7jIKW_dlw

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IT'S HUNTING SEASON - STAY ALIVE AND STAY SAFE!

BY JOE MIELE

When the hot, humid months of summer make way for the crisp, cool weather of autumn, many people head outdoors to enjoy activities such as camping, hiking, and wildlife watching. There is no better way to enjoy what nature can teach us than actually to get outside and explore.

Unfortunately, there are hunters with itchy trigger fingers who also will be outdoors with you, and because one mistake of theirs could end or devastate your life you must take precautions to ensure that you will not fall victim to some drunken or drug-crazed yahoo who is out getting their kicks from blasting away at helpless animals.

While it is incumbent upon the hunter to know where he is and to positively identify his target, we all know that this is not always the way it works. Too many innocent people are killed or injured every year because a hunter saw movement through the trees and decided to shoot. Because a bullet or arrow cannot be taken back once shot, it behooves us to do all we can to ensure our own safety and not leave our lives up to the split-second decisions made by Elmer Fudd.

Here are a few tips that can keep you safe from a hunter who might otherwise mistake you for a squirrel:

Know where you are. Before you go on your hike or camping trip, know where you are, where you will be

going, and where hunting is allowed. If you stay away from places that are heavily hunted (check with your state DNR to determine where these areas are) your chances of becoming the victim of a hunting accident are minimized. One other bit of advice: stay on designated trails and in designated camping areas. Sure, it's fun to go off exploring where no man has gone before, but wildlife do that, too. If you don't want to be mistaken for wildlife, don't do what they do.

Make noise as you walk. Talk with your friends while hiking. Since wildlife do not speak in human languages, it is unlikely that a hunter will shoot at you if he can hear you conversing with someone else.

Be active during the day and not so much at dawn and dusk. Though hunters are out in the daylight hours, dawn and dusk are when animals are more likely to be on the move and become vulnerable. Camp for the evening before the sun goes down and don't venture out until the sun is shining brightly in the sky.

Use your head when choosing what to wear. A white t-shirt worn during hunting season is a death wish, and don't flash white toilet paper, either (no, I'm not kidding). Anything that might look like a deer's tail is a no-no to wear when out in the woods. Wear some sort of reflective clothing, and some blaze orange if you have it.

Yeah, I know that beige coat and white mittens your significant other gave you for your birthday looks fabulous on you, but leave it at home this time. Sure, I can hear you now: "Joe, who are you to be telling me what to wear?" Fine, don't take my advice, but when you come home looking like a block of Swiss cheese don't come crying to me.

If hiking with a dog, do not allow him/her to run off-leash. Sure, Fido might want to run freely when he gets outside, but do you really want some drunken idiot putting an arrow through his lungs because he thought he was a deer? Put an orange vest on Fido and a bell on his collar. Doing this might save his life, and yours.

It's insane that we have to protect ourselves against becoming victims listed on the C.A.S.H. Hunting Accidents web page (found at <http://all-creatures.org/cash/accident-center.html>), but the truth is that we cannot be sure that the hunters lurking in the woods know what they are doing. In fact, given the statistics, we can be sure that many of them do *not!* Thankfully, it does not happen often that a hunter shoots a hiker or camper, but one can never be too careful. By following the tips mentioned above, we're doing our best at staying safe while enjoying the outdoors that we love so much.

WILL THE DNR PLEASE ADDRESS THE REAL DANGER?

In a letter to the editor, **Merle Wilson** of IA wrote the following:

DNR (Dept. of Natural Resources) Director, Rich Leopold, wants an alcohol ban at six state park beaches in the IA Great Lakes during the 4th of July celebration. His contention is alcohol, drugs, nudity, fights and littering is a dangerous situation. Park rangers want to bring in a 6-member state patrol tactical unit, more DNR officers from around the state and local sheriff deputies. I wonder where the DNR is going to get the money to

pay for these extra people since they claim they are always broke.

What I call a dangerous situation is approximately 140,000 deer hunters turned loose by the DNR every year, armed with shotguns, high-powered rifles and handguns with only 34 DNR enforcement officers for the entire state! There is plenty of alcohol and drug abuse during their hunting seasons. Some of these deer hunters, along with a very high percentage of people who refer to themselves as "coyote hunters," are breaking the

same laws each year as the partygoers at the beaches, yet the DNR chooses to ignore it. I wonder if that's because hunters fund the DNR and alcohol sales do not.

The DNR claims they have no money to maintain law enforcement and park personnel. This is ongoing. Yet, the first four months of this year, they have spent 2.2 million dollars to purchase more land that they cannot maintain. Are we being told the truth or just what they want us to hear?

WALMART'S BARBARIC "PEST CONTROL" METHODS

As Reported to C.A.S.H. by a former Walmart Pest Control Service

BY E.M. FAY.



With their enormously high ceilings and large, frequently-opening doors, supermarkets and "big box" stores are often accidentally entered by wild birds, who then become trapped inside. Naturally frightened by the multitude of people, the near-constant activity, and unnatural terrain, they instinctively hide or fly upwards where they can't be reached, and seldom make it back out through the doors unaided.

When we see a bird in a store, we may wonder how or if s/he ever gets out again. If a manager is asked if there is a method to release birds, they might say not to worry, that they will "take care of it."

We spoke with a gentleman who for eight years was employed by Wal-Mart as a certified pest control expert, and his experience with the corporate giant was quite distressing. Joe (last name withheld for legal reasons), a trained wildlife removal technician, said that Wal-Mart's policy towards "pest" animals grew progressively more inhumane over the years.

"They started out trying to do things the right way," Joe said, "but things changed. It's gotten worse over time."

Joe worked as a "wildlife vendor"

for Wal-Mart and Sam's Club from 1999 to 2007. His pest control company "harvested" (i. e., shot) birds and other wildlife that came into the stores. When hired for his first job he didn't realize the extent of the task. Since then, Wal-Mart has changed some removal policies and tried to keep them more secret, he stated.

In the early days, they tried using skylights to get the birds out. Joe himself took preventive measures to keep birds out, such as installing spikes on ledges near doors where pigeons might roost. Another technique was filling gaps in walls with foam. There weren't many specialists such as him in those days; he often travelled across country on assignment. But as time went on, more people got into the trade who were less qualified and not knowledgeable about humane methods. In order to save money, Wal-Mart began using these untrained persons and took more aggressive action.

"We used to inspect stores to see if there were any issues we could fix." Joe explained. "We reported building problems to corporate headquarters. We had ways that didn't require shooting or capturing the birds. But now they don't care how they do it. They push the vendors to get what they want as cheaply as possible. Recently, I found out from a Wal-Mart corporate employee that they are actually trying to find as many people as they can in all regions of the US to



"Help, I need protection!"

kill the birds."

Whereas experts such as himself sometimes cost Wal-Mart \$3000 for a bird removal operation, with uncertified workers, Joe told us, "Now, they can get it for maybe \$300, so lots of people are willing to do it." Wal-Mart often doesn't bother to check if the worker has a license or wildlife training. "They don't care. They just say, show us your insurance, so they are not liable," he added.

Joe explained that the reason Wal-Mart and other stores can dispose of birds so cruelly is that some common species – English sparrows, starlings, and pigeons – are not federally protected. No permit is needed to kill such non-native birds. This fact was confirmed by Mitch Hartley of the Northeast Regional office of the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Mockingbirds, for example, are supposed to be protected, but less fortunate species have no government protection. Native birds are protected to a degree, but even they may sometimes be lethally removed by permit. "There is a reporting structure," Hartley said. With permits, stores are allowed to kill a certain number if there is no "biological impact of mortality."

When a mockingbird was trapped in a Louisiana store, federal wildlife investigators questioned Joe. "We were there for sparrows," he explained. "A lady working in the bakery had been feeding the mockingbird. It was scared and went into hiding, and she thought we had shot it. I explained that we did not kill it. Even so, the store manager did not care that it was a federally protected bird."

Joe described "mist nets," which are very large, fine mesh. When used by a trained professional, they can

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capture birds carefully for release. However, Joe has known Wal-Mart to cut costs by having ordinary employees spread out the nets carelessly, and not bother to check them regularly to see if birds are caught in a way that might damage them.

Pellet rifles are also used currently. The staff is all cleared out and crews come in and shoot the birds, then remove the bodies. This is usually done without the knowledge of the general public, Joe stressed. Regarding blame for the birds' deaths, he said, "They pass the buck onto the company hired to get rid of them."

Joe said he found out that a Wal-Mart manager in Indiana asked his assistant to shoot some feral cats there. "The public found out about it. They both lost their jobs and Wal-Mart was fined."

This is the kind of outcome Joe hopes will occur more often if the public becomes educated about the inhumane treatment of animals due

to Wal-Mart's policy. "Whether it's birds, cats, insects, whatever, if you're not educated on the subject you won't do it right. There are humane ways to do anything. My biggest motive is to educate the public about this."

In fairness to Wal-Mart, we note that all food vendors get audited for food safety and pest control, and if a store doesn't pass inspection, management can lose their jobs and the company is penalized. That said, Joe pointed out, vis-à-vis animal removal, "They will do almost anything to save their jobs and keep the audits going smoothly. I have seen first-hand the efforts made by Wal-Mart on a corporate level and by the stores themselves to eliminate wildlife by whatever means necessary."

"Since the end of my time with Wal-Mart," Joe concluded, "I have found out that they have recruited more companies nationwide to eliminate this problem of the birds. I also know of new rules and regulations they have passed to keep their associates and the general public from knowing what's going on."

Some grocery stores discourage

nesting near their doors by placing plaster owls or other predatory bird images nearby. As Joe says, there are always more humane ways to tackle any problem. We at Wildlife Watch urge our readers to call and write to their local Wal-Mart and other stores, as well as corporate headquarters, and insist that they employ well-trained wildlife professionals who use only harmless methods of removing wildlife from their premises. Our wild birds deserve no less.



I don't like this one bit! Help!

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are a powerful force with money from license fees that support game agencies. They also have the support of the powerful National Rifle Association. First Amendment Rights, property rights and the rights of human beings to live in a peaceful and safe environment are put on the back burner.

Post-traumatic stress, the same stress that veterans experience when they return home, is a part of our lives. Unfortunately, non-hunters receive no publicity or attention from the medical profession about their plight. Veterans at least have the government's help and the sympathy of the public.

What is emotional and psychological trauma? The kind of trauma caused by hunters is the result of extraordinarily stressful events that shatter your sense of

security, making you feel helpless and vulnerable in a dangerous world filled with high-powered rifles and the relentless noise of hunting dogs. Hunters threaten the life and safety of citizens, leaving us feeling overwhelmed and alone. The more frightened and helpless we feel, the more traumatized we are. Hunting and trespassing on private property happens unexpectedly. We are unprepared for it. We feel powerless to prevent it, and it happens repeatedly. It is oftentimes intentional cruelty inflicted on those who complain. This happens repeatedly with no end or way to stop it since the authorities are not on our side. It is relentless stress, the same as living in a crime-ridden neighborhood in the inner city or struggling with cancer.

Those of us who deal with hunters on an ongoing basis, who have tried the court system (which is littered with Judges who are

hunters themselves, and/or are sympathetic to hunters), sometimes put up fences, get restraining orders, and try everything to stop this madness, but we are reaching the boiling point.

We need federal intervention to stop this unending cruelty towards private landowners, and some of us need medical help to contend with this until we can get legal relief.

Kathy Andrews owns 600 acres in rural South Carolina. Her story speaks for itself!

Another egregious attack on a single woman property owner by a game agency will be covered in the next issue of the C.A.S.H. COURIER. Stay tuned!

As always, we are grateful to **The Mary T. and Frank L. Hoffman Family Foundation** for hosting the C.A.S.H. website!

ASK UNCLE JOE



BY JOE MIELE

GOT A QUESTION FOR UNCLE JOE? YOU CAN E-MAIL IT TO AskUncleJoe@hotmail.com. WOULD YOU RATHER SNAIL MAIL YOUR QUESTION? SEND IT TO:

**ASK UNCLE JOE,
P.O. Box 13815, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO 88013**

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 Uncle Joe:

What is wrong with you? hunting is a sport no different or any more violent, then football , hockey, boxing, soccer and if done properly causes the animal little or no pain, and is really not as violent as most contact sports!!! don't you think hunting a far less violent pastime, then sitting home watching the violence in modern day cartoons and video games, talk about violence!!

Larry

Glenville, MN

Dear Larry:

The last time I checked, more people were killed while hunting than in the sports you mentioned. Also, hunting is the only sport where people who are not participating in any way end up being killed because of it. Has anyone ever been killed because a boxing match was taking place adjacent to their property? I don't think so.

Oh yes, the "cartoons and video games are violent" argument. I almost forgot about that one. Um. No, they are not. Cartoons are drawings, and drawings cannot be violent. Video games are images on a TV or computer screen, and they are not violent either. Violence is taking a REAL gun or a REAL bow or a REAL fishing rod and killing REAL animals.

Peace,

Uncle Joe

YOU IDIOT!! WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE POSTING ABOUT THE MAN WHO WAS BURN IN A MARSH FIRE IF YOU KNEW ANYTHING HE DIDN'T CATCH ALLIGATORS FOR SPORT HE CAUGHT THEM TO PREVENT CHILDREN FROM BEING KILLED BY THEM EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN LOVED THAT MAN FOR WHAT HE DID TO PREVENT THE DEATH OF PEOPLE

Alena,

Goodland, FL

Dear Alena:

Gee, did you get this upset with CNN when they posted the story? No? Then why complain when we do it? Since I had no idea how many children in Florida are being killed by alligators, I pulled up the following statistic (and no, I don't feel like looking for something more current) 16 people have died from alligator attacks in Florida between 1948 and May, 2006. Since that's roughly about one person every four years, should we be killing all alligators or being more careful? It's never a good idea to leave children unattended.

Peace,

Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe:

I am about to become a member after watching a video on the murder of wildlife by, I am ashamed to say, humans. Can we really stop this carnage? How can I help?

Gina,

Albuquerque, NM

Hello Gina:

Like you, I was moved to action after seeing video of what humans do to animals in the name of profit and sport. That was nearly 20 years ago. Since then, I've come to believe that we are in the last few decades of organized sport hunting because state and federal hunting agencies (such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the state Departments of Natural Resources) are alarmed by the number of hunters who die or otherwise drop out of the sport every year.

How can we be sure that the trend away from violent forms of recreation continues? We can post our property and continue to deny hunters, trappers and anglers access. If we see trespassers we should report them to the police and the local conservation law enforcement agency ASAP.

We can use humane methods of reducing unwanted interaction with wildlife through the use of humane repellents, physical exclusion barriers, strategic property modification, and where appropriate (and legal) humane trapping and relocation.

We can speak out to those who still believe that hunting benefits wildlife in some way, and we can continue to expose the lie that hunting reduces wildlife populations.

We can write letters to newspapers and magazines whenever you see "fluff pieces" on hunting, fishing and trapping.

We can speak with local, state and federal lawmakers about the need for legislation to protect wildlife and property owners from hunters.

We can learn which organizations do not oppose hunting (Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, World Wildlife Fund to name a few) and support only those that clearly state their opposition to hunting in any form, such as C.A.S.H.

We can run for local office and directly have a say in the way wildlife is treated in our community.

There are many things we can do, so let's get to it!

Peace,

Uncle Joe

PETER'S HUMOR?

C.A.S.H. apologizes if you are not amused

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

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A woman was married to an annoying hunter named Steve. He would brag about his hunting constantly. One day he went to their creek to water his mule. He bragged so much that the mule got annoyed and kicked him to death.

At the funeral, when his fellow hunters walked by the wife and asked her something she nodded her head "yes." When the hunters' wives walked by and asked her something she shook her head "no."

The undertaker became curious and asked "Why are you nodding your head "yes" for hunters and shaking your head "no" for their wives?"

She explained, "The men asked me if they can have Steve's guns and ammo.

Their wives were asking me if the mule is for sale."

Why did Arkansas have to introduce a special divorce law for hunters?

They wanted to establish it legally that when a hunter and his wife divorce they are still brother and sister notwithstanding their divorce

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Q- If a hunter and trapper were both drowning and you could save only one of them, would you go to lunch or file a dangerous condition report with the Army Corps of Engineers?

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There was an old hunter from Dallas Who was always boorish and callous

He went out to kill game

But so poor was his aim

That he shot off his dysfunctional (guess)



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