

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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HUNTING KILLS, THEN KILLS AGAIN... AND AGAIN... YET, "THE GREAT CONSERVATIONISTS" DEMAND LEAD AMMUNITION

By JOE MIELE

By itself, lead is pretty boring. It is a naturally occurring metal found in the earth's crust that is used in the production of car batteries, pigments, weights for lifting, weight belts for diving, X-ray shields, and in some solders. While it has its place and is useful under the right circumstances, it also poses significant dangers when used improperly.

If lead gets into our food, you can be sure that trouble will commence. But how can that happen? If it is naturally occurring in soil, is it really that harmful? In natural concentrations found in untainted soil, lead exposure is not of significant concern. **A problem occurs when lead is released to the air since it may travel long distances before settling to the ground. If blasted directly into the ground (as happens when hunters use lead ammo) it increases lead concentration and eventually works its way to the water supply.** That's where things get interesting.

Lead affects nearly every organ and system in the human body, with the nervous system being especially vulnerable to its toxic effects. Low-level lead exposure may cause weakness in fingers, wrists, or ankles, increases in blood



pressure, and anemia. At higher levels of exposure lead can severely damage the brain and kidneys and ultimately cause death. In pregnant women, high levels of exposure to lead may cause miscarriage. (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 2007. Toxicological Profile for Lead [Update]. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service).

There is also an interesting sociological result to environmental lead exposure – increased crime.

Dr. Bernard Gesch, a physiologist at Oxford University studied the effect of diet and other environmental factors on criminals. **Dr. Gesch says of lead "Lead alters the formation of the brain. It reduces the grey matter in areas responsible for**

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things such as impulse control and executive functioning - meaning thinking and planning."

Amherst College economist Jessica Wolpaw-Reyes studied the link between lead exposure and crime rates. Wolpaw-Reyes gathered lead data from each of the 50 states, and plotted the crime rates in each area. **She crunched the numbers, excluding other factors that could cause crime, and found a "substantial causal relationship" between lead exposure and the rate of crime.** "States that experienced particularly early or particularly sharp declines in lead also experienced particularly early or particularly sharp declines in violent crime 20 years later" she said.

<http://www.nber.org/papers/w13097.pdf>

Realizing the inherent dangers of lead exposure, the United States government has taken significant steps to reduce the amount of lead released into the air, water, and soil. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) banned lead paint in 1977 in residential properties and public buildings (16 CFR 1303), along with toys and furniture containing lead paint. Additionally, the US Environmental Protection Agency completed a full phase-out of lead gasoline in 1986.

Then in 1991 the Fish and Wildlife Service banned the use of lead bullets when hunting waterfowl on Federal wetlands. Seventeen years later lead ammunition was banned in California on lands within range of California condors and **California will outright prohibit the use of lead hunting ammunition by July 2019.** These moves were made to prevent the lead poisoning that was being seen in wildlife living in areas where lead ammunition was being used. **The Humane Society of the United States estimates that 10 to 20 million animals from more than 130 species die from lead poisoning each year in the United States**

(<http://www.humanesociety.org/news/news/2013/08/lead-deadly-to-wildlife-090413.html>).

Hunters complained of course (do they ever do anything else?), but the bans went through. Then on January 19th, 2017 Interior Director's Order 219 was signed, expanding the 1991 ban to all hunting on all federal lands, national parks and wildlife refuges. A no-brainer, right?

Fast Forward to March 2, 2017. **On his first day in office, US Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke signed Director's Order 3346, which revoked Director's Order 219, rolling back the protections to where they were in 1991.** Why did Secretary Zinke do this? Not because any new science shows that the ban was not needed, but because **he wanted to make hunters happy.** Seriously. Secretary Zinke says Director's Order 219 was "anti-hunting," stating further "it worries me to think about hunting and fishing becoming activities for the land-owning elite."

Despite all the known and proven dangers of lead expo-

sure in both humans and wildlife, **Secretary Zinke believes that allowing the increased use of a scientifically-proven neurotoxin is more valuable to the country than protecting the health and well being of wildlife and even the hunters he's aiming to please.**

What can possibly go wrong with such a move? Hunters and their families who eat the animals they kill may be slowly poisoning themselves by ingesting increased amounts of lead. **Now that Secretary Zinke has rolled back prohibitions against the use of this unnecessary metal, the number of lead-poisoned animals will decline only with the decline of hunting and no faster.** When key positions of authority, such as Secretary of the Interior, are filled by operatives of the hunting and weapons industries, wildlife and the American public will come out on the short end every time. Wildlife health and human health are of little concern when up against the hunting lobby and their need to destroy everything in their path

North County Public Radio reports that just this spring bald eagles died in Washington and Warren Counties in New York, and state wildlife biologists tested both and found that they were poisoned with lead. **How did the eagles become poisoned given that they are not a hunted species? The contamination cycle works like this: hunters and anglers shoot lead bullets or use lead sinkers in the wild. Fish and other species ingest the lead and are then eaten by raptors or waterfowl. This continues and the lead levels build up until they become fatal.**

In addition to poisoned eagles, the link between waterfowl deaths and lead poisoning is significant. Back in the late 1800's lead had been recognized as a mortality factor and more attention began being paid to the issue in the 1980s when it was discovered that loons were ingesting



<http://tinyurl.com/Eagle-with-lead-poisoning>

lead fishing tackle. Necropsies on dead adult common loons in New Hampshire revealed that 48% had the remains of lead sinkers and jigs in their gizzards and had died from lead poisoning.

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After a loon eats a fish that has been poisoned by lead tackle, the acidic juices in the bird's gizzard break down the food and the lead is also broken down and gets into the bloodstream of the bird," said Emily Preston, a wildlife biologist with the N.H. Fish and Game Department. The lead enters the circulatory system and mimics the movement of calcium. It becomes stored within the bones and is excreted via the bile into the feces. Clinical signs of chronic lead poisoning include lowered food intake, weakness, weight loss, drooping wings, inability to fly, and green watery diarrhea. Internally, a necropsy may reveal an enlarged gallbladder, impacted proventriculus, and a cracked, green-stained, peeling gizzard lining, with or without lead shot present.

Eagles, loons, ducks, geese, and swans are the animals most commonly affected by lead ingestion, however, upland game birds including mourning doves, wild turkeys, pheasants, and quail are occasionally affected. Lead poisoning has also been noted in small mammals presumably from the ingestion of lead contaminated prey.

More than 500 scientific studies published since 1898 have documented that worldwide, 134 species of wildlife are negatively affected by lead ammunition. One of them is the California condor – a bird threatened with extinction. Some condors have been measured with blood lead levels as high as 570 ug/dL, a value that would potentially kill a human.

<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/3379420170419two-north-country-hill-eagles-die-of-lead-poisoning.htm>
<http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/newsroom/news.html?news=134>
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<http://www.npr.org/2017/02/20/514290612/lead-ammunition-poisons-wildlife-but-too-expensive-to-change-hunters-say>
<https://www.nps.gov/pinn/learn/nature/leadinfo.htm>

Human Health Concerns

Studies are increasingly showing that lead fragments can also be found in wild game meat processed for human consumption, even though best attempts are made in the field to remove sections that are within the bullet wound channel.

A recently published scientific study examined the prevalence of lead bullet fragments in packaged venison. Thirty different white-tail deer were harvested using lead

rifle bullets and then given to 30 different game meat processors. **Researchers randomly selected 324 packages of ground venison and whole cuts from the processors and x-rayed them to document how many contained lead bullet fragments. Of the 324 randomly selected packages of ground venison, 34% contained metal fragments;**



some packages contained as many as 168 separate pieces. Further analysis positively identified the metal as 93% lead and 7% copper. Also, when these tainted packages were fed to domestic pigs, blood levels became elevated with 2 days of ingestion. This demonstrates that while the results are preliminary and much further study needs to be done to better assess risks to humans, it appears that if lead bullets are used, odds are high that you will ingest lead particles in ground game meat.

Another study was conducted in North Dakota that examined ground venison packages that had been donated by hunters to food pantries. It found that 59% of the packages had lead fragments.

Ryan Zinke was sworn in as the 52nd Secretary of the Interior on March 1, 2017. His efforts to roll back prohibitions against lead use have been applauded by hunting groups that do not believe the science linking lead to wildlife poisoning (seriously). Lawrence Keane, the senior vice president at the National Shooting Sports Foundation, says he opposes bans on lead ammo because it will make hunting more expensive.

Joe Miele is a board member of C.A.S.H., author and researcher of many articles related to wildlife management, and the author of the **Ask Uncle Joe** column. He has served as President of C.A.S.H.

Donated Deer Meat is NOT Tested for Lead

C.A.S.H. member, **Herman Lenz** of Iowa sent articles that made it clear that lead is used for most hunting in Iowa. Yet on the website of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, you'll find this:

Have an extra deer at the end of the hunt? Maybe you bought an extra tag, to hunt longer? Consider donating to Iowa's HUSH program. HUSH (Help Us Stop Hunger) works with 81 participating lockers to provide high qual-

ity meat to needy Iowans, through the Food Bank of Iowa.

Field dressed deer are skinned, de-boned and ground into two-pound packages...then distributed to local needy families. The program is funded by hunters, who pay a dollar surcharge with each deer tag purchase.

IOWA'S DNR SHOULD BE SUED!

If you don't believe us, read this:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR-DNR-News-Releases/ArticleID/237/Hunters-Use-Popular-Program-to-Donate-Deer-Meat-to-Food-Bank-of-Iowa>

STOP DOG HUNTING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

By Kathy Andrews

Deer hunting with dogs is a time-honored tradition in South Carolina, but as rural land becomes more developed, hunters who want to run their dogs clash with property owners who don't want people, or dogs, trespassing on their land. The author of those words, Mr. Raymond Timmons, is a former dog hunter who gave it up because he confessed that he couldn't keep his dogs contained on his small acreage.

I sent Mr. Timmons' article to every legislator I contacted to help support a bill that would prohibit hunting with dogs on less than 1000 acres.

This one was sent to Senator Senn:

Dear Senator Senn,

*Please vote on the upcoming legislation, House Bill 3272, that will help land owners live in peace. The legislation would require dog hunters to have 1000 contiguous acres before releasing dogs on property. **Dog hunters are still trespassing and shooting into homes causing confrontations and threatening home owners. Please read the following commentary in The State newspaper by Raymond Timmons:***

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article62725997.html>

Recently, I was almost hit by an 18-wheeler that went across the center line while trying to miss hunting dogs in the road. One dog was killed and the other two continued to run through traffic. I called animal control to pick up the two injured dogs. Later, the animal control officers reported that when the hunter picked up his dogs, he cursed at the staff. The hunter, knowing that I had called animal control, enlisted his hunting buddies to shoot around my home. I filed police reports and have photos of the dead dog, as well as recordings of hunters shooting



*toward my home in retaliation for turning in the injured dogs. I'm not alone, hunting with dogs has become an ongoing problem across the state. **Poachers have no respect for the law, and use dogs as an excuse to trespass. In addition, the dogs are often killed on the road and cause major traffic accidents. I am urging you to help property owners to live in peace.***

Thank you. Sincerely, GK Andrews

I received a prompt note back that read, "I met you before and I will support you."

Then from Senator Leatherman, there was a personalized response by email that read in part, *I can certainly sympathize with the problems you have been experiencing, and you may be assured that I shall keep them in mind should this legislation be passed by the House and come before the Senate for debate. **No one should worry about being shot on their own property.***

In the article by Raymond Timmons that I sent to my legislators, Timmons exposed the fact that dogs are used to poach private property. He wrote: "As soon as poachers alert law enforcement that they are merely trying to retrieve their dogs, they are magically transformed into "legal" hunters." He called this a "game" that wastes state resources.

THE DOGS MEAN SO LITTLE TO THE HUNTERS

According to the animal control officers, Tommy Mourounas, the man who trespasses and shoots on my property was upset that he had to pay a small fine when he picked up his injured dogs. He has bombarded my home with gunshots since the incident. While this has been going on for years despite my reports which have been turned against ME by law enforcement agencies, the shooting has greatly intensified since the near accident reported here.

The shelter called me and asked me to file a complaint which I've done. My complaint includes my photos of the poor dead dog on the side of the road and a closeup of Mr. Mourounas' name on the collar. There can be no doubt that the dog was his.

Mr. Mourounas needs to be prosecuted...but...

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ONLY PROTECT THE HUNTERS.

There has been no relief from these hunters who continue to trespass and bombard me, the wildlife, and my companion animals with gunshots usually around 2am. They watch when I come and go and when I leave, they start hunting.

Please help me to urge the legislature to provide property owners with relief so that we can live in peace.

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South Carolina Republican Senator George Campsen originally proposed the legislation similar to Georgia's law that would make it mandatory for hunters to have 1000 contiguous acres before releasing dogs. Campsen is the chair of the Fish, Game and Forestry Committee. He can be reached at: Campsen@scsenate.org or call 803-212-6016. Please tell him to pass legislation to stop dog



hunters from terrorizing property owners.

Kathy Andrews has been in the frontlines of defending her private property and companion animals from hunters that ride roughshod on her property with their exploited "hunting dogs." A search of the C.A.S.H. website will take you to many articles written by this brave citizen. The two photos of Mourounas' deceased dog were taken by Ms. Andrews.

THE NIGHTMARE OF HUNTING



Over the years, C.A.S.H. has reported thousands of accidents, but this one stands out because it should be the worst nightmare of any family that lives in a rural or semi-rural environment.

A 6-day old infant was shot through the head by a hunter while he was being cuddled by his father on their sofa. The bullet entered through a window and hit the baby exiting out of his eye socket and blind-

ing him. He spent two months in the hospital!

<http://www.waynetimes.com/news/rogue-hunters-gunshot-strikes-house-lyons-supervisor/>

The photo above is from this link. Although much more minor, who pays for the property damage from a destructive, lethal and reckless "sport" that benefits the game agencies and the firearms industry.

AND WHAT IS HUNTING'S CONNECTION TO THE CITIES?

When children or adults are injured or killed by bullets in cities, the excise taxes that were paid on firearms and ammunition go to the US Conservation Fund to promote more use of firearms and ammunition. Hunting, target shooting, sniper attacks, self-defense, or murder all pay into the Conservation Fund to promote more use of firearms.

We need a conservation economy that is based on wildlife watching and not killing animals.

Please help to spread the word about this insidious and circular economy that only aids itself. You can read the many C.A.S.H. articles that have addressed this important subject over the years by using the search feature at this link: <http://www.all-creatures.org/cash/> and entering the key words "Pittman-Robertson Act."

SPEAKING OF NEPOTISM ...

Gov. Terry Branstad of Iowa appointed his son to the Natural Resources Commission. They defended the appointment by saying that he will go through the same confirmation process as every other appointee.

The younger Branstad is described as a longtime outdoor enthusiast and hunter. The governor said, "He has a passion for outdoor resources." Sent by Merle Wilson

STOP BOW HUNTING IN ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK



Early this year, when we approached a NYS senator about our concern over the killing of deer in Rockefeller State Park in Westchester County in NYS, he suggested that we try to get legislation passed to ban bow-hunting in NYS Parks in populated areas. Attached is a copy of the letter we sent to all NYS legislators. It was signed by **Rebecca Sunshine, Joan Kayser, and Kiley Blackman of Animal Defenders of Westchester.**

We are asking for your help to stop the brutal and dangerous use of bow-hunting to reduce deer populations in New York State. Although it may be legal, bow hunting is not a humane, safe, or even an effective means of deer management.

All hunting is inhumane, but bow-hunting is particularly cruel. The crippling rate is 50%, and half the deer shot by arrow never recover. Those shot may die over the course of days, weeks, or months. In addition, research has shown that it causes the females to become more fertile to compensate for the diminished herd.

Much of the rationale supporting deer culls is not based on scientific facts or the latest research. One is the link between deer and Lyme disease. Researchers have found that there is no such thing as a deer tick. The Lyme carrying tick is the black-legged tick which will find whatever host is available to them. It has been proven that white-footed mice, not deer are the primary carriers of Lyme disease:

https://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/ecoinf/lyme.jsp.

Deer density has no measurable effect on the number of these ticks. Eliminating deer does not eliminate ticks or reduce the risk of Lyme disease for people.

Another dubious claim is that an overabundance of deer has a negative impact on forests and other ecosystems. Studies have shown that deer density is not a leading factor in tree regeneration decline or loss of plant diversity. Many factors such as pollutants, insect damage, climatic and weather extremes, and canopies of mature trees blocking the sun, as well as others play a major role. We are the ones responsible for urban sprawl, overdevelopment and deforestation. This entire state was forest until we destroyed it. Yet deer are easy to blame for this and made the scapegoats.

Besides being unnecessary and extremely cruel, bow hunting puts the public and their pets at risk. Permitting these bow hunts with powerful and deadly weapons while unsuspecting visitors are enjoying the park is exceedingly reckless and negligent.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regularly conducts and defends these deer culls, but we do not believe they know the exact number of herds inhabiting the areas where these hunts occur. They do not systematically tag or count the deer or provide statistics on the size of the current deer populations, or the number they need to eliminate to alleviate whatever hypothetical threats they think they present.

Conducting savage bow hunts are not necessary, and our tax dollars should not be squandered on cruelty. New York State should follow the lead of others by supporting safe, humane and non-lethal deer management only. Please help us make the state parks a safe haven for its wildlife and visitors alike.

We urge our State Legislators to sponsor legislation that would ban the use of bow hunting to reduce deer populations in any state park located wholly within a county or municipality with a population of greater than 600,000 people. We would require in its place,

1) A full study completed by thermal and available light drone technology, to determine the amount of the deer population in any given parkland area; and

2) A plan be established and implemented to humanely reduce the deer population, utilizing male deer sterilization and female deer contraception.

We would appreciate it if you could meet with us at your earliest convenience to discuss this further.

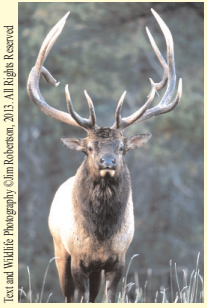
Lurking in the shadows behind the benign sign of a NYS preserve, there is a sinister secret that has been exposed by three citizens who live nearby. As they were advised by a legislator, they took their desire to help the deer to the legislature. This is an uphill battle all the way, but the more exposure of the brutality and needless suffering inflicted on wild animals, the closer will be its demise.

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Top 10 Retorts to Hunter Fallacies

BY JIM ROBERTSON, AUTHOR OF *EXPOSING THE BIG GAME*



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Hunters' arguments and rationalizations for their sport are so repetitive and predictable that, to save valuable time and precious mental energy, it might help to have your responses printed out

ahead of time like flash cards, and kept at the ready in your back pocket. Here, then, are the Top 10 Retorts to Hunter Fallacies you're most likely to hear the next time you debate a sportsman. (I would apologize to David Letterman, but this isn't meant to be a joke.)

10) Hunting is "sustainable."

In today's world of 7 billion people? Never mind, that's a joke if I've ever heard one.

Do we really want to encourage 7 billion humans to go out and kill wildlife for food as if wild animal flesh is an unlimited resource? The only way hunting could be sustainable for humans these days is if we drastically reduced our population...and killed off all the natural predators. Overhunting has proven time and again to be the direct cause of extinctions, from the passenger pigeon to the Eastern and the Miriams Elk. Now wolves in the Rockies and Great Lakes are being hunted and trapped to oblivion—for the second time.

9) Animals kill other animals, so we can too.

That's an example of what's known as the naturalistic fallacy—the notion that any behavior that can be found in nature is morally justifiable. But wolves and other natural predators need to hunt to survive, humans don't—for them it's nothing more than a thrill kill. Human beings have moved beyond countless other behaviors such as cannibalism or infanticide, so why can't some people tear themselves away from hunting?

8) Humans have teeth like carnivores

Human beings have mostly flat

teeth, designed primarily for chewing plant-based foods, as our primate cousins do. Our canines, or "fangs," are teensy compared to those of gorillas, who are strict vegetarians and only show them to appear fierce. Also, our intestinal tract is long to allow for the slow digestion of high-fiber foods, while true carnivores have short intestines as needed to process meat and dispose of the resulting toxic wastes quickly.

7) Wild game meat is health food.

All animal flesh is rife with cholesterol throughout, and the protein in animal flesh is acidic, causing bone calcium losses as it is metabolized. According to the American Dietetic Association, a diet high in animal products has been linked to obesity, diabetes, colon and other cancers, osteoporosis, kidney stones, gallstones, diverticular disease, hypertension and coronary artery disease. New studies have found that another culprit in causing heart disease may be a little-studied chemical that is burped out by bacteria in the intestines after people eat meat.

6) Hunting is needed to control animal populations.

You'd really have to have no understanding of or faith in Mother Nature to make such a claim—she was doing a fine job of taking care of her own before Man came along and appointed himself "manager" and "game" keeper. No niche goes unfilled for long before some natural predator finds it and fixes a "problem" if we allow them to. Besides, hunting animals like deer makes them breed more, resulting in more deer, not fewer.

5) If we don't kill deer they'll become a traffic hazard.

More animals are hit by cars during hunting season than any other time of year, usually when fleeing from blood-thirsty sportsmen with guns.

4) Hunting teaches respect for wildlife and an appreciation for nature.

Ha! That's like a serial killer claiming his crimes foster a respect for

women. Tracking down and shooting something does not equal respect. Try using a camera or binoculars if you really want to respect them.

3) Hunting is a "manly" sport.

First of all, hunting isn't even a sport—Sport is generally recognized as an activity based in physical athleticism or physical dexterity. Sports are usually governed by rules to ensure fair competition. A sport is played by two equally matched, or at least equally willing, sides. According to SportAccord, the second criteria determining if something is a sport: it be in no way harmful to any living creature. And anyway, real men respect animals (see above).

2) Hunting licenses pay for wildlife refuges.

In truth, hunting licenses pay for hunter playgrounds, not true wildlife refuges. Take a look at how many "refuges" have been opened up to hunting; or just try to close an area to hunting for the sake of wildlife and hear the nimrods wail. If hunters hadn't hijacked all the refuges, more bird watchers, hikers and others who truly appreciate nature would gladly pay for a pass to frequent those places. Furthermore, non-consumptive wildlife watchers contribute far more to local economies than do hunters.

1) Hunting keeps kids out of trouble.

Sticking a gun in a child's hand and telling him or her to shoot Bambi is likely to leave lasting psychological scars, whether it's PTSD or a heart caloused for killing.

Bonus fallacy) God put Animals here for us to use.

Don't flatter yourself.

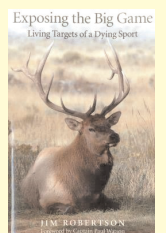
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<https://www.amazon.com/Exposing-Big-Game-Living-Targets/dp/184648088>

You can find more about his work online at:

<http://www.all-creatures.org/aw/>



DOES TURKEY HUNTING HAVE TO GO? YOU BETCHA!

BY ANNE MULLER

Photo by Anne Muller



Here is my boy.
Two days before hunting started, this boy graced our property. His awesome dance around the two ladies seemed only to impress me, as the two girls nonchalantly continued to eat the birdseed. [If you would like to see a short video of the dance, please email me at wildwatch@verizon.net.]

When hunting started, the shots sounded as though they were next door, yet they were in some unspecified location.

I haven't seen him since.

How is it possible to put a bullet or arrow into another living being? I will never understand the psychology behind it, and I don't try. **Rather we continue to expose what is an outrageous "sport" that is designed to keep the firearms industry in business. We continue to expose the hidden (yet easily ascertainable) business of hunting: a private industry that has become a part of a self-serving division of government that works for a tiny minority of the population that enjoys pumping bullets, shot and arrows into other living beings.** Doesn't this boy "belong" to me as much as to anyone? **My photo does not take his life and deprive others, but their bullets do both.** Yet legally he "belongs" to these brutal fools to do with him what they will.

I remember Luke Dommer saying that sport hunting would be in the "dustbin of history" within 30 years. That gives us 5 years to go! Though I must say that having crossed into a new millennium, and seeing the degree of hunting activity, the recruitment of women, the election of Trump (whose older son promises to increase hunting opportunity), I'm not sure we'll meet that deadline. Though with your help, there's a chance.

C.A.S.H. continues to expose the purpose of the game agencies who are the "towel boys" of the firearms industry. Their goal is to ensure the future of hunting by building up game populations to become living targets in order to sustain and increase the purchase of firearms, ammunition, and bows and arrows.

The intended victims of hunting are our wild animals, yet the impacts are far-reaching. There are the property owners who encounter trespass and intimidation, *especially* female property owners. Please search our website for "Kathy Andrews," "Jan Haagensen," and "Elizabeth O'Nan." Those searches will take you to women who

endure the nightmare of hunting, and suffer under the heavy hand of law enforcement agencies that turn on *them* to defend their "clients."

Another victim of hunting is the environment. Hunters degrade the environment as they pump lead onto the land. See **Joe Miele's** article in this issue that focuses on the indirect killing of our precious wildlife when the animals killed with lead ammunition become food for others. Those who ingest lead laden flesh later die prolonged and painful deaths.

Other victims are the orphaned animals whose parents were killed by hunters. These youngsters have to navigate a hazardous world without the guidance of more experienced adults. That's not to mention the devastating emotional toll taken by losing a loved one.

Biodiversity suffers as well when game agencies focus on less than 1% of all species and show little concern for non-hunted species.

Then there is the pain that it causes citizens who actually care about the animals and take pleasure in seeing them enjoy life, as so many of us do. It's no wonder that what follows is beyond shocking.

Turkey hunting started for youth on the weekend of April 22nd and will continue through the entire month of May. I haven't seen my precious boy since hunting began!

The following is taken directly from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation website.

http://www.dec.ny.gov/images/wildlife_images/turkeyhunter.jpg



Turkey Hunting Regulations General Information

A turkey permit and a hunting license are required while hunting wild turkey.

- You may buy only one turkey permit per year.

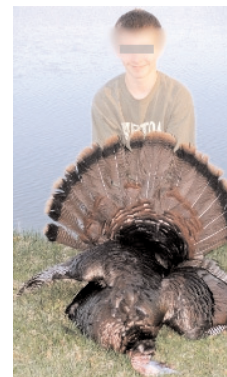
- If you have filled your bag limit, you may call turkeys for another hunter, but you may not carry a

bow or firearm.

- If you have taken a turkey which is unfit for consumption, authorized DEC staff may issue a special permit to take another. You will have to surrender the carcass. Call your local wildlife or law enforcement office.

Manner of Taking

- You must carry your hunting license and turkey permit while you hunt.



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In Memoriam

OUR DEAR FRIEND AND CORPORATE SECRETARY, CELIA LINDBLOM



Celia Woodley Lindblom, former owner of **Scandinavian Design Inc.** in New York City passed away Christmas Day, December 25, 2016.

In her personal life, Celia was an environmentalist and active in the animal rights movement. We met Celia in 1985 when she had just gotten her dog, Hasse, back from a veterinary hospital. She had res-

cued Hasse, a shepherd mix, from a junkyard where he was being shot with BBs, and was ill from exposure and deprivation. Celia paid for his one year veterinary hospitalization until he was well enough to live for the rest of his life in her home in Stony Point, NY.

Celia's love for animals never waned over the years, but

rather increased. She was **Wildlife Watch's Secretary** since its inception in 2004, and prior to that, she was the **corporate secretary of Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting**. Celia also was extremely active, and helped to form the **Coalition to Prevent the Destruction of Canada Geese**, the Rockland County organization that launched its successful campaign to stop the gassing of a purported 10,000 Canada geese.

Additionally, Celia was a firm believer in organic and vegan food. She never gave up her activism and continued to demonstrate against war and for social justice causes as long as she could.

The Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting, Wildlife Watch, and Anne and Peter Muller are among many who will deeply miss Celia, our dear friend for so many years. Celia will always remain with us, looking on from afar and rooting for the animals.

TURKEY HUNTING

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- You may hunt with a bow or crossbow.

- You may not hunt turkey with a crossbow in the fall in the Northern Zone if you are using dogs.

- You may hunt with a shotgun or handgun only when using shot no larger than #2 and no smaller than #8.

- You may use a muzzleloading shotgun.

- You may not take a turkey with a rifle, or with a handgun firing a bullet.

- You may not hunt with a dog during the spring season. You may hunt with a dog during the fall season.

- You may not use bait to hunt turkey.

- You may not use an electronic calling or amplifying device to locate or hunt turkeys during the open season.

- You may use decoys.

- A scope of any type is allowed.

Spring Turkey Season

- In the spring you may take two bearded birds. You may only take one bird per day.

- Immediately after taking a turkey, fill out the carcass tag and attach it to the bird.

- You do not need to save and send in turkey legs in the spring. You do need to take careful spur, beard, and weight measurements for reporting.

- Spur measurements: spurs should be measured from



the tip of the spur to the base of the spur, where it emerges from the scaly part of the leg. Measure to the nearest 1/4 inch. Do not measure to the forward edge of the leg, only to the base of the spur.

- Beard Measurements: beards should be measured from the tip of the beard to the base, where it emerges from the skin. Butt the end of your ruler against the base of the beard and extend the beard along the body of the ruler. Measure to the nearest 1/4 inch.

- Record the weight to the nearest pound.

Just Google "youth turkey hunting" for any number of disturbing photos such as this one.

MERLE WILSON, C.A.S.H. MEMBER, GIVES US HOPE

Merle Wilson sent C.A.S.H. a promising article published in the *Waterloo Courier* 8/28/16: It's titled: "Witnessing the Slow Decline of Hunting in Iowa" by Jon Alexander (an avid hunter).

The key points are these:

- **Hunting licenses plunged 20% in 10 years.**

- 45,000 out-of-state hunters came to Iowa in 2005, but less than 13,000 purchased licenses this year.

- Nationally, 13.7 million licenses were sold last year, down from over 40 million in the mid 70s.

TO THE ABOVE, WE SAY "HOORAY"!

Of course, Alexander's final paragraph denies that hunters are blood thirsty killers and claims they are most interested in "preserving nature" [though likely in a museum].

The **League of Humane Voters of NY (LOHV)** has sent the following memo of support for a bill that would allow non-hunters to be on the NYS Conservation Fund Advisory Board. The New York State Conservation Fund Advisory Board (CFAB) was established by law to make recommendations to state agencies on state government plans, policies, and programs affecting fish and wildlife.

One of their duties is to “encourage public participation

in fishing, hunting and trapping, and promote conservation and management of New York's natural resources”.

THEY OBVIOUSLY DON'T WANT NON-HUNTERS, NON-ANGLERS, AND NON-TRAPPERS to have any say about what they think of as THEIR WILDLIFE.

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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR A6519/S3327 A BILL TO NO LONGER REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO HAVE A VALID NEW YORK STATE HUNTING, FISHING, OR TRAPPING LICENSE TO BE APPOINTED TO THE CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD

The environmental conservation law currently states that a person designated or appointed to the Conservation Fund Advisory Board must demonstrate “long-standing interest, knowledge, and experience in fish and wildlife management.” As the law is written, the appointee or designee can satisfy these requirements **only** if they have a valid New York hunting, fishing, or trapping license.

This law irrationally excludes a wide variety of highly qualified individuals merely because they lack such a license.

The Conservation Fund Advisory Board makes recommendations on government plans, policies, and programs affecting fish and wildlife. **These broad and important goals can be achieved more effectively** by making the holding of a fishing, hunting, or trapping license discretionary, thereby *diversifying* the board with members having **equally substantial interest, knowledge, and experience not limited to fishing, hunting, and trapping.**

**THE LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS®
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STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS BILL.

Sincerely,

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LEFTY DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE

BY ANNE MULLER



Mid-December, a lone male deer somehow made his way into a Harlem park. He was named "Lefty" by the crowd that gathered to watch him. After the news broke, NYS Governor Cuomo and NYC Mayor de Blasio were as usual at odds with each other. Cuomo wanted Lefty transported upstate, and de Blasio wanted him euthanized. Wildlife Watch had calls singing Cuomo's praises. Even our plumber who hunts "sided" with Governor Cuomo about not "euthanizing" the deer as de Blasio wanted to do. Since Lefty became news, I've heard some folks say that Andrew Cuomo has "changed" and become "humane"; that Andrew Cuomo is "softening" on wildlife.

Cuomo knew better than most that there is NO sanctuary for a healthy deer. Wildlife rehabilitators are not permitted to keep healthy deer. He knows that hunting is still on-going in the woods here in upstate NY.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/28605.html>

Whether Lefty died in a "shelter" from stress, during transportation of a heart attack, or in the woods by

a hunter's bullet, Lefty was sadly doomed.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has actively participated in increasing hunting/trapping/fishing in NYS. The following link is to a video that will give you a better idea of Andrew Cuomo's aiding and abet-

ting the Bureau of Wildlife (BOW) within the DEC, so you can see the cozy relationship they have:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A20HEBn8yyU>

Please also visit

<http://www.all-creatures.org/cash/cc2014-sp-gov.html>

to see much more.

If Cuomo runs for third term, as some people are speculating, he'll be that much farther ahead if he can split the animal vote by baffling and confusing the media and animal protectionists about his concern for wild animals. The Harlem deer, Lefty, gave Governor Cuomo and BOW an opportunity to look "humane," but *please* don't be fooled.

Sadly, Lefty died in a shelter while waiting for the politicians to decide his fate.

As we grieve for Lefty, I urge you to also embrace the other NYS deer who are being harassed and killed by legal hunting that is encouraged by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Don't let Cuomo fool you, he's no friend of wild animals! Visit the website below the photo.



*Photo one of many from DEC website
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/54795.html>*

HUMANE CITIZENS OF OHIO OBJECT TO CULLS

BY LINDA LEAS

The abundance of white-tailed deer generated by the Ohio Division of Wildlife (DOW) has extended into many urban areas of the state. Cincinnati is a good example of how wildlife management agencies are causing problems for both deer and citizens.

Cincinnati lies at the bottom of the state along the Ohio River, and has fairly hilly terrain. Many of its parks are forested. As early as 2005 some residents adjacent to parks began to feel overcrowded with deer, or resented some of their plants being eaten, or were concerned about deer/car crashes, wildflowers, etc. They approached city officials, asking for something to be done. By 2007 the city had conducted aerial infrared studies, decided there were too many deer, and chose lethal control – initially starting with nighttime killing by Cincinnati police officers. City Council had to amend the municipal code to allow discharge of weapons in public parks. Deer were attracted to bait, and 210 were killed the first year.

Jim Burkhardt, Supt. of Operations for the Parks, was quoted in a Nov. 2014 CityBeat article: “After two years of sharpshooting we couldn’t keep substantiating the cost.” The Parks board then turned to the other option offered by the state: bow hunters. This of course benefited the DOW, as each qualifying bow hunter had to purchase an Ohio hunting license, and a deer permit. With the advent of bow hunting came humane concerns. Many studies indicate approximately 50% of deer shot with arrows are wounded and escape. If not dispatched, they slowly bleed to death or die of infection. Residents were also unhappy at being shut out of certain parks, often for up to 4 months at a time, to allow hunters “to hunt safely... using elevated tree stands. Also, despite all the education, training, skill qualification tests, and Supt. Burkhardt’s admonition, “We don’t want wounded deer running around the parks,” some citizens found dead, unretrieved, bow-hunted deer along jogging paths.

While the culling has brought the deer population down, the Parks Council says they have yet to reach their preferred number of 15-20 deer per square mile. In 2014 a citizen group was formed, seeking an end to the Parks’ unilateral decision to pursue fatal methods of deer management. The group participated in deer rallies, gathered petitions, and gave presentations to park officials and city leaders. **Spokesperson Dr. Millie Schafer, a retired research scientist for the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, said, “Deer are sentient beings. They feel pain. They have a social structure; they’re a matriarchal society. Fawns stay with their moms for one to two years, and sadly many of the fawns see their mothers shot....We just don’t want hunting in the city.”**



In October 2014 the Parks Board suspended the killing of deer via bow hunting in three Clifton parks — Rawson Woods, Edgewood Grove, and Mt. Storm. They gave the citizen committee until June 2015 to present an alternate program. The committee’s goal was to implement a research project to humanely control park deer populations, either through birth control or sterilization.

Establishing a program was anything but simple. The Parks Board could not offer monetary support, and a detailed process was to be submitted, including staffing, reporting procedures, peer-reviewed research support, and a budget indicating private funding sources. Also required were any federal, state, county and city permits, and a process for measuring results. Finally, the research project had to be approved by the head of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

A minority segment of the group – which came on board after the bow hunting in Clifton parks was stopped – opted for surgical sterilization. A vote showed most members supported a birth control effort. That faction re-organized as Cincinnati Urban Deer Advocates (CUDA). The surgical sterilization supporters entered into a contract with White Buffalo Inc. This a deer-management-for-hire organization that operates throughout the country, managing and/or killing deer in about any way you could imagine, including surgery, shooting, and the infamous trap-and-bolt method — deer are baited into tiny fenced enclosures, and killed with a captive bolt pistol, normally used in slaughterhouses.

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The DOW agreed to a 3-year project, with an option to expand. The program was to be implemented in December, 2015. The co-founders of the sterilization working group, (Cliftondeer.org) described the program at a Nov. 2016 “Ohio Wildlife Community Cooperative Conference” held in Columbus, Ohio. This was presented by a partnership that included the Ohio Division of Wildlife, and USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services – not an animal-friendly atmosphere.

It was claimed the rapid ovariectomy takes only 20 minutes and has low mortality. The speaker noted the procedure is endorsed as humane and safe by the Humane Society of the United States, which contributed money to the project. It was reiterated that the Ohio DOW does not consider non-lethal deer population control as a management technique, only as “research.” The park study area was one square mile in size and possibly subject to in-migration of deer. Forty-one does were darted, tranquilized, sterilized by volunteer vets, given antibiotics and pain medication, ear-tagged, given a reversal agent, and monitored from a distance. The cost of the first year program was \$42,000 and is estimated to be \$26,000 the second year. There was a wide range of opinions about the program, according to the coordinator.

On March 4, 2017 deer advocate Dr. Schafer attended a program given by the Cincinnati chapter of Wild Ones, a not-for-profit environmental education organization that works to preserve biodiversity through the preservation and establishment of native plant communities.

Dr. Schafer, expecting a “Bambi-bashing” session, went armed with scientific data, including two Yale University studies (2013 and 2016) finding that “deer had an impact on the landscape but did not alter plant cover or diminish forest regenera-

tion capacity” and another study stating, “contrary to our expectations, our long-term data showed that artificially high ungulate densities substantially increased plant species richness.” Still another article stated: “Deer are scapegoats for larger ecological problems.” She advised part of the CUDA mission is to support humane management of deer populations where there is a clearly demonstrated need to do so, and to promote co-existence. Five of 30 people present were interested in further information supporting the Yale studies and the complex issues negatively impacting the city parks.

Dr. Schafer noted the Wild Ones panel on local methods of controlling deer included a horticulturalist, Hamilton County park employees running the bow hunting program, and a person involved with the sterilization program. That individual stated in the panel discussion that his choice would have been to kill most of the Clifton deer and sterilize the rest. The Parks employee spoke on the bow hunting program and defended it as humane. Dr. Schafer notes the existence of much peer-reviewed literature to the contrary, and that studies show it to be an ineffective population control method.

In an update, Dr. Schafer reports evidence that White Buffalo has sterilized deer elsewhere, and gone back later to kill deer – its charge of \$2,000 per doe sterilization becomes prohibitive to sustain long-term. CUDA was also aware of contentious problems in a sterilization program in East Hampton, New York. Ten Cincinnati parks/preserves are still being bow hunted, with activity stopped only in the 3 Clifton parks. She says Parks officials want to expand the killing of deer, and may consider some sharpshooting in the future.

In a new development, on April 18,

2017 Dr. Schafer announced that the Cincinnati Parks superintendent had requested information on the use of immuno-contraception for deer population stabilization and reduction. After reading publications sent to him, he responded that he feels immuno-contraception is a good idea, and asks how approval will be obtained from all the agencies involved, namely Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, Ohio Division of Wildlife, Cincinnati City Council, and Cincinnati Park Board. Contraception may allow CUDA to achieve its goal of an end to deer hunting in city parks.

This writer would wager that the ODNR may approve contraception in small, urban areas, but would never let it replace statewide management, i.e. recreational hunting. As Cincinnati deer supporters await future decisions and developments, the Division of Wildlife continues its agenda – recruiting hunters, boosting revenue through sales of licenses and permits, and maximizing target animals and hunting opportunities. Most wars are won through small battles. One wonders when the deer war can be waged at its source?

What can you do? Educate yourself about deer population dynamics, the hunting industry, and how your state wildlife agency is funded. Search the articles of the Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting, C.A.S.H. at www.abolishsportshunting.org

If you live in Ohio, please contact Deer Defenders of Ohio at <https://www.deerdefendersofohio.org/>

Linda Leas is a member of Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting and Deer Defenders of Ohio. She has documented the effort by citizens to stop the killing of deer and the expansion of what is essentially sport hunting into the park system of cities.

ASK UNCLE JOE



BY JOE MIELE

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Dear Uncle Joe:

Don't you think it is hypocritical to oppose hunting when I am sure you and your family sit down to a nice roast beef every weekend and fried chicken during the week? I might be wrong and you're probably a vegetarian, but I'm sure that most of your members aren't. Besides, you're denying man's primal instinct as a hunter. We're an animal whose natural role is a predator.

Jasper,

Mayville, NY

Dear Jasper,

We get the "how can you be anti-hunting if you eat meat" question quite often. Meat eaters can be opposed to the artificial and unnecessary manipulation of wildlife populations to please hunters by keeping wildlife populations above carrying capacity. Additionally, property owners have been cited for hunter harassment for playing a radio during a backyard BBQ because a hunter claimed that the noise was keeping deer away from his tree stand. There are countless county and city parks that are closed to the public during hunting season, despite the fact that the non-hunting public pays taxes to maintain those parks. There is also the sad reality that hunting puts the public at risk, as non-hunters are killed and injured every year as a result of hunters not knowing what the heck they are doing. Then there's the insane amount of lead (a potent neurotoxin) that is blasted into the ground by hunters. The list goes on. So while you may see it hypocritical for a meat eater to oppose hunting, there are some very good reasons for everyone to do so.

I don't believe that hunting is a "primal instinct" for if it were we wouldn't have 95% of the U.S. population (give or take a percent) not participating. But as a human, shouldn't you be keeping some of those instincts in check? It's certainly a "primal instinct" to reproduce but we cannot try to do this without the consent of others. Since a clear case has been made for the law stepping in and "interfering" with one of our "primal instincts" we see no reason why the law shouldn't step in and interfere with other things that hunters claim to be primal instincts.

Sincerely,
Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe:

You stereotype all hunters as Neanderthals who lack any degree of intelligence. You know that's not true. I have an MBA from (university name withheld to prevent embarrassment) and have done pretty well for myself in a field that takes more than a rudimentary application of problem solving and critical thinking. Your opinion of hunters as blood thirsty carnivorous maniacs is ludicrous and you know it. In any society or activity you will have the good and bad. You fail to highlight anything positive sportsman contribute, and you are proud to share reports of hunting accidents but you fail to inform your readers that sports like soccer and football (which millions of kids play every year) cause far more injuries.

If you presented a more balanced argument it's likely that hunting wouldn't seem so bad. I enjoy it, millions of others also do, and my daughter will be hunting for the first time this fall.

Michael,

Brattleboro, VT

Dear Michael -

I apologize for portraying hunters as Neanderthals. When I think about it more, it seems that Neanderthals were more ethical than today's hunters since the former hunted out of necessity rather than for recreation. It is nearly impossible for any hunter to deny that he enjoys killing harmless animals, and we're hoping that the psychiatric community will begin to see such actions as a sign of mental illness.

There is something positive I can say about hunters - hunters sometimes find the bodies of missing persons in areas where non-hunters are unlikely to be. You are far more likely to discover the body of a murder victim dumped deep in the woods than I am, so I guess we can thank the hunting community for helping to solve some crimes.

There is indeed good and bad in everyone, but a murderer is not a good person even if he's been feeding homeless orphans every day for 20 years. So, you see, bad deeds committed without remorse or any sense of wrong doing can wipe out a lifetime of positive actions. The animals you kill don't really care about the good you do.

And yes, the argument "football is more dangerous than hunting" comes to us yet again. Why

don't hunters talk about the fatality rate per 1,000 participants in both football and hunting? How about the fatality rate per injury for both sports? How about the fatality rate of bystanders? As far as I know football players have never killed any spectators or bystanders during the course of a game, but hunters kill non-participants every year. Hunting is more dangerous than football or any other sport and those numbers clearly show it.

Sincerely,

Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe:

I agree with you that sport hunting should be illegal because people should not kill animals for sport. My class is learning about native American cultures that used to hunt for food and some people in Alaska still hunt for food, and I think hunting for food is ok if that's the only way you can survive. How do you feel about Indians and their kind of hunting? Their tribes were killed off by settlers and their culture shouldn't be extinct.

Yati,

Anchorage, AK

Dear Yati,

Thanks for contacting us. Our focus is on recreational hunting because that's how the majority of wildlife abuses take place, but that does not mean we're in favor of any form of hunting. Most of the country's subsistence hunters live in Alaska, but there's a little known fact about them that is the opposite of what most people imagine a subsistence hunter to be.

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, most hunters in rural areas with subsistence hunting permits are not recipients of government benefits, but are from higher income households. So while they are indeed eating what they kill, they have no need to do so and are really sport hunters in disguise.

There's no legitimate excuse for hunting when someone is not faced with a decision that is the difference between their life and their death. Times change and cultures evolve, and cultures that have relied upon killing animals should put the violence behind them and live in a more peaceful way.

Sincerely, Uncle Joe

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

By PETER MULLER, VP, C.A.S.H.
said, "Don't talk while I'm saying grace."

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Q: What do you call 10 hunters standing, at a bar, ear to ear?

A: A wind tunnel.

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Q: What did the hunter do when he heard that 90% of accidents occur around the home?

A: He moved.

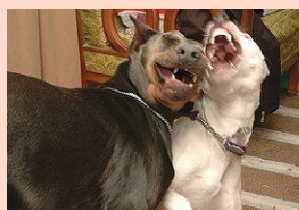
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A hunter was in the Arctic and came face to face with a polar bear. Being frozen his gun wouldn't fire. Afraid of being eaten, the hunter fell to his knees and started praying.

When the polar bear knelt down beside him and started praying too, the man shouted, "It's a miracle!"

The polar bear opened one eye and

Two lawyers were out hunting when they came upon a pair of tracks. They stopped and examined the tracks closely. The first lawyer announced, "Those are deer tracks. It's deer season, so we should follow the tracks and find our prey." The second lawyer responded, "Those are clearly elk tracks, and elk are out of season. If we follow your advice, we'll waste the day." Each attorney believed himself to be the superior woodsman, and they both bitterly stuck to their guns. They were still arguing when the train hit them.



Fans of Pete's Humor

www.ebaumsworld.com/pictures/view/557305/#

SOME GOOD NEWS: GANDER MOUNTAIN GOES OUT OF BUSINESS

When the editor of the Courier saw this sign, the world looked brighter. Yes, indeed, Gander Mountain is not only closing the local store, it's closing 32 stores across the country.

Unfortunately, while it seems promising at first glance, it won't stop the flow of Internet firearms and ammunition sales.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2017/03/13/gander-mountain-bankruptcy-store-closings/99125958/>

Is someone crying by the sign?



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