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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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LEGAL WILDLIFE ABUSE: THE VICTIMS OF "ARCHERY"

BY LAURIE CRAWFORD STONE

Meaningless proficiency testing, lax rules and hunt secrecy mean suffering for deer and those who love them. Bow hunters have to pass a proficiency test to participate in urban bow hunting programs. The Cedar Rapids, Iowa, test is easier than most, with unlimited attempts permitted. Most cities permit one or two attempts per year. Many cities use a life-size 3D deer target and require 5-10 shots at both 15 and 20 yards. Generally, placing 80% of shots in the "vital area" of the 3D target will "pass" a hunter. The vital area is a six-inch area including the heart and lungs of a deer. Vital area shots generally kill a deer within minutes. Since most shots are taken at 20-25 yards, testing at those distances would be more meaningful. Additionally, in actual hunt conditions, the hunter is required to shoot from an elevated stand. Live deer are usually walking and react to hunter smell and sounds. There is a phenomenon called "jumping the string". A deer, upon hearing the bow string as the arrow is released, jumps in response. All of these factors, plus the downward curved trajectory of an airborne arrow, affect accuracy. Proficiency tests take none of these factors into consideration.

Cedar Rapids uses a six-inch pie target. A hunter placing 5 arrows within the 6 inch pie can hunt. Where s/he will shoot an actual deer is inde-

terminable. The deer's head can be a 6" target for a careless or non-proficient hunter. Countless deer are maimed each year. Many are never found by the hunter. Deer with super-



Laurie holding antlers from faceshot buck. There is a photo of Buddy behind her, the buck who gave her the gift of his shed antlers after he was wounded. See the C.A.S.H. Courier for Buddy's story.

cial wounds may survive but most wounded deer eventually bleed to death, suffocate or die a slow agonizing death, suffering for weeks or months (one buck suffered for almost a year) from infection caused by the unsterilized arrows used by all hunters. Using unsterilized arrows is evidence of hunters' complete disregard and disrespect for deer.

Hunt secrecy and lax hunt rules mean there are no consequences for bad shots or not tracking a wounded deer. **Hunt rules require that the**

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of C.A.S.H, Every so often I'll hear from someone who wishes my approach were softer. "Joe, you tell only one side of the story. Since not everything state fish and game agencies do is harmful, why don't you tell us about the good things they do?"

Well, let's put their good deeds into perspective. For every "good" thing a wildlife agency does, you will find a thousand animals who are hunted, trapped, wounded and killed because of the efforts of these same agencies. And make no mistake, even the efforts that benefit wildlife in the short term (like restoring sections of wetlands or protecting the nests of endangered birds) are undertaken to pave the way for hunting those areas, and in certain cases, such as "game species" restorations, for hunting those species in the future. We must never forget that everything a game agency does is something that will benefit the hunting industry in the long run.

With warm weather upon us, and most hunting out of season, fish and game biologists are meeting with game managers to refine hunting seasons and bag limits to ensure that wildlife is hunted in perpetuity. Simultaneously, their PR departments will send out press releases of the latest baby duck rescue or the orphaned bear cub who was returned to the woods, while conveniently neglecting to inform the media that it was a hunter who orphaned these animals and made their rescue necessary.

Wildlife agencies ignore the financial needs of state-licensed wildlife rehabilitators by giving them no funding at all, despite the fact that

rehabbers care for countless animals who are victims of the state's hunting programs. Giving these tireless rescuers even a stipend would leave less money available to promote their wildlife killing programs.

Here are some recent actions that benefit state and federal wildlife agencies:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service moved to delist the gray wolf in Idaho and Montana, eastern Washington, eastern Oregon and northern Utah, leaving the states to develop their own "management" plans for the canines.

Legislation was recently signed in New York lowering the minimum age for archery hunting from 14 to 12. With this, New York joins the list of states that allow children too young to operate a motorized scooter to kill large animals like bear and deer with bows and arrows.

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries accepted a \$75,000 payment from a national pro-hunting foundation to expand hunting opportunities in the state.

Iowa has legalized dove hunting

It is because we know how wildlife agencies work that we refuse to highlight their positive work. It is because of the premeditated habitat destruction, the harassment of private citizens, and the systematic destruction of wildlife that we'll stick to telling one side of the story – the truth – even if it is not the most positive thing you'll ever hear. I do not apologize for having little or nothing at all positive to say about the wildlife serial killers who hide behind the badge of government.

C.A.S.H. will be hitting the streets this summer to let people know that we're standing up for wildlife and countering the pro-hunting propaganda that is given far too much credibility. If you're looking for some fun in the sun please visit CASH at the Southern New Mexico Pride Festival on June 18 at Pioneer Women's Park in Las Cruces, NM - <http://www.southernnmpride.org/>.

Not wanting to travel to the desert southwest during the hottest part of the year? Then see C.A.S.H. in Los Angeles at the Animal Rights 2011 conference at the Westin LAX Hotel, from July 21-25th <http://arconference.org/>. Attend C.A.S.H.'s presentation on wildlife exploited for sport and bring your questions to "Uncle Joe." If you're lucky (or dopey) your question may be featured in the next issue of the *Courier*.

Please support C.A.S.H. so that we can continue to raise awareness and effect positive change for the environment and the animals who call it home.

Peace,



Joe Miele, President



CONFERENCES ON THE HORIZON



ANTI-FUR SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Anne Muller will be speaking in June at the **Anti Fur Society Conference**. For more info about the conference, go to: <http://www.antifursociety.org/>

Peter Muller and **Joe Miele** will be speaking in July at the **ANIMAL RIGHTS 2011 Conference** in Los Angeles, CA <http://www.arconference.org/>



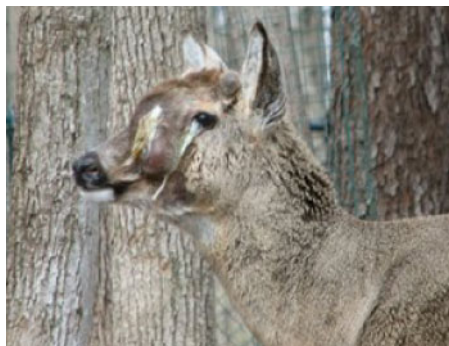
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hunter report wounded, un-retrieved deer in 12 hours. In six years, only two hunters have complied. The purpose is to dispatch trackers to find the wounded deer to minimize citizen encounters with wounded deer. I assume trackers would euthanize a deer who is still suffering. I have found many deer – dead and alive- whom hunters have wounded and not tracked. Perhaps they are embarrassed to take a body in that condition to the hunter check-in. **One hunter shot a deer six times before she finally fell.**

Since no one but the hunter and property owner know where a particular hunter is hunting, there is no ability to investigate complaints and no hunter accountability for bad shots, un-retrieved deer and other violations. Secrecy benefits only the hunter and rewards disrespect and disregard for deer.

A face shot is nowhere near the vital area, lungs and heart. I found 2 dead does shot in the face this year. Another doe, face shot after the season ended, is still walking and a buck, in terrible



condition, is still alive. In fact, the photo of him was taken just a few minutes ago and he is still in my yard. He was shot in the spine and face. His face is becoming more swollen. Pus is pouring from his facial wound and eye. He walks slowly and has trouble chewing. I first saw his wounds on December 26th. I have never seen a deer with swelling from an arrow wound survive. He has suffered for four months because of this horrible shot. Without an urban bow hunt, this buck would be enjoying spring instead of suffering every minute of every day.

Constantly seeing wounded and dead deer is taking a personal toll. The cumulative grief and loss are becoming unbearable. I have been unable to recover this year from the losses. The ongoing suffering of this face-shot buck and face-shot doe are contributing. The end of the hunt does not mean the end of suffering. My suffering is nothing compared to the needless suffering of the beloved deer who are dying because of unfounded, mis-directed hatred and a profound, deep seated disrespect for their lives by the deer haters and hunters.

Like all maimed deer, a face-shot deer does not die immediately and experiences pain as s/he slowly dies over hours, weeks or months from bleeding or infection from the arrow. Razor sharp arrows remain embedded in the deer and cause infection and severe pain when the deer moves. A deer will usually break off the protruding shaft but the arrow remains inside. The wound may seep or you may see swelling. Occasionally an arrow will pass through a deer and cause only superficial damage. Most often, it will damage organs or tissue and lead to death.

The 2010 hunt ran from September 11th to September 23rd. I was shocked to see a dead doe with an arrow in her face. I was not emotionally prepared to see if she was a doe I knew (Sadie or Sweetie). I looked the next morning. I did not know her. She had been dead a week or more. There was a large amount of blood pooled in her face. I called the press. They ran a story. The DNR, typically, claimed the doe was shot in the county, rather than by an urban hunter. Later, the hunt manager investigated and found she had indeed been shot in the city by an urban hunter. The 18 year old hunter had not located her body even though she had crawled onto a brush pile to die, next door to the property where he

shot her. Nor did he report her as un-retrieved within 12 hours as required by hunt rules. He was subsequently disqualified for another incident where he trespassed with a weapon and shot a doe and button buck.

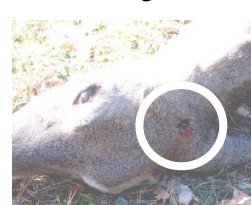
October 17th, Sweetie, about whom I wrote in a past article, walked haltingly into my yard with an arrow



Sweetie

wound near her vital area. Blood was dripping from her wound. I stopped breathing. I could barely move but knew I needed to take a photo. Photos are proof of hunt horrors and deer suffering. Sweetie was an orphan fawn years earlier. **She returned in July 2009 with a metal ring stuck above her hoof which subsequently came off and now she was going to needlessly suffer and die. Still today this pain is unbearable as I write about her.** I hoped against hope she could survive but knew in my soul she would not. As usual, no hunter had reported an un-retrieved doe in my area.

October 20th there was a dead doe, shot through her forehead, at the



entrance to my private cul de sac. You can see the triangular arrow wound in the photo. I

looked to see if she was Sweetie or Sadie. She was not. I called the hunt manager. I wanted him to see her wounds before her body was removed and incorrectly reported as a deer/vehicle accident. He came out and together we found the arrow exit wound.

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ALMOST BAMBI

BY ANNE MULLER



At the start of hunting season in the southern region of NYS, a story broke in Rockland County that made national news, thanks to the efforts of **Lynn Westbrook**. The story was about a mother deer with her fawn. The doe had been speared in the neck by a bow hunter. The deer and her fawn pulled at the heartstrings of the neighborhood. It was actually **George Nagle** who has had his fingers on the pulse of wildlife mismanagement for many years who contacted C.A.S.H. to see if we could find the woman who broke the story and to ensure that no further harm came to this particular deer. As most of our readers know, the game agency would have loved more than anything to see this deer dead rather than evoking sympathy and more anti-hunting sentiment.

After several days, I was able to track down Lynn. Our e-mail exchange and phone conversations were fast and furious. How do we help this single deer who became Lynn's friend, the neighborhood's friend and even Lynn's cat's friend? How could we help this deer with an arrow near her face?

Lynn, we discovered, was someone used to pulling strings to get what was needed. I think many of us assume that we can use social skills to stop hunting. We see it as an isolated event, as something that can easily be overcome. We don't realize the millions of little fibers that form the muscle of the mighty arms of govern-

ment agencies to keep this nightmare for wild animals alive and well.

We informed Lynn that a Rockland County, NY Legislator was trying to pass a law allowing bow-hunting on County land. He had brought in speakers from Westchester County who said that studies had been done which determined that it was an effective means of keeping the "exploding" population of deer down. This legislator packed the room with the usual arrogant, loud hunters who were chomping at the bit for local hunting opportunity. [C.A.S.H. was there and presented the case against bow hunting in a powerful PowerPoint presentation by Peter Muller.]

Lynn was shocked and disgusted to learn who was behind this push, as she



had known this legislator in another capacity.

After Almost Bambi succumbed to the raging infection, Lynn wrote the following to him:

Is it true that you are in favor of expanding bow hunting to county property in Rockland County? Please rethink your position and look at the attachments. This is Almost Bambi, and she died on Saturday. Her yearling is still nudging her to get up. There will be a lot more Almost Bambis with the NYS law allowing 12 year olds to bow hunt. We don't need them in Rockland.

Lynn also wrote to the United Water CEO, telling him that unskilled hunters were hunting on their property in Rockland, and she sent a photo of Almost Bambi to illustrate her point. She asked that they post their property.

[C.A.S.H. has in the past created "No Hunting" posters for some of the larger companies that had huntable land in Rockland and posted for them with permission.]

Simultaneously with the Rockland County push to open county land to bow hunting, we informed Lynn that the NYS Legislature was contemplating lowering the bow-hunting age to 12 from 14 in NYS. Once again, Lynn pulled out all the stops and wrote letters and e-mail to counter bow hunting in her county. These beautiful animals whose lives were God-given are deserving of reverence. How could they be treated as if they were inanimate objects?

Lynn called upon all of her friends in high places to also contact their county and state legislators and Governor Cuomo asking that they not pass this hideous bill.

Almost Bambi survived six months with her injury. **Her name is Bambi Deer on Facebook.** Lynn watched Almost Bambi gradually weaken over the months. Then the other side of her face began to swell.

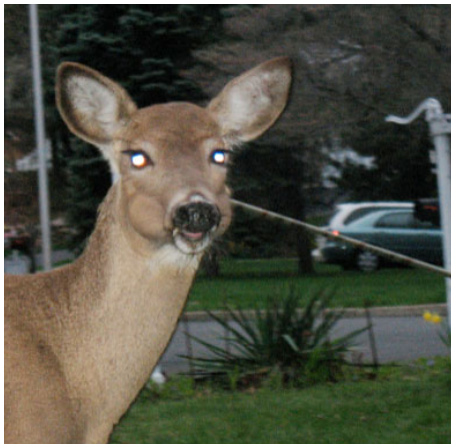
Lynn saw the infection progressing daily. Plans were put into place over a period of weeks to tranquilize Almost Bambi and remove the arrow. C.A.S.H. looked into the possibility of delivering antibiotics, but we were told that antibiotics in food would kill the flora in her stomach and she would die of starvation due to an inability to digest her food. Antibiotics had to go directly into her bloodstream.

Tranquilizing Almost Bambi had to be done very carefully as there would not be a second chance if the dart missed. We had to know when Almost Bambi would be there and her hours were becoming more erratic.

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Finally the day was set, the time was set, it was a race against time for the quickly deteriorating precious girl who stood tall and proud with this terrible instrument of torture in her neck by her face. Every movement must have been excruciating.

She wasn't eating much, she wasn't coming regularly to visit, and a neighbor reported seeing her on her side with her fawn nudging her to get up.

Then, there she was - Lynn wrote:

*"She came last night I took a video. She was here for more than an hour and half. She ate cracked corn, bread and apples. I talked to her and she let me pet her for the first time. She had blood and saliva hanging out of her nose and mouth. The vet said that was good because the infection was draining. The vet was coming this week to help her. Lynn wrote: *This morning my neighbor came over and said Almost Bambi was running in circles and dropped to the ground. They wanted to call the police to shoot her because she was suffering. I held them off and called the vet but I got voice mail. I went to my neighbor's deck and she was on her side. My neighbor went over and said she had passed. Her yearling was wandering around the yard. I can't take a photo and I can't stop crying. My neighbor put a tarp over her and said the town is picking her up on Monday. [They would toss her body into a compost heap.] Little Black Cat has her nose pressed against**

the window waiting for her. They touched noses every night. My heart is broken."

Please see more of precious Almost Bambi on Facebook: Search Bambi Deer to be her friend. Also see her on Youtube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=050KHYSQ780>

On Monday, 5/16, Lynn wrote to some people in high places: *Please call 518 474 8390 today and ask the governor to veto S177. This is the bill allowing 12 year olds to bow hunt. It takes a second and you only have to give your zip. I'm doing it to honor Almost Bambi's memory.*

Lynn

On Thursday, 5/19 Wildlife Watch wrote: SAD DAY - THE GOV SIGNED THE BILL INTO LAW - 12 YEAR OLDS CAN BOW AND ARROW HUNT IN NYS!

Anne Muller is editor of the C.A.S.H. COURIER and a VP of C.A.S.H.

DON'T WANT LEPROSY? DON'T HUNT OR EAT AN ARMADILLO

Seemingly out of the blue, CASH has been fielding inquiries about the likelihood of contracting leprosy from handling or being in close proximity to an armadillo. You heard right - I did a little research into it and decided to share what I gleaned with readers of the Courier.



Researchers were able to confirm that about a third of confirmed U.S. leprosy cases each year are concentrated in Louisiana and Texas, and most of those result from contact associated with hunting, skinning or eating armadillos. Doctor Anthony Fauci from the National Institutes of Health believes that when it comes to contracting leprosy, hunters are taking unnecessary risks. "It

doesn't mean people need to run away from armadillos," said Dr. Fauci. "You shoot an armadillo and try to skin it — that's the worst thing you could do."

Unless you're an armadillo hunter you don't have much to worry about.

Richard Truman, Ph.D., the chief of microbiological research at the National Hansen's Disease Program, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana says that "Leprosy is a rare disease and will remain a rare disease" because approximately 95% of people are naturally immune and sufferers are no longer infectious after as little as 2 weeks of treatment with antibiotics, though it takes a one- to two-year regimen with three different drugs to completely cure the disease.

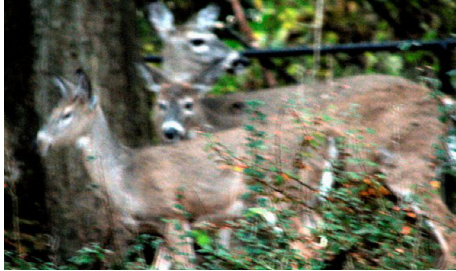
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No hunter reported this unretrieved doe.

October 24th was the last time I saw my beloved Sweetie. She came to my yard at dusk with her two fawns. She turned her other side to me and I could see a second wound there. I went out-

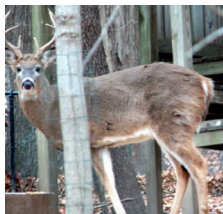


Sweetie with fawns

side. She came closer and watched me with her gentle, loving eyes. I told her I was sorry someone hurt her and for her suffering. She stood and looked at me. I know she was telling me good bye and asking me to watch over her fawns in the same way I had watched over her and another orphaned fawn she befriended years before. I never saw her again.

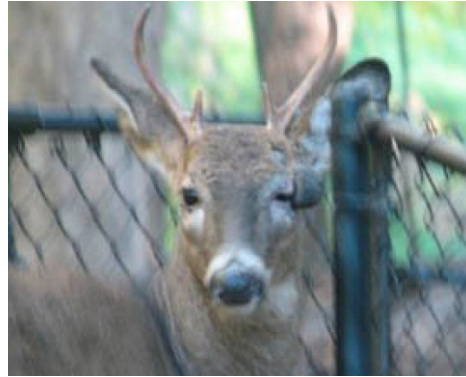
All of these injuries were getting to be overwhelming. I was experiencing loss after loss, with no relief for the deer or me.

A rump-shot 8-point buck came here on 12/1/10. This was not a vital area wound. I have not seen him since December 3rd.



Christmas Eve, after a snowfall, I climbed my hill and saw a mound of snow. In shock, I realized the mound was a deer. I started shaking uncontrollably. Not another dead deer. I ran for the safety of my house. I stood at the window, looking outside, wondering who I could call to walk out with me and examine her body for wounds from an arrow or car. I hated to impose on anyone on Christmas Eve. Eventually, I gathered my strength and went back outside and uncovered the body of a yearling doe. I looked her over thoroughly, turning her over. I saw neither a vehicle nor arrow wound. What killed her?

December 26th was the first time I saw the face-shot buck. He is a familiar buck. Noted for his large build, he always walked with distinct, deliberate steps. He now falters at times. He came into my yard at dusk with a spine shot and pus oozing from a facial arrow



wound and his eye. He had shed his antlers. Early shedding (before to mid January) is a sign of weakness. Bucks shed this non-essential body part to conserve strength. Early shedding also makes them more vulnerable. He drank from the heated bird bath. The next day I put out a heated water bowl to provide a larger volume of water for him. He came regularly to drink. His face continued to ooze pus. When a friend delivered straw for yet another wounded yearling on January 11th (1/11/11), I found the buck's shed antlers together by a tree as I walked with her in my yard. I now have 2 sets of antlers. His and Buddy's (Buddy's story was published last summer). Until today, Easter, April 24th, the last time I had seen the face shot buck was March 7, 2011. The same day my beloved cat Frankie died. Until today, I was certain the buck had already died from the arrow wound.

On January 15th I went into my yard and was horrified to find 2 pools of blood and a blood trail. I followed the blood trail through six properties, ranging in size from 1-5 acres and could find no tree stand. The trail either



started or ended in my yard. My fenced yard is near a nature trail. This would not be the first time a hunter shot a deer in my yard from the trail. Hunting is required to be from stands, but without any supervision or enforcement, rules are disregarded without recourse.

The hunt ended January 30th. The end of the hunt does not mean the end of shooting deer. A doe showed up in April with a new face wound.

The only face-shot deer I saw before this year's hunt was a buck on 10/24/09. The arrow entered above his left eye and is embedded behind it, causing infection.

I have not seen him again.

Bow hunting horrors have continued for six years. The number of incidents, un-retrieved deer and non vital area wounds are increasing. Face shots are becoming more common. The meaningless proficiency test, lax rules and hunt secrecy continue to cause untold suffering and unconscionable acts of cruelty. **I have seen more suffering in the past six years of urban bow hunting than in the prior 50+ years of my life. Suffering of deer does not end when the hunt ends. Hunting continues and deer wounded during and after the hunt continue to suffer and die. The hunt has stolen countless deer lives, caused immeasurable suffering and changed many lives forever.** Killing is not an acceptable solution to deer/human conflict. Public education and accident prevention measures are effective and don't cause suffering.

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

WITNESS TO THE PERSECUTION

BY CAROLYN ALBRIGHT

I live on a large property bordering the Sawkill River in Woodstock, NY, which is clearly and densely marked with "NO TRESPASSING or HUNTING" signs. Unfortunately, the signs have not deterred poachers; despite my many calls to the police, no one has ever been arrested. This afternoon I paused while I was bringing in wood to watch a group of deer cross my driveway. To my horror, one lively young deer had an arrow sticking straight out of one of his haunches. I ran back to the house and called all the phone numbers that I had, but only Wildlife Watch answered and referred me to several people who work with deer.

I also called the NYS Department of Conservation (DEC) where a law enforcement officer told me it was "a hard time economically for many people so they are poaching for food." **It seemed to me that he was siding with the poachers and unwilling to enforce the laws. He, just as the local police, advised shooting the deer, which is unacceptable.** The wildlife rehabilitators who returned my calls gave me varied advice. One suggested that I gain the deer's trust and try to pull the arrow out, or at least cut it so that the stem didn't move around and cause more pain. A vet advised pulling it out as well, assur-

ing me that the tissue torn by the barbed or serrated arrow head would heal. Others disagreed with this, saying that the damage done by the barbs would cause infection and horrible suffering. Because I have not been able to get close to the deer, the advice I have had to take was to leave the deer alone. Hopefully, the shaft will break off at some point and the arrow head will be surrounded by scar tissue. No one was willing to tranquilize this beautiful creature to cut the arrow out. That was the solution that I was hoping for.

The sixth of December is the anniversary of my Mother's death and for me a sad and depressing day. I thought making a good dinner and watching the "Nutcracker" on TV would be a good way to boost my feelings. Just as I was ready to sit down and enjoy the program, a gun went off in my field. I jumped up and ran to the door to look for my cat. The heavy inside door slammed on my left hand smashing it above the knuckles. I was so concerned about my cat and the deer that I ignored it and ran into the snow-covered garden. I got to the field, and shouted at the hunters to leave. When I got back to the house, my hand was swollen and throbbing. I am left-handed and a painter and could not work or write for over a week, and will appar-

ently have trouble with my left hand for the rest of my life. Yet my pain can not be compared to that of the deer.

There were other accidents caused in my house by being startled by gunfire.

It has been nearly a week since I saw the injured deer. **I have seen him twice over the past six days and the arrow has begun to droop, as has this once frisky animal. I know that he is suffering.**

I was once speared in the thigh by a barbed spear while surfing in Hawaii, so I can identify with this deer's pain. The protrusion gives you a deep, heavy pain every time you move or it hits a bone or nerve. I, however, was luckier than the deer. I went to a hospital where the doctor cut it out of me and gave me a tetanus booster to prevent infection.

This deer is undoubtedly suffering more agony with every day that passes. **This legal abomination must stop! Hunting is unnecessary in this day and age, and poaching is illegal but unenforced. Something must be done to bring relief to the animals and homeowners who are constantly threatened by armed men who are legally allowed to inflict such cruelty on our wild animals.**

Carolyn Albright is an artist who lives in Woodstock, NY.

CALLS FOR HELP COME IN TO WILDLIFE WATCH

www.wildwatch.org

Wildlife Watch fields hundreds of calls, and occasionally someone sends us e-mail and photos such as those below. What sad photographs come our way! Our purpose in sharing these is to awaken an awareness of the individual suffering of wild animals.

Imagine a wildlife agency whose mission it is to actually HELP wildlife in trouble. We hope for the day when injuries such as this one will be treated by government agencies at wildlife hospitals. That is what wildlife man-

agement *should* be.

*Hello Anne,
I hope all is well with you. I am happy to report that my precious injured doe (A.K.A Mamma Alli) is holding her own. I am keeping an eye on her and she doesn't seem to be getting any worse . Thank God. She is now traveling with the rest of the herd sometimes and I have even seen her rear up and stick up for herself ! I don't think she will ever regain use of her*



injured foot but she appears to be adjusting very well. I'm very happy to report! I am sending you a couple pictures of her as I promised.

*Take care, Anne, and thank you again for all of your help. Keep up the good work. All the precious creatures appreciate it and so do people like me.
Best regards, Susie F.*

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HOPE RYDEN REMEMBERS CEANN LAMBERT

I heard about CeAnn long before I met her in person. One of her admirers wrote to me after reading my then newly published book on coyotes (God's Dog) and suggested that she and I should get to know one another.

That was 35 years ago and I am grateful for his suggestion, which resulted in such a long and beautiful friendship. For many of those years we were only pen and phone pals, supporting one another's efforts on behalf of the much maligned and misunderstood animal that we both loved and admired.

But in later years I made it my goal to meet her in person and I drove to Indiana to see her. And what a joy it was.

CeAnn's energy and dedication to the coyote was unlimited, and her on-site animals provided her with insights



unmatched by anybody I know. And how she loved and understood each coyote that was delivered to her care. Each of these un-releasable animals was respected and treated by her as the individual being that each was born to be and its individual needs were met to the best of her ability to do so.

Since they were doomed to remain captives, she had to devise the best way to create happy environments for them and this she understood required that she pair them up—— find an appropriate mate for each of the animals that was brought to her.

Of course it was required by the state that they all be altered so as not to produce more captive coyotes, but CeAnn knew that wouldn't stop them from bonding to a mate. She knew that this animal bonds with its mate for life and that the short annual mating season is not the reason for their loyalty to each other.

And so she paired them up in separate pens, and as the years passed she enjoyed seeing how they cared for their mates and howled together and groomed one another, and thrived on the road-killed deer carcasses that she found and dragged to their pens — a natural food that provided them with their needs. And CeAnn mourned that

she could not do the one thing they needed. She could not grant them freedom.

And more coyotes were brought to her and she took them all in and more pens were built.

And still she had time and energy to work for the wild coyotes that were living free – to battle for them at state hearings and to fight against the dreadful sport of placing them in pens for the purpose of training dogs how to kill them. And it was while she battled the forces that were intent on making this "coyote penning" a sport that she became ill. Yet no one suspected that CeAnn, while giving her all to this cause, was battling cancer.

Her death came quickly and shocked the many, many people who loved her.

I cannot find words to say how much I miss her. She had such empathy. She was selfless in her caring, and she was fun and joyous. CeAnn was the best person I ever knew.

Hope Ryden is a well-known naturalist and author of 23 books. Her behavioral findings have been published in National Geographic, Smithsonian, and Audubon magazine, and her books have been translated into German, Swedish, Finnish, Norwegian, Dutch, Spanish, Italian and Russian. She is the author of **God's Dog: A Celebration of the North American Coyote**. Please see the C.A.S.H. catalog to order a copy of God's Dog.

HOLLY HADAC, THE NEW PRESIDENT OF ICRC, WROTE:

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you of CeAnn Lambert's passing.

I have been Indiana Coyote Rescue Center's Vice President and Educational Director for two years and have now stepped up to the position of President. I promised CeAnn and her family that the Board of Directors would do whatever we could to contin-

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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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ue her vision for ICRC. We have inherited a legacy whose mission is vital.

The Board of Directors has discussed many ideas for carrying out ICRC's mission, including becoming licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture. USDA had inspected the property and told CeAnn what needed to be done to meet their requirements. It's humbling knowing she trusts us to do just that, and knew her coyotes and foxes would be cared for.

CeAnn lost her battle with cancer but never lost her will to care for her

beloved animals. As the director of Indiana Coyote Rescue Center Inc., a non-profit agency to care for injured or orphaned animals unable to survive in the wild, she showed great love for a much-maligned and undeservedly reviled creature. Her kindness to coyotes and her battle to help them gives us deep insight into CeAnn's caring heart for any of God's creatures. She carefully arranged for the continuance of the animals' care through legal preparation and the selection of loving, caring people to continue her work.

Early in life, CeAnn worked as a

caregiver for children and the elderly before devoting her life to the care of animals.

She was involved with the introduction of two wolves into the wild for repopulating in the state of Washington, and was thrilled, upon returning the next year, that they came back at hearing her call.



Holly Hadoc is a wildlife rehabilitator and new president of the Indiana Coyote Rescue Center.

CeAnn spent her final days fighting to BAN WILDLIFE PENNING IN INDIANA

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has decided to waive state permit requirements for a Greene County "penning" facility. In penning operations, wild foxes and coyotes are trapped so that packs of hunting dogs can be set loose upon them. The captive wildlife, unable to escape the caged enclosures, frequently suffers horrific deaths while being ripped to shreds during these "field trials."

After activists complained that Linton, Indiana's WCI Foxhound Training Preserve lacks a permit to "possess"—i.e., physically contain—wildlife outside of hunting season, as mandated by state law, the DNR asserted that the coyotes and foxes trapped in these cage enclosures are not technically "possessed" by the facility because there are small, unintentional perforations in their poorly-maintained wire fences. A lawsuit filed against the DNR and its director Robert Carter Jr., alleges that, if the Department's grievous misinterpretation of the law were allowed to stand, anyone in the state of Indiana could skirt the wildlife possession permit requirement simply by failing to maintain the fencing within which they have enclosed an animal.

UNCLE JOE ASKS:

Please send a letter to Robert Carter Jr., Director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and respectfully demand that the DNR move to ban wildlife penning operations on the grounds that they are excessively cruel operations that serve no ethical conservation purpose.

SAMPLE LETTER:

Robert Carter Jr., DNR Director
402 W. Washington St. Room W256
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: 317-232-4020
Fax: 317-233-6811
E-mail: rcarter@dnr.in.gov

Dear Mr. Carter:

As you're aware, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources is the subject of a lawsuit that addresses the issue of wildlife penning operations. As someone who is concerned about the humane treatment of wildlife, I strongly urge you to initiate a motion to ban such operations within the state. Recently, Florida permanently banned coyote and fox penning state-wide, and just last year, the Indiana DNR recommended that the Indiana Natural Resources Council outlaw the practice. Meanwhile, wildlife experts contend that the practice of penning results in ethically indefensible animal cruelty, is ecologically reckless, and is counter to sound scientific wildlife management.

Pitting domestic canines against their contained wild cousins is ethically indefensible. This practice parallels dog- and cockfighting activities that have been made illegal in all U.S. states in the last twenty years, largely on ethical grounds. Most of these penned wild canids suffer and die after being literally torn apart by the dog pack.

On behalf of all concerned citizens, I urge you to please set in motion a plan of action to result in banning wildlife penning operations state-wide. Your response to my concerns will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



LOHV will be eternally grateful to CeAnn Lambert who encouraged and helped the recently formed chapter of LOHV-INDIANA. We urge our Indiana members to visit www.lohv-in.org

ENVIRONMENTAL “JUSTICE” IN THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE THE ABUSE OF WOMEN PROPERTY OWNERS AND WILDLIFE

BY ELIZABETH O’NAN

The motto of the US Forest Service is “*Caring for the Land and Serving People.*”
NOT EXACTLY!



US Forest Service

100 Years of Caring for the Land
and Serving People

There is a growing sense of injustice experienced by those in contact with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) ranging from attacks on private inholding (property surrounded by USFS lands) owners, takings of private property by use of surveys done by and for the USFS, and destroying forests and public health with air pollution from “prescribed burns”.

As an example of in-holder attacks, Elizabeth and Daisy O’Nan, with BREDL Chapter’s McDowell Environmental Health Authority, were caught up in 14 years of USFS-encouraged terrorist acts by hunters. These included acts of repeated stalking, trespassing, threats, bear dogs that devastated their exotic poultry flocks, attacks on their horse and turning him loose repeatedly, leaving dead dogs by their gate, peeping in bedroom windows, stuffing their gate lock with men’s underwear, shooting holes in signs, and using guns to intimidate and threaten them, to recount only a few of their many abuses. They had damages of over \$10,000, not to mention their loss of peace and privacy and suffering from the stress of having beloved pets killed repeatedly in front of them by starving bear dogs.

On Dec. 11, 2009, Elizabeth and Daisy O’Nan could tolerate no more and prosecuted 5 confessed bear hunters that would not leave their property when asked to do so. The court offered mediation. During the heated and hostile discussion the O’Nan’s private (not for public use)

deeded easement, Sugar Cove Road, was pointed out in an effort to prevent further trespassing. The hunters said they had friends in the USFS to whom they would appeal. While USFS memos obtained by Freedom of Information requests revealed that the USFS knew the FS had no right of way, easement or authority over this private deeded easement, they continued to misrepresent this as a USFS government road on the Federal Motor Vehicle Usage Map. As the O’Nans and the mediator had told the bear hunters not to trespass over this road to access the USFS road segments 1188 and 1188A beyond, the USFS deliberately misinformed the hunters about the private road and exacerbated the hostilities against the O’Nans.

A short time after Elizabeth and Daisy returned home from this stressful mediation they went for a walk just before dark and were intercepted near their home by a hunter with a large gun. Fearing reprisals from the angry bear hunters they were frightened. When they attempted to explain to the hunter that he was trespassing he insisted he would not leave. Elizabeth explained they had just been to mediation and said she would call the sheriff. At that point the hunter opened his vest and said he was a USFS officer conducting a “sting” and was there to issue her a ticket for Hunter Harassment.

After five months and multiple changes to the ticket, Elizabeth was

mailed a ticket for 36CFR 261.12d, blocking or interfering with a USFS road, a federal petty misdemeanor criminal charge. Elizabeth attempted to argue pro se in federal court that she was disabled and could not have blocked or interfered with this very large armed hunter’s use of the road. Also, that the ticket was issued in retribution for her having prosecuted their friends the bear hunters and that she had attempted to use the county court to redress her injuries. Further that she was only speaking to the officer posing as a hunter, thus exercising her right to free speech. Both redressing grievances in court and free speech are First Amendment rights. Magistrate Judge Dennis Howell found Elizabeth guilty and fined her nearly \$4,000, which included restitution charges for a partial survey to determine if the Officer was on her private property or USFS land.

Elizabeth appealed this decision which seemed so outrageous given the years of abuse and the warrantless sting done in retribution for prosecuting USFS’s personal friends, the bear hunters. Had the USFS been responding to complaints of interfering with a USFS road the bear hunters would have complained when they were stopped by the sheriff over a month before the mediation. Their complaint was instead against the legal

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"JUSTICE"**

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mediation that occurred only hours before the "sting" and that prevented them from trespassing over Sugar Cove Road. Elizabeth's appeal of case number 1:10-cr-00044-MR was denied on Feb. 28th, 2011 by District Judge, Martin Reidinger. She stands convicted of a federal crime and is now appealing pro se to the 4th Circuit Federal Appeals Court in Richmond Virginia.

The O'Nan property is an undivided 1897 NC land grant that was originally warranted for 150 acres on the waters of Lick Log and Walnut Cove creeks. After the complete USFS survey they were told they only had 89 acres and that Walnut Cove Creek was no longer on their property. Further, the road very near their home was no longer theirs but now belonged to the USFS. **Their new property line was only feet from their home's foundation. If the USFS surveyed again the bear hunters likely would be allowed to walk through their living room.**

Several other private property owners in the Western NC area with land bordering USFS have also had their land taken by USFS survey. This seems to be a common practice as does USFS harassment and attacks on inholding property owners.

Elizabeth and Daisy now feel they live surrounded by an unjust police state run by the USFS. Their trust in the USFS has been destroyed by arrogant marauding bear hunters whose favorite sport is intimidating and harassing disabled women living alone.

Prescribed burns are harmful

In addition to abusing private property owners and taking private land the USFS continues to expand their use of "prescribed burns" despite scientific evidence of serious health damage to the public from smoke, not to mention that the fires are often left to burn themselves out and frequently get out of control causing untold damage.

According to www.Prescribedburns.com "Exposure to prescribed burn smoke increases children's risk of lower respiratory infections such as bronchitis, pneumonia, and has been linked to psychological disorders and toxic damage to the nervous system and the brain in developing fetuses and young children. Unborn fetuses and infant children are 10 times more vulnerable to PAH damage than adults.

The dagger shaped smoke particles are so tiny that they go deep into the child's lungs causing structural damage and chemical changes to the lung tissue. While some of the particles lodge deep in the child's lungs causing bronchitis, asthma, and pneumonia, others pass through the lungs into the blood stream entering the child's systemic circulation causing organ failure and premature death. Studies show that prescribed burn smoke exposure can prevent the proper development of an unborn fetus, prevent the proper development of internal organs in infant children, depress the immune system, damage the nervous system, damage the brain, damage the layer of cells in

the child's lungs that protect and cleanse the airways, and cause unexpected infant mortality.

For vulnerable populations, such as elderly people, people with asthma, chronic respiratory disease and those with high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease, prescribed burn smoke exposure is particularly harmful, even short exposures can prove fatal. The American Lung Association recently published an annotated bibliography of recent studies of the health effects of air pollution linking wood smoke and air pollution with lung cancer, breast cancer, heart attacks, strokes, high blood pressure, congenital heart defects, asthma, and brain damage. They identify the elderly, diabetics, asthma patients, and those with congestive heart failure being at increased risk."

Clearly the USFS needs Congressional review to examine and correct these serious charges of intimidation and harassment of private property owners under cover of law, violations of Constitutional Rights, violations of their mandate to respect private property, and their endangerment of public health with increasingly larger and repeated "prescribed burns".

Elizabeth O'Nan is a member of C.A.S.H.'s Homeland Protection listserv, along with others who are battling the takeover of private lands for hunting and the abuse of property owners who try to protect their property.

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

YOU WILL NEVER SEE THIS FAMILY AGAIN

BY KAREN STAMPER



Brute, Baby Girl and kids.

Photo by Karen Stamper

On June 18, 2008, I saw Brute, Baby Girl, and their 2 babies for the last time! On June 19, the Michigan DNR came and removed this precious goose family, and about 60 other resident geese, because someone living in a condo next to the Nature Park, did not want them there. These geese were like pets to most of the regulars that visited the Township-owned park. On their application to remove the geese, the condo association misstated that *they* owned the property.

I questioned Julie Oakes at the DNR Southfield office as to why they don't check applications for basic accuracy. She said they don't have the manpower to check every one. If they don't have the manpower to check applications, then they shouldn't give out permits.

How often has this happened? I challenged the DNR, but to no avail. When I received the FOIA request it was completely redacted. The DNR's attorneys told us the Township had requested the round-up, but their evidence was a 1996 resolution regarding a lake on the other side of town!

The condo association was never fined or confronted by the DNR. We told them what they had done was illegal. They replied that they would do nest destructions in future. They don't understand that it was a privilege to be allowed to build near the park, and they have no ownership rights to the park, and thus no right to harm the geese and other wildlife there.

It was upsetting to learn that the geese were separated from their mates and babies and kept in a holding facility. We were told they would be shipped to Kentucky, but they could have been killed, which is what I suspect happened to them.

To this day it is disturbing that they took Brute and his family who had been at the park at least three years. He had a damaged wing, which the DNR judged to be "angel wing," possibly caused by human feeding. However, I believed it was an injury from a fight, because he had scars on his chest. After many years of experience watching

geese, I don't believe it was angel wing; I think it was a birth defect.

I am an amateur photographer and enjoyed watching this really special goose for three years. In 2008, I was photographing Brute, his mate, and their two babies. I always noticed that he and his mate, as well as **all the geese, swans, and ducks were quite aware of where their babies were at all times and which ones were theirs, which made it especially cruel to separate them at the "holding facility."**

I asked Julie Oakes why not just let Brute's family live at the lake. She claimed the DNR couldn't do that because his damaged wing wouldn't allow him to migrate. I pointed out that he had been fine there before the round-up. The DNR had about 1800 geese in holding, and she said they couldn't locate him and no one else would be allowed in the facility. What they were hiding? After losing Brute I resolved to do whatever I could to save geese.

Some people in Michigan and elsewhere don't like geese because they poop on lawns. The DNR claims that their feces cause disease, but cannot cite credible studies. I don't think any animal deserves to be killed because a wildlife-phobic person chooses to buy a condo whose backyard is a nature park. **Not being allowed to harm wildlife should be a requirement when buying a home near a lake or nature park.**

In 2010 we video-taped some goose round-ups.

See one on You Tube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a35p6dtn3FM> .

It clearly shows that humane round-up rules were broken; yet the condo association was never fined or reprimanded.

I was in my kayak that day to dissuade geese from entering the canal leading to where they were captured. Men threatened me from the banks and in boats, but I did manage to deter three geese from going into the pen. I only wish I could have saved them all.

Karen Stamper is a photographer and activist. While in the field, she became aware of injured animals, especially waterfowl, which led her to do animal rescue. In recent years, she has seen first-hand how Canada geese and mute swans are treated in Michigan and throughout the United States. She said, ***It is my mission now to fight for these birds and give them a voice. Cruelty to any animal should never be accepted in our society, whether by an individual or by our government agencies.***

GOOD NEWS!

Karen recently learned that the condo association didn't turn their 2011 paperwork in on time, so they cannot have a goose roundup this year!

NOT ONLY CATS HAVE 9 LIVES!



Photo Permission from Terese Evans, Wildlife Rehabilitator

This little expectant mother opossum was first caught in a trap, and then someone shot her in the face putting 5 pellets into her little face with a shotgun, and leaving her to die. The photo to the left is what she looked like when she was found

First she was taken to **Dr. Lori Cherney** who surgically removed four of five pellets from the little one's face and shoulder on April 25th. She was unable to get the fifth pellet, but the inflammation had gone down. A scab on top of her head continues to heal and fur is growing back.

In a later examination, Dr. Cherney said that the six little ones in her pouch had doubled in size. Her weight increased from about 5.4 pounds to nearly 8 pounds.

Two weeks after rehabilitation by **Terese Evans** of the **Black Hawk Wildlife Rehabilitation Project** in Iowa,

http://www.bhwildliferehab.com/Black_Hawk_Wildlife_Rehabilitation_Project/HOME.html

she and her babies were released on Merle and Vicki Wilson's property on Mother's Day. **Merle and Vicki Wilson** are members of Wildlife Watch and we are so grateful to them for all that they do and for sending us these photos and this story!

Right before her release, while still in the arms of Terese, this adorable little opossum is telling all who will listen to her what happened, and is asking for laws to make both trapping and hunting illegal, and to criminalize cruelty to animals. Can you blame her?

FARE THEE WELL, LITTLE ONE!



Little opossums and other animals will now be safer in Nevada

Trish Swain of Trailsafe, a Nevada organization whose mission is to end trapping in densely populated areas reported that her bill was signed into law by the Governor. The NV Wildlife Commission is now required to regulate traps in congested areas by 12/31/2012.

To congratulate them and become involved with their effort, please contact **Trailsafe** for further developments at www.trailsafe.org



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

- Maintaining our popular Facebook page
- Sleuthing and documenting countless hunting accidents and violations and adding them to our database.
- Answering e-mail from friends and foes
- Researching and disseminating information to citizens, activists and organizations in California, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, and Oregon.
- Writing letters to newspapers around the country
- Supported the efforts of the Oregon Cougar Action Team by alerting C.A.S.H. members and the Facebook community to oppose three state bills that will allow cougar hunting with dogs.
- Assisted activists in North Carolina and Indiana in their efforts to stop NC fox and coyote trapping/penning
- Aided activists in Nevada with information pertaining to bear hunting and directed them to other resources.
- Provided activists in Maine and New Mexico with information on how to help orphaned wildlife

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**

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LETTERS ARE PRINTED AS RECEIVED. THEY ARE UNEDITED.

Dear Uncle Joe:

I don't even hunt but if I want to that's my choice not your's !! You're against hunting woodchucks in Idaho (Which you have nothing to do with) . Why can't people just mind their own business anymore . If you don't like something by all means don't do it ! but DON'T tell others how to live because your sure you have all the answers. In Idaho, hunting is just part of life for alot of people but there are a few that show your distorted views also. Thank God very few. To me and many many others (who vote)you people are the sick ones that are ruining this country trying to make laws people have to abide by. We don't need laws (LET PEOPLE BE!)

A concerned citizen that's votes!

John P.

Nampa, ID

Hello John:

The reason why we have laws is because we cannot just "let people be" as you would have it. Without laws hunters cannot control themselves. Before certain protections were put into place, the deer population was driven to such low numbers that Aldo Leopold predicted the species would be extinct by 1920. The passenger pigeon was not so lucky. Once thought to be the most populous species in all of North America, hunters killed all but the very last one who died in a Cincinnati zoo.

But since you feign concern about woodchucks and most likely know very little about them, let me teach you a few things. They are the largest member of the squirrel family and part of the Order Rodentia, which makes them cousins to rats, mice, squirrels, prairie dogs, chipmunks, beavers and porcupines. In winter they hibernate underground, but in the summertime their dens are used by cottontail rabbits, opossums, raccoons, skunks and sometimes even foxes. Yes, their burrowing can cause problems in certain situations but there are humane ways to address this. Scent-based repellants and taste-based deterrents can cause the critters to seek friendlier confines, and a motion-activated sprinkler called the Scarecrow can be used to chase them away. The Scarecrow gives them a burst of water when activity is detected and after being sprayed, Mr. or Mrs. Woodchuck moves on to

quieter surroundings. They can also be humanely trapped and relocated, but check with local ordinances before doing this.

Sincerely,

Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe:

&#% (homophobic slur deleted). You and you're organization are airheads. Mushroom hunters have similar accidents. Hunting assures organic meat and merely a shopping technique. Have you Starve to death and promote disease such as the Chronic Wasting disease we experience here in the shadows of the Republic of Boulder. Sure disease and starvation is much more humane, even if it didn't affect domestic stock,, you must be far smarter and superior to the Biologist that manage the herds (including the largest Elk Herd in the WORLD) you have helped to confine.*

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4GLTE smartphone

Paul F.

Niwot, CO

Hello Paul:

You might not be able to understand this, but hunting can actually spread Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). In a study published in the August 7, 2006 edition of the journal "Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences," University of Georgia researchers explained that hunting kills individuals who have contracted a virus but have developed immunity as a result of their infection, thereby increasing the proportion of the population that is susceptible to disease. It also kills healthy animals, thereby giving ill animals a greater range in which to spread disease through direct contact with each other. The epicenter of CWD infection is in the Colorado/Wyoming area, but CWD has also been found in Wisconsin and Illinois, as well as here in southern New Mexico. According to the National Biological Information Infrastructure (a program of the U.S. Geological Survey) Researchers speculate that CWD could have been transported long distances as a result of interstate shipments of infected animals. You didn't think that hunting interests may be responsible for spreading the disease across the nation, did you?

And Paul, it's interesting that your message concludes with "Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4GLTE smartphone." I'm glad you have a smartphone since you're clearly not smart enough to correctly spell the homophobic slur you were trying to use.

Peace,

Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe:

WELL AS YOU MAY HEAR THE STUFF ABOUT 2012 AND THE WAY OF LIFE COMEING TO A END WELL HOPE IT WILL NOT BUT IF IT DOES HOW WILL YOU PROVIDE FOR YOUR WIFE AND KIDS WELL AT LEAST MY KIDS AND MY WIFE WILL AND I WILL HAVE WILD GAME TO EAT THINK ABOUT IT ALSO IF THE BAD GUYS TRY TO TAKE THE FOOD FROM MY KIDS AND WIFES MOUTH WELL I MAYBE ABLE TO STOP THE BAD GUYS AND MAYBE ABLE TO HELP YOU OUT WITH SOMETHING TO EAT

James B

Suncook, NH

Hello James:

As you demonstrate, hunters go to absurd lengths to try to concoct scenarios in which hunting would be either justified or necessary. I've heard everything, including desert islands, Y2K, Swine Flu, SARS, H1N1, the Rapture, and now 2012. Trust me on this - 2012 will come and go and we'll all be fine. But despite not being stranded on an island or held up in a bunker fighting off the zombie apocalypse, you still find the need to be violent and to kill helpless, harmless wildlife.

If you're really concerned about your survival after 2012, take a class in identifying edible wild plants and weeds. Universities all across the country offer them from time to time and it could help you survive should you ever develop a degree of compassion and choose not to kill animals when the zombies descend upon us. Let me know if you are interested and I can help you enroll in such a course.

Peace,

Uncle Joe

PETER'S HUMOR? C.A.S.H. apologizes if you are not amused

A hunter calls his wife from hunting camp and urgently says, "Honey don't buy any meat for the rest of the month." She is thrilled and asks how many deer he's bringing home. He explains, "Well, I didn't really get any but I lost my whole social security check playing poker with the guys in hunting camp."

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A hunter was asked by a nature columnist, "Do you think that sometimes hunting dogs are more intelligent than their owners?" He scratched his head and opined, "I'm pretty sure, mine is."

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A new hunter asked an experienced hunter "How do you successfully hunt bear?" The old hunter told him, "It's real easy; you just find a big cave and stand outside it and whistle. When the bear comes out you shoot him." A few weeks later they met again; this time the newbie hunter was all bandaged up and had a cast on both legs. The old hunter asked what had happened.

BY PETER MULLER, V.P. C.A.S.H.
The wannabe bear hunter explained. "I found this big cave; I stood in front of it and whistled; the next thing I know is I get hit by a train."

After a day hunting Joe comes home late one night. In the morning his wife asks him "Did you shoot something?" "Yea!" he replies proudly. "Did you put what you got in the freezer?" Joe answered with some hesitation, "No, in the hospital."

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A hunter was sitting in a bar and heard nothing but dumb-hunter jokes. Irritated he spoke up, "Look here, I'm a hunter and I know the capitals of all 50 states - how dumb is that?" Impressed, the bartender decided to put it to a test "What's the capital of Arizona?" He thought for while, then his face lit up as he proudly exclaimed "A".

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Under what circumstance is it legal to shoot a hunter in the head? When you have a tire-pump to re-inflate it.

We are asking our readers to help out. You will be fully credited if we use your jokes. Please submit your jokes to petermuller@verizon.net



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Luke Dommer

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