

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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COYOTES SUFFER A DISPROPORTIONATE DOSE OF CRUELTY

By Jim Robertson

The rocky relationship between modern humans and coyotes, since the first cowboys and sheep boys drove their stock out onto the western plains, prairies and cleared forestland, has played out as a one-sided war waged against an unarmed opponent. Like stormtroopers from an evil empire toting weapons of mass canid destruction



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(traps, snares, rifles, planes and poisons), ranchers have scored heavy casualties against the embattled, outnumbered and outgunned freedom fighters. Still, coyote populations continue to hold their own and (due in part to the annihilation of wolves over much of North America) have even expanded their range from primarily west of the Mississippi to include all 49 continental United States and much of Canada.

Across time and across the continent, the coyote has been persecuted by those who value animal life only in terms of whether it benefits them. A true native to America (one of the few species of mammals to evolve in the Western Hemisphere), the coyote neither wandered across the Bering land bridge nor stowed away on a trans-Atlantic schooner. They are so inextricably tied to the American landscape that efforts to eradicate

them from a given ecosystem usually result in a rebound of their numbers.

Although their merit may not be apparent to those who seek to stamp them out, the fact that coyotes have endured despite overwhelming odds is proof of their significance in nature's design. Anyone with eyes and an open mind can see that coyotes do quite a lick of good in many important ways.

Partners for life, both mother and father are devoted parents--playful, nurturing, affectionate, and protective. One spring in Yellowstone, I watched a forty-pound mother coyote put herself between her den and a hefty male grizzly bear. With distracting yelps and a resolute performance, she successfully lured him from the hideaway where her pups were safely concealed.

Distinctive yelps and evocative howls are part of the coyote's diverse repertoire of vocalizations--their

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Letter from the President

Season's Greetings to our wonderful supporters who are observing *peaceful*, selfless seasons like Christmas and New Years, as opposed to partaking in cruel, kill-happy hunting seasons. Of course, with any hunting season (and there are many) comes the inevitable hunting *accident* season, with its inherent potential to put the occasional would-be wildlife-killer out of commission, at least for a while. Fewer hunters this time of year might be welcome news to any ambulance or hearse drivers wanting to spend the holidays at home with their families, rather than working overtime for the duration of the "season."

In terms of sheer numbers, some are predicting this will be a banner year for hunting accidents. There have been a heck of a lot of them so far (especially on each state's opening day of deer season), but one would have to check the archives recently uploaded onto C.A.S.H.s' *new* website to see how this year's head count stacks up to all the other years...

That's right, the Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting has a new website. Please feel free to visit it: <http://abolishsport hunting.org> and browse not only the ridiculous number of hunting accidents and hunting violations uploaded there, but also the wealth of wildlife facts and references you'll find.

And you may want to add your name to our blog site (also new this year), <https://committeetoabolishsport hunting.wordpress.com/> and join the email list so you can get up to date information on the latest news and events as they happen.

I've had more than my share of experiences with hunting and trapping accidents throughout my life. For twenty five years I lived in a remote cabin in Washington's North Cascades mountains. My place was the last human dwelling on a gravel forest service road that dead-ended at a wilderness area boundary. Almost no one drove out that way and far fewer ever stopped by for a visit, so I was surprised one autumn morning when a truck drove down my long, dusty driveway.

It turned out to be a young hunter who frantically explained that he just shot his father-in-law (mistaking him for a deer) and asked to use my phone. I told him I was sorry, but the nearest telephone was at my neighbor's cabin, two miles downriver. He raced off to call for an ambulance, but it was too late. Like so many hunting accidents, this one proved fatal for the victim.

It's a sad story that's played out time and again—a



woman hiking a well-used trail on August 1st is shot and killed by a bear hunter; a forest worker is fatally shot by a nimrod who heard "rustling in the bushes;" an unpopular Vice President blasts his partner in the face with a shotgun—yet the perpetrators are almost never charged with manslaughter or any lesser crimes. As long as they are "lawfully" hunting, the shooting of their fellow sportsmen, or an innocent

bystander, is considered acceptable.

I should cite some of the multitudes of accidents that have happened just this fall. Speaking of fall, falling from a tree stand is one of the leading causes of death or serious injury on our list of hunting accidents in this country. Here's one example: *'Hunter rescued after hanging upside down for 2 days.'* Meanwhile, in a classic case of sport-hunter karma, on November 9th a hunter in North Carolina using an electronic animal caller was fatally shot by a man with an AR-15 who said he mistook the sound for coyotes. Sometimes it seems the animals are trying to get even for years of domination and abuse. These are the media's actual headlines now: *Dog shoots hunter at Box Elder County duck club*, and *Grizzly attacks elk hunter in mountains north of Yellowstone*.

Clearly, it's not all fun and games out there, although—in terms of body count and injury rates—it's starting to seem like the ancient Roman games. The question that should be on a lot of hunters' minds these days: Is the sport really worth it?

For the record, just so nobody gets the idea that we here at C.A.S.H. are a bunch of spiteful people who cheer at every hunter's misfortune, we would love nothing more than to know that hunting accidents are on the steep decline—because people were laying down their arms en masse and turning their backs on the sport once and for all. Until then, every time a hunter falls out of a tree stand, mistakes his partner for a deer, or gets lost and has a coronary in a field somewhere, it gives us hope that one day all this wanton killing will be in the dark recesses of the past, safely buried away like all other aberrant human behavior.

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familiar chorus helps keep the pack in touch. Coyotes howl to communicate with fellow pack members over great distances in much the same way that humans use cell phones to locate friends or family members across the expansive voids of modern mega-malls. But while a ringing cell phone at a crowded shopping center is just another distraction to shoppers not party to the call, the coyote's multipurpose melodies aide other species who can interpret communications meant as warning signals or announcements that all's well.

Wily opportunists whose varied diet consists of up to 40% plant matter, coyotes typically utilize the remains of animals who have died in childbirth or of other natural causes. In doing so, they help the very people who vilify them. **Kansas mammologist, Dr. Raymond Hall, made this observation on the usefulness of the coyote, "For one thing, he is a scavenger, and on watersheds which supply water for domestic use, he retrieves many a carcass for food that otherwise would decay and contaminate the water supply, or serve as a lure to filth-loving insects which carry the organisms of decay to man's food."** In a deplorable display of sheer stupidity, those who poison coyotes have been known to spread toxic chemicals onto these carcasses, threatening everyone and everything living downstream.



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Coyote catching a mouse

As part-time predators, coyotes' area of expertise is rodent-getter, taking advantage of rapidly growing mice, vole and rabbit populations where they occur. When they do prey on larger animals, they usually select the injured or sick, acting as agents of nature's greater compassion by reducing the suffering of an animal who would otherwise linger and die slowly. **By removing weak or diseased animals from the gene pool, predators like coyotes, wolves and cougars secure healthy traits for future generations. And it's been well-established that coyotes would much rather stick to their customary prey than resort to domestic livestock, yet the coyote is ever the scapegoat.**

As author Jack Olsen put it, "One of the sorriest effects

of the incessant propaganda war against the coyote and other predators is that it perpetuates beliefs that have already caused more than enough harm on the continent of North America."

Whenever humane activists successfully ban various poisons and other cruel kill methods, sportsmen and their

game department cronies are quick to counter any progress made by conducting competitive contest hunts. Much like fishing derbies, offering prizes and cash rewards to whoever kills the most coyotes, these bloody tournaments are becoming increasingly popular in many states. In a country built on draining wetlands, fencing grasslands and prairies and paving over everything in between, any animal who dares to thrive is an unwelcome rival.

Olsen continues, "By simple dint of pounding over and over on the same points, the sheep industry has succeeded in characterizing all predators as deadly killers that would



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rather dine on lamb than anything else that lives on the range. In the sheep man's demonology of the coyote, every fallen sheep is brought down by coyotes. If *Canis latrans* comes across a dead sheep and plays his natural role as carrion-eater, the rancher shows teeth marks as proof of murder. **If a sheep falls dead and the coyotes ignore the carcass, the sheep man charges an even more heinous crime: killing for pleasure. No matter what the predator does, a diabolical explanation is provided, and grandiose overstatement becomes the rule. Two lambs dying at birth are transformed into twenty lambs killed by coyotes."**

Exterminating established coyotes only allows younger, less experienced individuals to move into the vacated, unfamiliar territory to prey on the most obvious and abundant nutritional source: lambs or calves. Underscoring the futility of brutal "control" methods, the killing of coyotes paradoxically increases the food-per-coyote ratio, resulting

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in more pups each spring and higher pup survival rates--ultimately leading to more coyotes.

Anybody who has witnessed the harrowing ordeal suffered by an animal caught in a leg-hold trap should be appalled and outraged that trapping is still legal in a society that considers itself civilized. The continuation of this horrid, outdated practice in a country governed by the people suggests either that most folks have brain damage or that most of the voting populace is simply unaware of the terrible anguish and desperation a trapped animal goes through.

They must never have heard the cries of shock and pain when an animal first feels the steel jaws of a trap lock down onto his leg. They must never have looked into the weary eyes of a helpless victim who has been caught in a trap for days and nights on end. They must never have come across a leg that an animal had chewed off in order to escape a deadly fate, nor stopped to think how tormented and hopeless she must feel to take that desperate action. And they must never have seen an animal struggling through her life on three legs.

I've had more than my share of heart-wrenching experiences with the gruesome evils of trapping. On a walk near our home in Eastern Washington, my dog stepped into a leg-hold trap that clamped down onto his front paw, prying his toes apart. He cried out in terror and frantically tried to shake it off, biting at the trap, at his paw, and at me as I fought to open the mindless steel jaws. The trap continued to cut deeper into his tender flesh and my efforts caused him even more pain. Finally, after many harrowing minutes, I was able to loosen the torture device enough for him to pull his foot free.

Another dog I freed was caught in two leg-hold traps. One was latched onto her front leg, while the second gripped her hind leg, forcing her to remain standing for untold agonizing hours. Judging by how fatigued and dehydrated she was, she had been stuck there for several days. The sinister traps caused so much damage that a vet had to amputate one of her injured legs.

With no other hope of escape and feeling vulnerable to anyone that comes along, many trapped animals resort to amputating their own leg. Trappers callously label this grim act of despair "wring-off". Truly, freedom is precious to any animal desperate enough to take this extreme step. But if they don't bleed to death or die from infection, they spend the rest of their lives crippled and quite possibly unable to keep up with a demanding life in the wild. Unlike the fictional character "Little Big Man," who was distraught to the brink of suicide when he found that an animal had chewed off its leg to escape one of his traps, most trappers who find a wring-off are indifferent to the suffering they caused as they begrudgingly pitch the chewed-off limb and reset their trap.

While I was camped near Bowron Lakes Provincial Park in B.C., Canada, in late March, my dog found just such a discarded limb--the front leg of a trapped lynx. In what has to be one of the more deceitful abuses of trust ever, free roaming animals--safely protected within the arbitrary boundaries of parks--lose all such protection and are deemed "fair game" for trapping as soon as they step across an invisible dividing line. Trappers consider the lands adjoining parks the most "productive" and will pay tens of thousands of dollars for permits to run trap-lines in those areas. I've had the displeasure of seeing three-legged coyotes near the North Cascades National Park, and within the Grand Tetons National Park.

Sidestepping the indisputable cruelty issue, pro-trapping factions try to perpetuate the myth that trapping is sustainable. But time and again entire populations of "furbearers" are completely trapped out of an area, often within a single season. The winter after I found wolf tracks in Alaska's Katmai National Park, all seven members of a pack who had found a niche in and around that preserve were killed--permissibly "harvested"--by trappers. Though wolves are extinct or endangered in most of the U.S., 1,500 are legally trapped in Alaska each year.

Leg-hold traps are now banned in 88 countries, and some enlightened states have passed initiatives to outlaw trapping. Still, in many U.S. states, as in Canada, the twisted tradition is not only legal, it's considered a sacred human right. Compassionate people everywhere must add their voice to the rising call to end this barbarity for good.

No animal should find themselves stuck in their steel jaws--not a bear or hawk, OR a "target" animal like a raccoon or coyote.

**TRAPPING HAS
NO PLACE
IN A CIVILIZED
WORLD!**

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C.A.S.H. editor's note: There is huge prejudice and discrimination against those who oppose hunting. Police and enforcement officers normally support the hunter over the landowner, individuals, or groups who oppose hunting. C.A.S.H. was asked to print the press release below in full, without changes. It will convey to our readers the heavy hand of wildlife management.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Ohio Couple Falsely Arrested, Wrongfully Convicted of "Hunter Harassment" Files First-Ever Appeal, Claims State Laws Violate First Amendment

With All the Media Buzz About Second Amendment Rights, Shouldn't Those Prosecuted for Exercising Free Speech Against Community Violence Get Equal Time?

SEVEN HILLS and PARMA, OH (November 2018)

– Lucy McKernan and another individual were falsely arrested the day before Thanksgiving 2017 while peacefully enjoying private property, because the deer hunter on adjacent property – whose tree stand is less than 300 feet from a public school -- was annoyed with their presence. Seven Hills police charged the couple with "preventing hunting by creating noise" and "possession of criminal tools" (allegedly, a harmless wind-up radio and pair of maracas).

Such laws in Ohio are civil, not criminal. Yet, McKernan was charged in criminal court with both misdemeanors in Parma Municipal Court in January 2018.

McKernan is part of a nationwide trend challenging blatantly unconstitutional hunter harassment laws. "I had to take a stand. We were peacefully enjoying private property one minute, sitting in the back of a cop car the next," said McKernan. "I'm sure Seven Hills had it in for me after I filed a civil suit against the city. Council passed a bogus emergency hunting ordinance Oct. 2016 (that I won through appeals court, but it was just reversed Oct. 2018 by a biased lower, common pleas court judge with ties to defendant's counsel) that also unconstitutionally quashed my

Referendum to put the hunting issue on the ballot for a final vote."

At her pretrial hearing, the judge, who previously allowed the co-defendant to enter into a first-time offenders program, blackmailed McKernan into pleading to the higher level Misdemeanor 1: if she didn't take the plea, or opted for trial, he would drag the co-defendant out of diversion and force him to trial, too. When McKernan asked to consult with her attorney, the judge refused. McKernan's attorney motioned to dismiss based on civil vs. criminal charges, and unconstitutionality, but the judge -- who has received campaign contributions from City of Seven Hills officials -- refused.

One month after her arrest, McKernan saw the same hunter fatally wound a mother deer bleeding from her heart/lung area who ran out in front of her vehicle. The poor doe was never tracked by the hunter. Her remains were later found several properties away. Police refused to take a report,

but the Seven Hills officer who arrested McKernan one month prior, also a hunter who hunts illegally in Seven Hills (under required acreage), along with the chief, covered it up.



Lucy McKernan, a researcher, writer, public presenter and activist, publishes articles that demonstrate all lethal measures purported to manage deer populations fail, and that wildlife managers manipulate deer reproduction so agencies profit off stable, rebounding populations. McKernan's formula for Sweeping Reform of Ohio Division of Wildlife is available via e-mail: 7hillsdeer@gmail.com

LIVING IN TERROR:

WHAT THE CANADA GEESE AND I HAVE IN COMMON

BY DEBRA MUCCI

At the end of October, a resident and home owner in Middletown, NY, used her dog against the geese. That wasn't the first time we had encountered each other. In 2017, she had also chased the geese with her dog, and her dog attempted to grab one goose by the neck. She walked away when she heard me scream.

This time, when I saw her egging on her dog to attack the geese, I called out to her to stop. She ran up to me, as close as two people can get, and screamed in my face that she was tired of me and the geese. During her tirade against me, she yelled that everyone hates me, adding that I was going to lose, and that I should just move.

After calling me vulgar names, she paused and asked what I was going to do about it and then called the police. The officer told me that she had accused me of threatening her. An absurd accusation considering her far greater size.

I notified the property managers, the board members, Hudson Valley Humane Law Enforcement, and an animal protection organization.

The following day, I was told by a board member that they were not going to do anything about my accusation since the geese were not injured, adding that they were tired of hearing about the geese, and they didn't care.

Since living here, I have witnessed the following:

In 2017 -

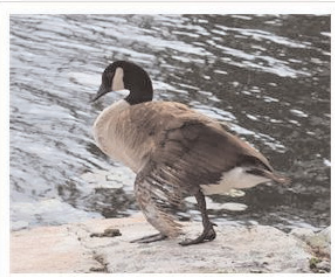
- I found a dead goose floating in the water that had been blown up by a bottle bomb. I notified the Hudson Valley Humane Law Enforcement and they came out and spoke to several home owners after numerous complaints about residents abusing geese. No further action was taken.

- A condo owner cornered a goose against the fence on the lake side with his pit bull, terrifying the goose as it was honking in fear until another neighbor intervened. I found out that had been going on for at least two years. A neighbor reported that the culprit enjoyed watching the dog go for the geese.

In 2016 -

- I found a goose ripped to shreds against a tree and could not understand how that happened. Now I know.

When I moved into the condo association in 2000, **board members were using brooms and whips against the geese. One former board member, who has since moved, took half the wing off one goose rendering him unable to fly, all**



Lone Goose #1 had a broken wing.

because the goose dared to go near her condo. This particular goose eventually died during the winter months alone and hungry as the other geese were able to leave and find food and shelter. This was reported to the managers, the board members and the police, yet nothing was done to stop the abuse. It was then that I took it upon myself to defend the geese.

Over the years, I have seen the president of the Phase 1 go into the lake with her boat and use her oars against the geese to beat whichever goose was unlucky enough to get within reach. This woman has been terrorizing the geese for years.

Several years ago, a home owner used a BB gun against the geese, and I found a dead goose with a large hole in his chest. I took pictures and forwarded them to the authorities, property managers, and board members, including pictures and a statement of what I saw prior to finding the dead goose, but nothing was ever done.

(I believe that a few of the residents are still on occasion using BB guns against the geese.)

Although it might be legal, starting two years ago, people started using fireworks at night on three sides of the lake. It terrifies me and my dog, and we're both inside. It was done to put the fear of God into the geese to make them leave the area. They have not left. This practice is still done on occasion in the dark of night.

I've witnessed parents encouraging their kids to throw rocks and branches at the geese while the geese were on the lake swimming. One parent started having her young child harass me and my two dogs every time I walked down the street thinking that she could get away with it.

I've heard gunshots by the lake and reported it to the authorities, but nothing was done.

I know that the geese are being harassed by the same residents who have been terrorizing them for years, while the board members, the management company, the property managers, and most other residents look the other way, giving tacit approval of this horrific harassment.

I have been told outright by board members, the property managers, the management company and several residents that they do not care about the abuse of the geese on this lake. They do not want the geese on the property and will do whatever it takes to stop the geese from coming or staying here.

The board members, property management, the Management Company, and many residents feel that it is their God-given right to abuse these animals and no one can stop them or think about stopping them.

I was not the only person to complain. A few other residents have been shamed, abused, harassed and charged

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unwarranted fees etc. in order to make them comply with the management company's ideology and stop complaining about the abuse. For the most part it worked. I know there are police reports for those complaints as well. Nothing has been done.

At this point in time, the condo association is under a new management company, RJB Community Management, though the condo property managers are the same as those who've been in charge since I moved in, and most of the board members remain the same.

I'm asking that you call RJB Community Management

at 888-391-2311 Ext 711 and voice your displeasure with their lack of compassion and inaction over the cruelty that I've witnessed.

If you can help with suggestions, please contact me. I will not allow an abuser to silence me. I will not stop until the geese can live in peace and not be terrorized by dogs, BB guns, bottle bombs, guns, whips, and a general lack of civility. There's no question that animals need rights and protection.

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Editor's Note:

C.A.S.H. called **Sue McDonough, a former NYS police officer for 18 years, and a wildlife rehabilitator.** Sue continues to provide education to both wildlife rehabilitators and police departments about laws that exist to permit arrests. Sue will be writing an article for our next issue. She directed us to the following New York State law to prove that arrests for cruelty against wildlife can be made. Relevant text has been selected:

ARTICLE 26 OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

<https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/Al/cir916rev12-04.pdf>

350. Definitions. 1. "Animal" as used in this article, includes every living creature except a human being. 2. "Torture" or "cruelty" includes every act, omission, or neglect, whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death is caused or permitted.

353. Overdriving, torturing and injuring animals; failure to provide proper sustenance. A person who overdrives, overloads, tortures or cruelly beats or unjustifiably injures, maims, mutilates or kills any animal, **whether wild or tame**, and whether belonging to himself or to another, or deprives any animal of necessary sustenance, food or drink, or neglects or refuses to furnish it such sustenance or drink, or causes, procures or permits any animal to be overdriven, overloaded, tortured, cruelly beaten, or unjustifiably injured, maimed, mutilated or killed, or to be deprived of necessary food or drink, or who willfully sets on foot, instigates, engages in, or in any way furthers any act of cruelty to any animal, or any act tending to produce such cruelty, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both. Nothing herein contained shall be co

371. Powers of peace officers. **A constable or police officer must, and any agent or officer of any duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals may issue an appearance ticket**

pursuant to section 150.20 of the criminal procedure law, summon or arrest, and bring before a court or magistrate having jurisdiction, any person offending against any of the provisions of article twenty-six of the agriculture and markets law. ..

Sue explained that it's clear that a police officer, state police or otherwise **MUST** take action. A peace officer, such as those working for SPCAs **MAY** take action.

So, yes, this law could have been used in the instances described above by **Debra Mucci.**

The Hudson Valley SPCA Humane Law Enforcement policy states the following:



What is Humane Law Enforcement?

Humane Law Enforcement is a division of law enforcement that is designed to protect domestic animals from abuse and neglect. New York State humane laws require that animals be provided with appropriate sanitary living conditions, food, water and medical treatment when they are sick or injured. According to humane laws, those who commit acts of violence or fail to care for the animals they are harboring can be punished with fines and/or imprisonment. Animals that are considered domestic under humane laws include dogs, cats, exotic pets and livestock such as cattle, horses, goats and chickens.

They say, "The Hudson Valley Humane Law Enforcement Division is the only law enforcement agency in Orange County that specializes in animal cruelty and abuse."

<http://hudsonvalleyhumanelaw.com/AboutUs.aspx>

We are grateful to them for all that they do, but clearly wildlife is left out. Our call to them was answered and they said they simply don't have the resources to deal with wildlife abuse, which they refer to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation! C.A.S.H. knows well how that would add to the misery of the geese. **Sue McDonough plans to educate police and towns about this law in the New York area in the spring.**

A FIELD GUIDE TO THE NORTH AMERICAN HUNTER

BY JIM ROBERTSON

People tend to paint all wildlife-killers with a single brush stroke, referring to them all simply as “hunters.” Yet close scientific observation reveals that there are at least five different categories, or sub-species, of the mutation of *Homo sapiens* known as the North American hunter (*Homo hunter horribilis*). Oddly, members of some sub-species don’t like to be associated with others. They can’t all be bad apples, can they? Read on...

1) SPORT HUNTER



This category can actually be applied to all the other sub-species, including the universally maligned trophy hunter, as well as the so-called subsistence hunter, since nearly no one in this day and age really

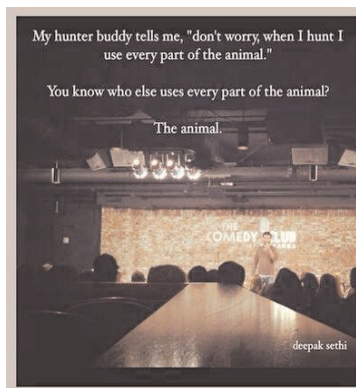
has to kill wild animals to survive anymore. Lately we’ve been hearing from a lot of hunter apologists quick to make a distinction between sport and subsistence hunters. Truth is there’s not all that much difference between the two. Sport hunters and subsistence hunters are often so closely related, they’re practically kissin’ cousins. Rare is the hunter who doesn’t justify his sport by boasting about “using the meat.” By the same token, you hardly ever find one who openly admits to being just a sport hunter.

But, being by far the largest sub-class, there are obviously plenty of adherents. For reasons known only to them, they like to refer to themselves as “sportsmen” (or “sportswomen”). When not out killing, they are often seen petitioning Congress to enshrine their perceived right to kill animals (meanwhile mocking the very notion that non-human animals have rights).

Tracks: On the rare occasion that these good ol’ boy traditional sport hunters get out of their vehicles (usually a pickup truck with a bench seat, so they can sit on their camo-clad asses three abreast), you’ll find their tell-tale boot tracks weaving along the roadway—a sure sign the Schmidt-swilling hunter has spotted a deer, or needs to take a pee.

Other spoor to watch for: spent shotgun shells and cigarette butts in parking lots, or 16 ounce beer cans and empty fried pork rind bags ejected out the truck window, along forest roadways.

2) SUBSISTENCE HUNTER



This category includes the holier than hemp types who use words like “foodie,” and all those others who claim to hunt mainly for food. Subsistence types conveniently ignore the fact that there are nearly 8 billion human meat-eaters on the planet today, and if they all followed their model for “living off the

land,” there would be no wildlife left on Earth.

Like sport hunters, subsistence hunters do what they do because they want to; they enjoy the “outdoor lifestyle.” But not many self-proclaimed “subsistence” hunters are willing to give up modern conveniences—their warm house, their car, cable TV or the ever-present and attendant “reality” film crew—and live completely off the land like a Neanderthal...at least not indefinitely.

While everyone has a right to feed themselves and their family, what gives them the right to exploit the wildlife is unclear. Sure, all people need some form of protein, yet millions have found a satisfying and healthful way to eat that doesn’t involve preying on others. And they don’t seem to understand that dead is dead and it doesn’t matter to the victim whether their killer eats every part of them or just sticks their head on a wall.

Call: Often overheard uttering feeble catch-words like “management,” “sustainability,” “population control” or “invasive species.” Unfortunately, they never think to apply those same concepts to the species, *Homo sapiens*.

3) TROPHY HUNTER



This group can be confused with other “sportsmen,” but though both types are clearly in it for the fun, trophy hunters are obsessed with every aspect of the so-called sport. These are the kind of people who hold “contest hunts” on anything seen as competition, yet ironically are intent on recruiting more hunters,

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including women and young people, encouraging them to take up the “sport.” Although their professed enemies are predators like wolves and mountain lions, their most dreaded foe are the anti-hunters.

The trophy hunters’ fixation with horn curl or antler spread is in fact causing a reversal of evolution in the species whose heads they covet.

Breeding plumage: Camouflage from head to tail; flashy orange vest. Mates primarily with themselves.

4) SADISTIC HUNTER



This category includes bow-hunters, trappers and wolf hunters. Often seen on reality TV shows or in homemade snuff-film videos on U-Tube. Hunters who consider themselves in one of the other categories would do

well to self-police their kind, lest normal people (non-hunters) think all hunters are sadists who enjoy the act of killing and are turned on by watching animals suffer and struggle under their power.

Habitat: Disgusting personal websites or Facebook pages where they parade around in camo, showing off their evil deeds for anyone who’ll give them the time of day.

5) “ETHICAL” HUNTER



This is the category that virtually all hunters want to be included in. Unfortunately, the phrase “ethical hunter” is an oxymoron, like “humane slaughter,” “fair chase,” “free-range poultry” or “friendly neighborhood serial killer.” As with UFOs, Bigfoot and the Loch Ness monster, no one has ever been able to locate one of these mythical phantoms.

Spoor: This make-believe subspecies leaves no tracks or scat because, well, they’re fictitious. The only impression they make is in the minds of the easily influenced. There’s simply no way an animal-killer can be considered ethical, unless of course he gives up hunting.

Jim Robertson is the President of C.A.S.H. and the author of *Exposing the Big Game: Living Targets of a Dying Sport*

<https://www.animalsinthewild.com>

Thank you to *In Defense of Animals* for putting out the following: Demand Felony Charges for Juvenile Who Shot Cat with Arrow

They wrote: *On November 13, a resident of Wahiawa, Hawaii made a gruesome discovery. On the lawn in front of her apartment, she found a cat struggling to breathe, her head pierced by an arrow. Tragically, her injuries were too severe to withstand, and she later died. Make sure this cruel perpetrator faces justice!*



...Lead Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu, Keith Kaneshiro, has pledged to take animal cruelty seriously — and for good reason! Studies have repeatedly shown, and the FBI and other law enforcement agencies agree, that a person who commits cruelty to animals very often moves on to commit acts of violence against people, especially when the cruelty to animals goes unpunished. You can take action here:

<https://secure2.convio.net/ida/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=3252&autologin=true&AddInterest=1022>

One day we at C.A.S.H. also hope to see the same concern for this! Hunting needs to be seen for what it is — and it will be!



QDMA PLOTS AND PLANS

“Tagged Out Early on Bucks, His Hunt Got Even Better”

This article was sent to my email just days ago directly by the Quality Deer Management (QDMA) organization that was gloating over the new angle that one of their members had discovered.

For full article, see:

<https://www.qdma.com/tagged-out-early-on-bucks-his-hunt-got-even-better/>



I admit that I wasn't sure what "tagged out" meant. But we are still learning all the loopholes in the hunting rules and regs that allow hunters to use devices, bait with plantings, and employ other tricks to lure deer to them. That, in addition to how they can contrive ways to legally kill more animals, even

when they have reached the maximum number...

The author of the article had set up his tree-stand in a QDMA clover plot and there he waited for a hapless buck to be attracted to the clover, so he could make an effortless kill.

He complained that a buck whom he had targeted over the summer in trail-camera photos was too far from the stand, so he needed to get off his treestand to stalk the deer and kill him. It was a bit more effort, but he was able to brag, "I was able to wrap my Iowa buck tag around his antler and couldn't have been happier."

A fellow hunter then pointed out that because he had filled his "archery any-sex tag" so early, he wouldn't be able to hunt a buck during the rut. [Keep in mind that managers need the bucks to impregnate the females in order to keep the killing business going.]

Rather than letting that bad news ruin the rest of the hunting season, he decided that he could at least study the situation from the tree stand and learn about mature bucks, even if he couldn't kill them any more that season. So, he spent the rest of the time "acquiring knowledge."

Of course, he didn't want to remain passive while in the tree stand, so he tried some "aggressive tactics" to further his "knowledge." He called in bucks with mechanical devices. It was all legal because his intention wasn't to kill any deer attracted to the calls, but rather to have an "educational experience." [Brilliant.] And, guess what, he bragged that he had called in more deer than in any other season.

As he was wiling away the time until he could again shoot a buck, he had the idea of going to the local archery shop and taking a proficiency test required to hunt in an Urban Deer Management Unit. He could then buy urban

antlerless tags for the rest of the season. [Don't forget that fewer does leads to bigger bucks, as the males get more of the food.] He brilliantly figured out that he'd have some new locations to hunt and it gave him 3 antlerless tags. Then the deal was that he'd get an urban any-sex tag for the following year. [Game managers know that sport hunters really want to kill bucks.]

Also, in his spare time, while he couldn't hunt another buck, he created videos of himself and friends hunting, not for the sheer voyeurism of it, but for learning more. He watched the videos over and over to not miss anything. [I'm not making this up.]

Finally, to make lemonade out of lemon, he realized that if a hunter can't hunt a buck directly, he can always mentor a new hunter. So, far from being stressed out over not being able to kill another buck, he said, "I found that being able to remove the stress of filling a tag will allow you to focus more on learning from each hunt and enjoying the overall experience."

The author of the article who provided the proof of the stupidity and meanness of hunting is Taylor Maas in IA.

QDMA'S RESPONSE TO ACCUSATIONS OF BAITING:

QDMA doesn't really deny that their plots are baiting, they just imply that it's a better form of baiting - and best of all, it's not yet illegal! They argue this way (quotes are in italics):

FEEDING IS 24/7

This time of availability is important as deer have well-defined pecking orders, and subordinate animals may be denied access to food when its availability is limited. Food plots provide equal-opportunity access to all deer in the neighborhood. Ing

Is this not an admission that they are playing with nature's way? This is truly management to enhance populations by ensuring that females are well fed and fertile.

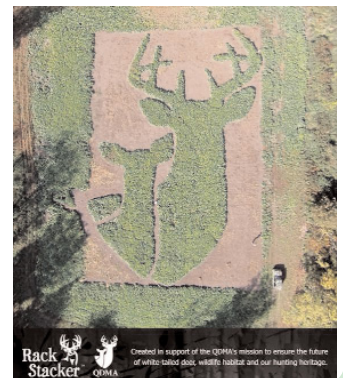
TWO ACRES, NO WAITING:

Do they mean to say there's no waiting to kill?

COME ONE, COME ALL

I'll acknowledge bait sites also feed more than deer, but many of the other species such as feral hogs, raccoons and crows are often regarded as nuisances.

This speaks for itself.



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Plots offer unlimited killing opportunity.

IMPROVING THE LAND

[Get out the violin.] *As a deer hunter and steward of our natural resources, we should always strive to leave our natural resources a little better than we found them. In contrast, I've never seen a plot of land that was improved by regular baiting.*

The purpose of this article is not to chastise hunters who use bait...I've hunted over bait sites, and it's likely I will again at some point in the future. Rather, the purpose

of this article is to highlight the beneficial value of food plots and clearly demonstrate that food [bait] plots and bait sites are not equal in the deer world.

While searching for photos for QDMA, C.A.S.H. came across the photo on the previous page by "Rack Stacker." If you visit this site: <http://www.rackstacker.ca/> you will see all of the lures and other products that hunters use in their "natural" pursuit of killing wild animals who only have the skin on their backs.

A. M.

PANDO IS DYING – BLAME WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, NOT THE DEER!

A *Scientific American* article about Pando, the name for a stand of Aspen trees in Utah all connected by the roots is called the largest living organism on the planet. Scientists believe that Pando has existed for thousands of years, and they are concerned that it is dying because deer are eating the young growth as the older trees die off.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/podcast/episode/worlds-largest-organism-faces-bleak-future/>

This unfair accusation caused wildlife rehabilitator, **Marilyn Leybra**, who is familiar with **Luke Dommer's** writings to quickly and firmly place the blame where it belongs: on the game agencies that manage deer for hunting.

Marilyn writes:

No, deer do not 'breed like rats'. They are manipulated by every state wildlife management agency, into over-producing fawns via "management" of the sex ratio. In nature, only the largest, dominant bucks breed with females and in nature deer are normally born in a 50/50 ratio of males to females. Every hunting season, wildlife management agencies regulate licensing. That in combination with the "sport" hunter's natural preference for antlered deer, produces a deer herd population of mostly breeding females. Poachers as well take many of the largest bucks out of "season."

You are a lucky soul if you ever get to see a magnificent 10 point plus antlered buck in nature. Sport hunting has even destroyed their genes, and continues to compound the problem by genetically engineering ever-larger and monstrously shaped antlers. See this link and cry for the deer.

<https://www.outdoorlife.com/photos/gallery/hunting/2011/09/freak-show-bucks-look-genetically-altered-deer>

Increasing the number of deer is done to satisfy hunter demand for targets and, of course, for the revenue from the purchased licenses. Other manipulation includes killing off the natural predators of deer, clear-cutting forests to create more browse for deer, as well as "controlled burns." To game agents, it doesn't matter how many turtles, snakes, and other precious animals are burned alive, the objective is, to keep over-producing more deer, the main money maker for every state in the country.

Yes, some deer (old, very young, weak, injured or diseased) would starve in brutal winters, but not as many as the number that starve because of manipulated overpopulation. Yes, there would be some deer-car collisions because of human development and more roads, but not nearly the number of collisions because of deer being deliberately over-populated. Yet, the superficial response is that we 'need' more hunting. The game agencies and hunters take advantage of the ignorance and convince the public that if they don't mercifully kill the deer, they would starve to death in winter anyway. **But even starvation is caused by the annual autumn war of terror on these animals during the time they're supposed to be storing up critical fat reserves to get through the winter instead of running for their lives and using up their reserves.**

To give credit where credit is due, in the *Scientific American* article, Paul Rogers, director of the Western Aspen Alliance at Utah State University, was quoted, **"The problem has largely been created by humans and our game management strategies." Rogers says those strategies need to be reconsidered if we want to protect Pando.**" C.A.S.H. is grateful for his insight!



WHY LOGGING IS NOT THE SOLUTION WE NEED TO PREVENT WILDFIRES

By M.R.G.

Wildfires are becoming an ever increasing concern among Americans, and people are searching for answers as to how to prevent fires from happening in the future. This search for a solution becomes ever more pressing as more lives are lost, human and animal alike. Thousands of people have lost their homes and many their pets, either separated and not found, or taken by the fire. Sanctuaries for now homeless humans and animals are filling up, and wildlife are desperately fleeing, their land consumed by the flames. These tragedies beg the question, "What can be done to prevent this?"

One possible answer to that question that some, including President Trump and his administration, stand behind is logging. *The Guardian* reported that Ryan Zinke, the interior secretary, and Sonny Purdue, agriculture secretary, said that proposed new legislation would allow for the "thinning" of forests to help prevent wildfires. Zinke said he was confident Congress would soon pass a new farm bill that would remove environmental reviews for the removal of trees and brush, as well as the building of roads through federal forests. See complete article here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/nov/27/wildfires-ryan-zinke-logging-environment-thinning>

Those who support logging believe, put simply, that cutting down trees will clear land of burnable material. Thus calling into question the effect of the protected status held by many forestlands in the western United States. There have been recent proposals to reduce or eliminate forest protection and increase logging, under the impression that this will quell the severity of forest fires. It may seem obvious that removing the stuff that burns would cause a reduction in wildfire severity but that, however, is a grossly over-simplistic viewpoint.

A study published by *Ecosphere*, one



of the Ecological Society of America's online scientific journals, states explicitly that logging is not a viable solution for reducing wildfire severity. Speaking of the results of the study, which examined 1500 fires, affecting 9.5 million hectares between 1984 and 2014, it is said that "[They] found forests with higher levels of protection had lower [wildfire] severity values even though they are generally identified as having the highest overall levels of biomass and fuel loading". What may not be obvious to some, is the actual ecological benefit that trees have to these environments. Provided by research ecologist Chad Hanson, these include producing shade, which decreases a forest's overall temperature and dryness, and providing a barrier to wind, which causes the rapid spreading of fires. If logging were to occur, it would leave behind combustible material, such as twigs and other kindling, and allow for the growth of invasive and easily combustible weeds that take hold in place of trees, while also removing all sources of shade and wind protection. Not to mention the loss of habitat for so many wild animals that need protection.

Some solutions other than logging,

provided by Chad Hanson, include fire proofing houses, making sure gutters are clear of debris, moving powerlines underground, and having homeowners have a 100 foot zone around their homes that they clear of shrubs, branches, and small trees once a year. This, he says "is the only type of "thinning" that will effectively protect homes".

It is important to not let fear cause rash, uneducated decisions to be made. What may seem like a likely solution is many times an over simplification of a multifaceted issue.

Please see the full article "President Trump is wrong about wildfire prevention" by Chad Hanson here:

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/11/17/opinions/president-trump-is-wrong-about-wildfire-prevention-hanson/index.html>

The scientific paper mentioned above "Does increased forest protection correspond to higher fire severity in frequent-fire forests of the western United States?" can be found here:

<https://esajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/ecs2.1492>

Editor's Note: Timber management allows for new growth for deer and other hunted species. It clearly plays into wildlife management's goal of increasing huntable populations

IN LOVING MEMORY

MARY T. HOFFMAN

Mary Hoffman of The Mary T. and Frank L. Hoffman Family Foundation and www.all-creatures.org sadly passed away August 25, 2018.



The C.A.S.H. annual meeting was scheduled for the next day. Frank and Mary had never missed it since we began having them in 1995. They became our friends and benefactors over the years, and hosted our websites, saving C.A.S.H. and Wildlife Watch much expense and time.

And we're not the only ones their kindness and generosity helps! **Their All-Creatures website hosts at least 50 animal protection organizations!** www.all-creatures.org

The night before our annual meeting in August, Frank called to say that Mary had been rushed to the hospital. It was totally unexpected. They had taken their morning walk, the weather was beautiful, they had then gone to their respective offices in their house, and several minutes later, Mary told Frank that she had a severe headache. At the beginning of the meeting when we announced the bad news, we did not know that Mary had died during the night.

Life is so fragile and sometimes there's truly no time to say "Good-bye."

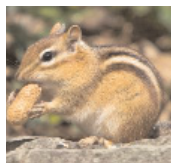
It was an honor to have known Mary. If you'll visit their website, you'll see Mary's exquisite art and all of the wonderful work that both Mary and Frank did, and that Frank will continue to do. You'll see their innumerable contributions to the animal protection movement, and their understanding that animals are precious, that our spiritual nature has to evolve to realize that, and their profound faith that it is in fact evolving.

To see and read more about Mary and her beautiful watercolors, please visit: <https://www.all-creatures.org/art.html>

During the 2017 C.A.S.H. annual meeting, Mary and I discovered something that we both had in common (aside from the many other things we had in common), it was that we both dearly loved chipmunks.

I will miss Mary!

Anne Muller



MERLE WILSON

Jessup, Iowa

C.A.S.H. was extremely saddened to recently learn that Merle Wilson passed away on February 11, 2018. He was 81. Merle provided C.A.S.H. with hunting information about Iowa. He was extremely astute at analyzing the maneuvers of the game department and how they helped hunting. C.A.S.H. received packages from Merle almost monthly of brochures and newspaper articles about hunting in IA, along with his letters to the editor of various newspapers, and his correspondence with IA politicians.



C.A.S.H. kept a section in each newsletter for Iowa because of all that **Merle Wilson** and his friend, **Herman Lenz**, sent.

Merle's wife, **Vicki Wilson**, told us that she intends to continue helping animals.

CONNIE YOUNG

Pine Plains, NY



Constance Young, a long-time C.A.S.H. member, passed away on June 13, the day before what would have been her 86th birthday. Connie was a professional medical and science writer who used her writing skills to make the case for vegetarianism and against sport and canned hunting, factory farming, and animal experimentation. She especially loved cats and rescued and provided a home

for dozens of them over the years.

Connie was also a warm and generous person who is greatly missed by C.A.S.H. and her many friends in and out of the animal rights community.

WITHOUT SAYING "GOODBYE"

Anyone who has suddenly lost a companion animal, or a wild animal you've gotten to know, can understand the pain. This poem's heartbreaking title alone sums it up.

By George Cassidy Payne

There are some friends
who just go.
But we are not allowed
to talk about it.
I called for you.

I put posters up for you.
I checked Craigslist for
you. I still call for you.
And when I pull into
my driveway, I look
for you. Under the camper

or in a tree. I look for you.
Leaving my world without
saying goodbye.

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From <https://www.all-creatures.org/poetry/ar-without-saying-goodbye.html>

ASK UNCLE JOE



BY JOE MIELE

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Dear Uncle Joe,

The weather up here has been terribly cold and my wife and I are concerned about wildlife not being able to find shelter. There is a solitary raccoon who began visiting us earlier in the year and now we're worried about him. Is there anything we can do to help him survive the winter, or should we just let him figure things out for himself? Chris

Cadillac, MI

Dear Chris,

Thank you for your concern for your furry friend. In general, feeding wildlife can make them dependent upon human hand-outs and is not a very good idea. While you might not mind a raccoon coming to your yard, your neighbors might not feel the same way. A raccoon strolling around where he's not wanted could be putting his life in danger if the property owner believes the myth that a raccoon seen during the daytime must be sick or rabid. Yes, winters in Michigan can be brutal, but the native wildlife is accustomed to the conditions and unless the weather is more harsh than usual, wildlife should make it through ok.

Sincerely, Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe,

I want to let you know about a situation I had with a hunter recently that left me upset and wondering whether or not I'm going to be in trouble with the game wardens. Just yesterday a hunter rang my doorbell and told my that a deer he had shot ran across my property and he said he had to track it down. I told him that I did not want him on my property and I told him to leave. He said that a new law passed that allows hunters to follow animals across private property in order to retrieve them. I said I never heard of such a law and I would not grant him access to my property. I have 7 acres that is mostly wooded and it is only 200 feet from a state park where there is hunting and I don't want them driving their atv's across my land or stomping through it to get an animal. And yes, my property is posted with NO TRESPASSING signs. The hunter said he'd return with a game warden to explain the law but he hasn't been here yet. Is this true? Can they come onto my property without permission to drag off a deer they had shot? Luanne,

Johnstown, NY

Dear Luanne,

I don't know of any law that allows hunters to enter private property without permission to track a

wounded animal. I'm guessing he was trying to intimidate you into allowing him access and I am glad you stood your ground. Hunters often have an arrogance about them that makes them believe they can do whatever they like while they are hunting, though that's definitely not true. If a game warden does show up, it will likely be to ask you to cooperate with local hunters, but there's nothing he can do to force your compliance. In fact, he cannot be on your property either without legitimate cause to be there, so feel free to tell him to leave too. Most game wardens are hunters themselves and while they are supposed to be enforcing the law and remaining neutral, they all too often protect hunters' interests and advocate on their behalf. You did a good job - don't let them bully you.

Sincerely, Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe,

I'm an avid reader of your Facebook page and I need to ask you about something. I see a lot of hunting accidents being posted, and I want to know if you guys are making light of the situation or just reporting the news. I definitely have my opinion on the subject but I want to hear yours. Lauro,

Henderson, NV

Dear Lauro,

Thanks for asking the question and allowing us to set the record straight. Let me be unambiguous - we do not share those articles because we're making fun of the injured/dead hunters. The reason we post these articles is because we need to show the public that hunting accidents are not rare and they are often quite serious. Hunting interests will tell you that hunting is the safest sport there is, but what they won't say is how the fatality rate for hunting far exceeds the fatality rate for all other sports combined. We want people to see that not only is hunting a death sentence for wildlife, but that thousands of people every year are injured and killed by hunters, and not all of the human casualties are participants. Hunting is a dangerous sport and we're not going to allow hunters to dictate the narrative on the issue. The truth is definitely different than what they want us to believe.

Sincerely, Uncle Joe

Could you please explain in a little more detail what you stand for. Are you against all hunting period? Would you still allow hunting as a means of providing food for family? Would you want legislation

banning all hunting? More in depth would be much appreciated.

Mr. LaCroix

(no city given)

Dear Mr. LaCroix, There may be some people who see our name - Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting - and think this implies that we support some forms of hunting while opposing others, so thank you for asking us to clarify our position. Simply stated, C.A.S.H. opposes hunting in all forms. We do not see a difference between killing an animal and eating her body and killing her and putting her head on a wall as both are the result of extreme, unneeded violence. Every vegetarian (and there are hundreds of millions around the world) is living proof that eating meat is unnecessary, and since it is unnecessary everything done in the process of putting meat on the table is unnecessary. We find unnecessary violence and killing to be obscene and abhorrent and without question we would support legislation banning all hunting. Just as no one can deny that the world would be a better place with no unnecessary violence, there is no rational way to justify recreational activity (hunting, fishing, and trapping) where injuring and killing is the goal. Hunting, fishing, and trapping should be banned globally. I'm sure I've made our position clear. Thanks.

Sincerely, Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe,

If you could be a snake, a bear, or a frog, which would you be? Richie (age 6), Denver, CO

Dear Richie,

What a great question - I don't think anyone has asked me that before. Hmmm - a snake, a bear, or a frog? Well, I wouldn't want to be a frog because I would have to live in the water, and I don't like getting wet! I don't know how to swim so the water is not for me. A snake? Hmmm. I don't think that's for me because I don't want to eat mice or have to swallow eggs whole! It might be cool to shed my skin and reveal a nice shiny coat, but that mouse-eating thing gives me the heebie-jeebies. So I guess I'd want to be a bear. The black bears that are most common are vegetarian animals who don't hunt. I'd also get to sleep away the winter - something I would love to do. So I guess that's it - I would be a bear??

Sincerely, Uncle Joe

C.A.S.H. CATALOG

A Voice in the Wilderness

Videotape approximately 20 minutes.
\$12.00 and \$8 for members.

This video is an expose of wildlife management by **Luke Dommer**, founder of C.A.S.H. It was produced by **Focus on Animals**, CT. **Esther Mechler** of Focus has generously given C.A.S.H. the right to sell this videotape. Copies have been generously donated by **Nancy Gordon of HAVE**, an audio-visual company in Hudson, NY.



Luke Dommer

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Front of shirt

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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.

To not waste the great jokes told years ago, the following jokes are republished from Pete's Humor in the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 Issues.

If you would like to submit jokes for the next issue of the C.A.S.H. Courier, please email them to C.A.S.H. Jokes at wildwatch@verizon.net

A hunter, in a desperate effort to acquire some culture, decided to attend the opera. An usher came by and noticed him sprawled across three entire seats. He whispered to the hunter, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat." The hunter groaned but didn't budge.

The usher became more impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there, I'm going to have to call the manager. The hunter just groaned.

The usher marched briskly back up the aisle. In a moment, he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the hunter, but with no success.

Finally, they summoned the police. The cop surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy, what's your name?"

"Sam," the hunter moaned. "Where ya from, Sam?"

With agonizing pain in his voice,

Sam replied.... "The balcony."

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Q- How many dumb-hunter jokes are there?

A- Only three. The rest are true stories.

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A hunter was proud to tell everybody that he was a sixth-generation hunter and derived from an altogether remarkable ancestry. "Now my grandfather, he knew the exact date that he was going to die. Not only that, but he knew at what time and how he would die."

An impressed listener asked, "Wow, that's incredible. How did he know all of that?"

The hunter explained: "The judge told him."

From Spring, 2010 Pete's Humor:

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Q: What did the hunter get on his IQ test?

A: Saliva



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