

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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IS HUNTING REALLY WORTH IT?

Hunter Devastates Yosemite and its Wild Inhabitants

BY E.M. FAY

The magnificent natural treasure we now know as Yosemite National Park has been in existence in much the same form for tens of thousands of years. Currently consisting of nearly 1200 square miles, it is a jewel set in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of Northern California, due east of San Francisco. This historic wilderness, known for its ancient sequoias, granite rock formations, breathtaking waterfalls, and abundant wildlife, was first protected in 1864, signed into being by President Lincoln as **the country's first state park**. Famed naturalist John Muir became enthralled by this region when he visited in 1868. Partly because of his interest, **it was converted to our first national park in 1890**.

The name Yosemite is taken from a tribe that lived in the area before being massacred by U.S. soldiers.

Native American peoples lived here well before the arrival of Europeans in the mid-nineteenth century. The ruggedness of the landscape dissuaded all but the most intrepid travelers for decades, but in 1907, the Yosemite Valley Railroad was established between Merced and El Portal, which increased the number of visitors.



NY Daily News

Now, over 3 million tourists come annually to experience the beauty of this special place. Although most visitors respect the land and its natural inhabitants, the presence of so many humans has inevitably altered the landscape and affected wildlife. One of the most destructive consequences of human trespass is the starting of forest fires.

Natural fires occur in Yosemite as in other forests, caused by lightning strikes and other phenomena. They may involve nothing more than a single burning dead tree, or they may spread farther. **In some cases, naturally caused fires are considered helpful, as they clear out underbrush from the forest floor, which can prevent a larger fire in the future by removing potential fuel.** However, human-caused fires are

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Joe's Journal
9/26/13



It's hunting season, that time of year when people who wouldn't know a calorie from a can opener suddenly become experts on nutrition, telling us all that meat from deer and other animals is healthy because it is high in protein. Despite the opinions of a growing number of nutritional researchers to the contrary, hunters spread this "protein myth" as justification for their violent hobby.

Since I am always interested in factually debunking hunters' claims I decided to look into the subject of protein and how much, or how little, the human body needs. My research led me to a July 19, 2013 lecture given by Dr. Janice Stanger titled "The Dangerous Truth About Protein" (found on YouTube). In her lecture Dr. Stanger explained that protein is made of essential and non-essential amino acids and that we must get essential amino acids from our food. She said that plant foods contain all the essential amino acids we need and our bodies make the non-essential amino acids and use them to form complete proteins. Thus, we do not need to get "complete protein" from our food.

Since we cannot store protein we must get rid of the excess that we eat. The body first seeks to rid itself of the complete proteins found in meat and dairy products, and this overworks

our liver and kidneys. Overworking these organs leads to inflammation and disease throughout the body.

Dr. Stanger's research led her, and thus me, to the conclusion that the excessive amount of protein found in meat – including the meat of hunted animals – is harmful to our health. While C.A.S.H. is not a health-oriented organization, we're interested in understanding the truth behind the claims often spewed by hunters.

In other news, we're happy to say that we've taken advantage of many of the outreach opportunities the community and climate of southern New Mexico affords us. **We've done more tabling this year than any since opening our office in the southwest, and we've learned that we're the only area organization working on wildlife issues that opposes hunting unconditionally. We were a featured guest on a recent broadcast of Vegan World Radio out of Houston, TX and our appearance met with favorable feedback. We've spoken to audiences as diverse as the LGBTQ community and the Pagan community. We've tabled at Earth Day celebrations, salsa festivals, pit bull advocacy marches and other events.**

From the small town of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico (pop. 6,400) to the city of Phoenix, AZ (pop. 1.5 million) we've connected with more people than ever before. And we've given information to the

producers of a network TV show that boasts millions of viewers.

We thank you, our supporters, for enabling us to conduct valuable outreach that is needed to counter the anti-environmental message spread by the moneyed hunting industry.

Please visit our Facebook page and leave a comment on the articles we post and the issues we discuss. Visit our website and read our articles to learn the truth about wildlife manage-



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ment as practiced by the hunting industry. And please support our work with a generous contribution. **WE CAN'T BE THERE FOR WILDLIFE UNLESS YOU'RE THERE FOR US.**

Thank you for your support of C.A.S.H. and for your support and respect for wildlife and the natural world.

For wildlife everywhere,
Joe

MORE OF WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

- **C.A.S.H.** gave a presentation in October about the nightmare of hunting at Green Mountain College in Poultney, VT. Every other year, a hunting class is given and C.A.S.H. presents the other side of the story.

- **C.A.S.H.** designed a CARE2 petition that brought in over 1,300 responses appealing to the Supreme Court of the US to give a hearing to Jan Haagensen's Petition challenging the constitutionality of Pennsylvania's Hunter

Harassment Law. Please see page 7 inside.

- **C.A.S.H.** designed and sent press releases to media outlets about this case.

- **C.A.S.H.** continues its investigative reporting, delving well below the surface news. In the Courier, C.A.S.H. presents the truth of hunting that leads to the inevitable conclusion that management of wildlife for hunting must end.

Hunter Sets Yosemite on Fire

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incredibly destructive. These are usually caused by either carelessness, “controlled” burns becoming uncontrolled, or an unconscionable malevolence.

The recent massive fire that burned in Yosemite National Park and the Stanislaus National Forest for over a month has been determined to have been started by a hunter. The Rim Fire, as it was called, began on August 17th in the Stanislaus National Forest, burned over a quarter of a million acres, killed unknown numbers of wild animals, destroyed scores of buildings, required the services of over 5,000 firefighters, and cost \$127 million to fight so far.

Ever-changing winds and low humidity added to the difficulty of containing the blaze, which was approximately 80% contained by September 11th. Spot fires continued to erupt at or past the lines of containment, keeping fire crews on their toes. It was still smoldering in isolated locations as of October 1st.

Concerned with the fact that a single hunter could cause such devastation, C.A.S.H. asked the US Forest Service spokesperson for the Rim Fire Information Office, Mark Healey, what the official USFS position is on hunters being allowed in national forests.

“National forests allow hunting in season, and the seasons are set by the game and fisheries agencies in each state,” Healey explained. “Although hunting is allowed in national forests, it is not allowed in national parks.”

As legal campfires could be just as dangerous as illegal ones, we also asked if it would not be more sensible to ban campfires altogether. Healey protected their policy by saying that the experts who monitor the risk of wildfires are confident of their ability to accurately determine the prevalent conditions. “When there is a ban on campfires there is good reason,” Healey noted. “They are not prohibit-

ed if conditions are deemed safe.”

Considering the vast area affected by this, the third-largest fire in California history, we wondered how investigators had been able to find the source. Healey said that a great deal of scientific research has gone into tracking fire sources, and US Forest Service agents and other investigators are well trained.

Three major federal agencies were involved in the recent battle: the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and US Parks Service, as well as CalFire (California’s Department of Forestry and Fire Protection), and crews from Mexico. They all had their work cut out for them.

The hunter’s identity is being kept from the public for now, but C.A.S.H. knows that Aug. 17, the day the fire began, was the start of the archery deer hunting season. The fire began in a remote area of Stanislaus National Forest, and an official with the Groveland Ranger Station said **campfires were not permitted in that part of the forest on that date.**

The U.S. Forest Service website notes that someone starting a forest fire can be charged for the cost of fighting the fire, as well as being charged with a misdemeanor, fined as much as \$5,000 and imprisoned for up to six months. This punishment hardly seems commensurate with the horrific extent of damage done by the Rim Fire. **As harmful as hunting itself is, far more wild animals were killed and left homeless by this hunter’s fire.**



Aljazeera.com



Photo by Greenpeace

When we called the District Attorney’s office, we were given the official response for media: “Still under investigation, so no comment,” said the Tuolumne County DA’s representative, who did not wish to be named.

Mainstream media virtually always focus on the loss of man-made property and occasional loss of human life in these large-scale fires. The plight of wild animals – their loss of life and loss of habitat – goes largely unreported. All species in the region were at risk, owing to the speed of the fire. Older or infirm animals, youngsters, slow-movers, and even healthy adults with families to shepherd, were caught up in the inferno. We will never know the number of wild animals who died, but the fact of their suffering is undeniable. And all unnecessary.

Given the apparent lack of media interest in our wild neighbors, we appreciated the tone of an update put out by **Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center (CSERC)**, www.cserc.org, a citizen-participation project based in Calaveras County, California. One passage on their site was especially moving:

“CSERC staff is grieving for the

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incomprehensible number of animals that had no ability to escape or to move mile after mile ahead of the fast-moving flames. For those that somehow found refuge in pockets of lower-intensity burn areas, the fire's consumption of almost all food and habitat across broad areas makes survival far more difficult.

"For the last two decades CSERC staff has cooperated with the Forest Service and supported efforts to reforest and rehabilitate tens of thousands of acres of the Stanislaus Forest that burned in three major previous fires. Millions and millions of dollars of restoration and reforestation efforts have now been devoured by the Rim Fire, and years of work have been tragically lost."

In the aftermath of any great tragedy, humans tend to ask questions. Apart from the obvious Who is to blame? there are more useful questions to pose. Could this have been avoided through a change in policy? What can we do to prevent such a thing from happening again? **C.A.S.H. asks if anyone would consider what to us seems a sensible next step: a ban on hunting and campfires in national forests.**

Even persons who are not anti-hunting per sé might see the logic in this, especially as hunting already endangers other citizens who wish to enjoy wilderness and wildlife peacefully.

Then, too, since hunters do not, on



the face of it, respect life, and often drink while hunting, how can we expect them to be careful with campfires? Might this horrible instance not cause a rethinking of allowing hunting in our national forests? For the sake of our ever-more-threatened wildlife, let us hope it does.

What We Can Do

The US Forest Service is the manager of our national public forests and grasslands. Unfortunately, they are an agency of the US Department of Agriculture, the government entity that arguably does more damage to American wildlife than any other department, via their numerous programs of wild bird eradication, killing of predator species, etc. This does not mean that we who champion the cause of wildlife should give up on the idea of banishing hunting from national land. We know that hunters are only a small minority of the population. Why should they have the loudest voice?

CASH recommends that all who love peaceful wildlife-related activities write and call their elected representatives, as well as the Chief of the USFS and the Secretary of Agriculture, and demand a complete ban on hunting on all national land, both forests and prairies. Make the point that nature manages to properly balance the ecosystems, whereas hunting sometimes results in enormous tragedies like the Rim Fire, and takes a terrible toll on wildlife every day. **Ending hunting on national land would be a relatively simple (albeit contentious) major step towards a more humane future.**

Contact info: Chief of the US Forest Service Thomas Tidwell at 202-205-8439; and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack at agsec@usda.gov.

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ADDITIONAL LOSSES ASCRIBED TO THE YOSEMITE FIRE

"The fire has choked tourism. Visitors spend more than \$200 million annually in Tuolumne County," said Nanci Sikes, executive director of the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau.

She said it's the No. 1 private industry in this county of roughly 55,000 residents, with 2,170 employees as of about a year ago. Sikes added, *"It's probably the county's top private industry."*

So, when C.A.S.H. takes into consideration all of the economic losses that resulted from the fire, we have to ask if Pittman-Robertson funds should be of paramount importance to the government, especially when hunting's negative impact on other areas of public enjoyment is so extreme.

C.A.S.H. can't emphasize enough that, given the dollars spent on wildlife watching tourism, the government's focus on dedicated hunting revenue is ridiculously, dangerously, and undemocratically skewed.

WAY TO GO!!!!

Sent by **Susan Gordon**: AP reported on 10/28/13

Some southern New Jersey residents are suing a gun range and the farmer who owns the property.

The residents of Gloucester Township's Forest Meadows say the Iron Horse Pistol and Gun Club is in violation of zoning laws.

Over the years, some **neighbors have said their homes have been struck by stray bullets.** They also say in the lawsuit that **the sound of firing is loud.**

Farm owner Watson Waddell tells *The Courier-Post of Cherry Hill* the club has made concessions, including changing the direction of the firing range. [But what about all that lead?!]

HUNTERS BEWARE!

THE WILDLIFE WATCHERS ARE COMING!!!

BY PETER MULLER



In some of our past articles in the **C.A.S.H. Courier**, we have pointed out that **the numbers of hunters have decreased consistently over the last twenty-five years**, and the median age of hunters is steadily increasing. None of this bodes well for businesses or agencies that depend on hunting for their revenue. In economic terms, hunting is a “dying business.”

On the other hand, the number of wildlife watchers is increasing. The concomitant spending increase of the wildlife watchers is now far outstripping the fiscal contributions that the hunting community has been claiming to make to the local and state economies.

The wildlife management agency of each state, along with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, relies for its funding to a large degree on the monies brought in by hunters, both directly through license sales as well as indirectly through federal allocation of funds (Pittman-Robertson), based on a formula in which the number of license sales is a critical factor. With the money spent on “recreational enjoyment of wildlife” shifting in all states from hunting to wildlife watching the agencies are now starting to look for ways to tap into wildlife watching spending to make up for the losses due to the diminishing revenue from hunters.

In an article published on Sunday, September 15, 2013 by Laura Lundquist, a staff writer for the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*, titled “Wages from Wildlife Watchers — FWP [Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks] Takes Measured Approach to Adding New Wildlife Stakeholders” the imbalance of the potential contributions from hunters and wildlife watchers in Montana is discussed.

Lundquist states in part:

The dwindling number of sportsmen may require FWP to turn to a new funding pool: the nongame user. Wildlife watchers and photographers are a growing segment of the population that outnumber sportsmen 5-to-1 nationwide. In 2011, wildlife watchers spent more than \$400 million on viewing equipment and travel in Montana....

In 2011, when the number of hunters appears to have rebounded nationwide [Lundquist’s statement was in error, please see C.A.S.H. article for an explanation of this common error at www.all-creatures.org/cash/cc2013-wi-cooking.html], 50,000 fewer hunters ventured into Montana’s wild lands, according to the survey. That estimate is not exact, but FWP financial analyst Hank Worsech said license sales supports that decline. ...hunters are retiring from the game and fewer youth are coming in. Half of

hunters are 50 or older....

FWP depends on license sales for half its budget because it receives no money from the state’s general fund. Federal money accounts for most of the rest. “We operate in a world of, ‘We have a product to sell and we run on the revenue we collect.’ We’re different from other state agencies — we run more like a business,” said FWP Finance Division administrator Sue Daly. License sales were brisk enough until four years ago. But since 2009, sales totals have decreased while the bills continued to increase, putting the agency in the red.

This “problem” has become common in all states and the game agencies are wrestling with how to access revenues from the “new stakeholders.”

C.A.S.H. would like to address two aspects of this:

1) Should the current Wildlife Management agencies of the various states be given the additional responsibility of managing the wildlife watching programs?

2) How can wildlife watchers participate in the funding of wildlife management programs?

Most people familiar with the leadership and management of the wildlife management agency in their state realize that the entire agency from the head to the enforcement division, and down to the staff-level is rooted in the hunting/fishing/trapping culture.

A few years ago, I had a chance to be in a meeting with the then-commissioner of the New York State DEC. He had been a state legislator prior to his appointment as Commissioner of the DEC. I had at one time lived in his voting district, and had met with him

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on numerous occasions to ask for his support for animal-protective legislation. He was always responsive to our requests and, in fact, had sponsored some of our proposed bills. When we met with him in his role as commissioner of the DEC, and asked him to consider relaxing the DEC policy against allowing immunocontraception of deer in New York State, he and his staff became intransigent on that issue. After the meeting, he took me aside out of earshot of everybody else and explained, “Peter, you have to realize I now have a different constituency I have to serve.”

That was a telling experience. Judging from their actions, publications, and statements to media, the hunting/fishing/trapping culture is solidly entrenched in these agencies, even though these activities are unable to financially support them. **To pump money into these agencies from a source of “new stakeholders” (e.g. wildlife watchers) without eradicating the existing “kill-culture” would simply go toward maintaining the kill-culture embedded in these agencies for an additional period of time. Let these agencies collapse under the increasing inability to meet expenses.** I’m sure there will be demands by them for subsidies from the general fund of the state. Hopefully the state legislators will have enough sense to resist their cries.

The answer to our first question about whether wildlife watching programs should be managed by the



	2011 Expenditures			
	National		New York State	
	Hunters	Wildlife Watchers	Hunters	Wildlife Watchers
Total, all items	\$33.7 Billion	\$54.9 Billion	\$1.3 Billion	\$4.2 Billion
Food & Lodging	\$3.9 Billion	\$9.4 Billion	\$237 Million	\$357 Million

existing game agencies seems to be a clear “no way.” – It won’t work and would simply continue an unacceptable perversion that became entrenched in our state and federal government.

How can wildlife watchers participate in the funding of wildlife management programs?

The answer seems to be that either a totally new agency which is not a component of the current wildlife management agency, or an existing agency not related to or subject to pressure from the current kill-culture agency, is needed. The existing state agencies that seem to fit that description, at least in some states, or with some redefinitions and sharpening of their mission statements, seem to be the tourism agencies.

If a department of tourism feels no pressure to promote hunting/fishing/trapping in their state, they could be entrusted with managing and promoting wildlife watching in the state and benefit from an infusion of revenues derived from wildlife watching to finance those efforts. Otherwise, a new state agency would have to be founded which promotes wildlife watching and is funded by revenues from wildlife watching.

What are some ways of deriving funds from wildlife watching for such an agency?

Several options readily come to mind: Fee-based designated wildlife watching areas, with per-visit, annual, or lifetime fees for access and parking.

A training program to certify individuals as guides for wildlife watching ventures. The “wildlife watching

guide-license” would be renewable annually (with continuing education required) and it would permit holders to charge for their services. A percentage of their fees would benefit the wildlife watching agency.

Fee-based guide-led tours in specifically designated wildlife watching areas.

Tourist shops carrying books, photographic and optical equipment, etc. in designated wildlife watching areas.

Ideally, we would like to see a federal tax on wildlife watching equipment similar to the Pittman-Robertson excise tax on hunting paraphernalia that currently funds the state wildlife killing agencies.

There are ways of funding wildlife watching so that the agencies would become a self-funded agency. The activity would, of course, also economically benefit the regions where wildlife watching takes place. In 2011 Wildlife Watchers spent over \$9 billion for food and lodging in the country – of that over \$306 million was spent in New York State.

Rather than propping up the existing wildlife agencies with their entrenched hunting/fishing/trapping culture, we should let them disappear as their operations become unsustainable. At the same time, we need to identify existing alternative agencies or encourage new agencies based on wildlife watching to blossom by becoming self-funded.

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HUNTING AND WILDLIFE WATCHING DON'T MIX WELL

C.A.S.H. asked **Ingrid Taylor**, inveterate wildlife watcher and photographer, if she felt that wildlife watching and hunting could co-exist. She answered this way:

In my experience, hunting can dramatically change one's wildlife viewing and photography experiences in the field. First, there's the fundamental issue of distress by proximity. That is, seeing or even hearing the manifestations of violence toward animals can be stressful for those of us who care about wildlife. I volunteered at a wildlife hospital, so for me, bearing witness to intentional harm without having any productive recourse is difficult.

The constant sound of shotgun or rifle fire is additionally disruptive to other people and to the ecosystem at large. The noise level can be significant in bird and waterfowl hunting areas where a lot of shots are taken. Hunted animals do respond, and they tend to be far more wary and frightened, making it challenging to observe and photograph them. Ducks are notoriously skittish, and depending on their location, they will sometimes flush at the slightest movement. It's easy to compare animal behavior when you visit parks or sanctuaries where hunting is not permitted. I've done this many times, and the

access you have as an observer or photographer is profoundly different when the animals aren't abjectly afraid of you.

In many states, it can be difficult to avoid hunting altogether if you like to observe wildlife, because large areas of public land are open to both archery and firearms during the seasons. That includes a big percentage of National Wildlife Refuges as well. Hunting seasons cover a good chunk of the year, with waterfowl hunting open for 100 or so days during the height of fall and winter bird migration. Deer seasons begin in late summer and go through the winter. Dove season starts in early September. Elk seasons open a bit later. There are spring turkey seasons and spring bear hunts, and many species, like coyotes, can be hunted without restriction year round. In other words, there is very little reprieve in some areas, even though deer and duck hunting seasons do tend to be the most intense in terms of shooting activity.

Lastly, hunting pressure affects where animals can be seen. On a local birding list, a ranger was asked about areas where wildlife watchers and hunters might accidentally find themselves on the same piece of turf. As the ranger laid out the boundaries of the hunted areas, she also mentioned that hunting



activity will diminish later in the season in those areas that are "shot out." I've visited some of those areas, where there is very little wildlife activity owing to the hunting pressure the animals sustained during the season. There's just no question that hunting affects the behavior of wild animals, and in turn, changes the nature of the wildlife viewing experience.

Ingrid said that she and her husband spent a good deal of time trying to help the wounded birds that the hunters were shooting!

Ingrid Taylor's amazing photography can be seen at www.flickr.com/photos/taylor/ and you can read her "The Wild Beat" here:

<http://www.thewildbeat.com/2012/01/the-cripples-or-why-i-hate-wing-shooting>.

SCOTUS DOES NOT TAKE UP JAN HAAGENSEN'S PETITION



Jan had submitted a brilliant petition to the Supreme Court of the US, asking the Court to hear her challenge to the Pennsylvania hunter harassment statute. This petition was denied a hearing and Jan is now appealing to the court to reconsider her petition. Hunting is not a high priority item for this court. In order to increase the chances that the court would take up the case, please contact the court through their website: http://www.supremecourt.gov/contact/contact_pio.aspx

For a full background please visit: www.abolishsporthunting.org and, from the home page ONLY, search for "Jan Haagensen"

Sadly, the public believes that wildlife management agencies are neutral and benign government bodies whose mission is to protect wildlife and operate with the public interest at heart. That notion couldn't be further from the truth. Wildlife agencies are part and parcel of the firearms industry, benefiting directly from sales of firearms and ammunition at the expense of wild animals who - by law - belong to ALL. [Of course we know they belong to themselves.]

Feral Pig Eradication!

Marilyn Evanson sent in a sad and bad news report that New Mexico plans to ERADICATE ALL FERAL PIGS:

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/1m-pilot-project-aims-take-out-feral-pigs> -



He shot him right in the eye. What fun.

WALMART'S PRO-HUNTING P-R GRANT



walmart web site

In September, it was announced that a \$35,000 grant had been awarded by the Walmart Foundation to help hunters provide venison to food banks in Georgia. Hunters are expected to donate dead deer to state-inspected meat processors, who would then pass the meat on to local charities.

The putative gift of an anticipated 20,000 pounds of flesh is being touted as a benefit to the poor citizens of Georgia. This assumes, of course, several facts not easily proven:

1. That the “beneficiaries” – however impoverished they may be – would *want* to eat deer meat in the first place.
2. That the meat is safe to eat. Regardless of state and federal regulations, poorly-processed, contaminated meat is regularly discovered in supermarkets and restaurants, and food banks are far less likely to be monitored as strictly as commercial enterprises are.
3. The presence of lead in hunted animals is a common occurrence. Lead is one of the most toxic materials that any living being can ingest.
4. That food pantries will have the ability to safely store the venison and distribute it before it goes “off.” (Assuming it has not already gone bad before arriving at food banks.)

In a statement that meshes nicely with this transparent attempt to spin the story to the mutual advantage of hunters and Walmart, Todd Holbrook, CEO of Georgia Wildlife Federation, said hunters will provide 60,000+ meals throughout the state this year. (The long hunting season in Georgia runs from September to February.)

Holbrook gushed in the Georgia DNR’s August bulletin about how the Walmart grant “exemplifies the best of our

outdoor traditions.” Then the same old phony euphemisms are used to say that “sportsmen” donate “harvested” deer. Deer are not stalks of corn that are cut down painlessly. Very real and often protracted suffering is an inevitable part of deer hunting, and no amount of disingenuous charitable donations can ever make up for that.

This is only one of the many public relations ploys the mega-corporation that is Walmart has undertaken to obscure the very real harm they do to animals – from sometimes building their giant warehouses in wetlands to selling a wide variety of guns and other hunting equipment, to routinely killing birds who get trapped in their stores.

Among the chief selling tools is the mythology that Walmart promotes regarding their late founder, multi-billionaire Sam Walton. The attempt to paint the phenomenally successful businessman as a lovable old codger without pretensions has been aided by first-person stories printed about him over the years. One old friend, a Texas businessman named Drayton McLane (who happens to own the Houston Astros baseball team), told the *Dallas Morning News* that he misses hunting quail with Walton since his demise. <http://tinyurl.com/mceczqs>

Describing his buddy as an unassuming Arkansan with simple tastes, he marvels at the fact that Walton’s private jet was somewhat messy because he let his hunting dogs run loose in it. Another virtue touted by McLane was Walton’s preference for humble peanut butter sandwiches.

Regardless of Walton’s occasional vegan diet, he clearly had a taste for killing wildlife, too.

Beyond his own lifetime of killing sprees, Walton and his heirs have done a lot of damage to wildlife through their enormous chain of stores. With their “everyday low prices” on everything from hunting knives to elaborate tree stands, they make it easier for more people to participate in animal killing. **What is perhaps more relevant, Walmart promotes a “culture” of hunting that runs contrary to the fact that hunters form a tiny percentage of the population.**

And of course, making money is what it is all about. As one Walmart manager in Maine put it, “Moose hunting season is the first major season that we have here. [In]our several categories from fire arms to coolers we see a large increase in sales.”

What We Can Do

We need not allow Walmart to foist an inaccurate perception of the acceptability and normalcy of hunting onto the general public – a perception that could encourage gullible persons to view hunting as part and parcel of “the American way,” rather than the anachronistic anomaly that it truly is.

Tell local Walmart managers that you will not buy any goods at their stores as long as they sell firearms and other hunting supplies. Write to corporate headquarters and say the same.

Walmart Home Office:, 702 SW 8th Street, Bentonville, AR 72716-8611, 479-273-4000

URBAN DEER KILLS: FOLLOW THE MONEY

OP-ED BY LANE FERRANTE APPEARED IN THE *CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER* 11/3/2013

Follow the urban deer kill straight to the Ohio Division of Wildlife (ODOW). The ODOW is a pro-hunting state agency with vested interests. Their only recommendation is to kill wildlife, no matter the situation. The sale of hunting licenses pays their salaries and serves their only constituency (hunters). Hunters demand more, not less, deer—and ODOW delivers.

Deer are the economic engine generating revenue for the ODOW.

Hunting/gun and ammo manufacturing interests profit from the scientifically invalid claim that deer need to be “managed.” They *are* managed—managed into overpopulation (**or managed into growing bigger trophy bucks**) through habitat manipulation, intentional breeding, and through hunting, itself, which increases deer numbers (by increasing fertility).

“Wildlife management, to facilitate hunting opportunities, has been a key contributor to deer overpopulation. Traditional deer management centered for years on the maximum sustained yield model. Under this form of management, deer populations are maintained year to year at a level that produces maximum recruitment with the maximum number of animals available for hunters to harvest...” [Audubon Society, white paper report, “Forest Health and Ecological Integrity”, March 2005]

ODOW self-servingly offers itself to town councils, as the experts with the

answers. Council members are relieved to have a politically expedient, if counter-productive, plan to present to the public. It is easier than reading the actual data and promoting innovative, humane, effective **solutions**. It is an uphill battle, fighting laziness, intransigence, and greed—but a winnable one, if public service prevails over political expediency.

Due to the decline in hunting, the National Fish and Game agency instituted a marketing strategy to retain and recruit hunters. This has become the established blueprint for foisting hunts on the public: create urban hunting zones to keep a dying “sport” alive.

Once hunting ordinances are passed, and deer mis-management programs are in place, they are deemed a success and continued from year to year with no evaluation of their lack of effectiveness. The public deserves better. The deer pay with their lives, communities are torn asunder, and deer populations are intentionally exploded.

Mass slaughter of a gentle species, that is demonized by the intentional actions of those who profit (recreationally and monetarily) from their suffering, will end when citizens demand humane, effective solutions, such as the installation of Strieter Lites or the DeerDeter Wildlife Crossing Guard, which have been proven to prevent deer-vehicle-accidents.

The deer need *your* help in *your* communities. To prevent/terminate the

killing, join us. Not only will you be saving deer, but also other wildlife (likewise victimized through hunting), domestic animals (killed, accidentally—or intentionally, for kicks, by hunters), and humans (hunting dramatically increases deer-car collisions and routinely injures non-hunters). You will also be a proponent of property rights: hunters act with impunity against property owners who do not want animals tormented and killed on their property. The small percent of Ohioans who hunt (6 %) make all decisions affecting wildlife in Ohio. It is time for us to protect our wildlife, human and animal family members, and homes from the bullies.

If you want to learn more about culling and wish to stop this barbaric practice, please visit www.nocull.com and sign up to become involved.

Education and community involvement, not violence, are the key to solving real or perceived conflicts between wildlife and people.

Lane Ferrante is the OH coordinator of the League of Humane Voters. She has researched the cruelty and ineffectiveness of organized deer kills for the past 15 years and offers this data to concerned communities and individuals, assisting them in choosing humane, effective strategies for peacefully coexisting with wildlife.

GOVERNOR CUOMO “OPENS” NY TO HUNTING & TRAPPING



Gov. Cuomo has instituted a state initiative to increase hunting and trapping in NYS. Bobcats, thought to have almost no population in western NY (WNY), and a relatively small population in the state (est. 5,000), will nevertheless be hunted in parts of WNY for the first time in decades.

We urge you to contact Gov. Cuomo and strongly express your disapproval of his shortsighted and barbaric actions. Phone (518) 474-8390; or e-mail him at this link: www.governor.ny.gov/contact/GovernorContactForm.php.

As pelts are valued at \$500 to \$1200, **this is market hunting and trapping**

There will be much more about this in the next issue of the **C.A.S.H. Courier**.



FAREWELL, PRECIOUS PENNY

OBITUARY WRITTEN BY THOMAS LEE BOLES



Photo of Sugar, Penny, and Spike by Thomas Boles

Two years ago the Courier reported the passing of my sweetheart, Sugar the whitetail deer, noting she had left a daughter, Penny, who was as sweet as her mother. Now, as the family biographer, I have the sad, proud duty of reporting Penny's passing, on the night of Thursday, July 11, 2013. She had suffered a respiratory ailment since Fawn-Doe-Rosa opened the first Sunday in May.

Even while Sugar still lived, it was obvious that Penny was carrying on the family tradition as a world class kisser. Sometimes I invited people to share her smooches, much to their delight. Like her mother, she became an ambassador for their kind. Occasionally I heard a self-confessed hunter express second thoughts, or even regrets, about his former activities because of his observations and experiences. Many photographs were taken; one photographer said she was "going to use it to teach a nature class."

Whenever I saw Penny's dainty hoofs stretched out beside me, I remembered an aria from Messiah: "How beautiful are the feet of them that teach peace."

For years it has been Fawn-Doe-Rosa's custom to have a party for my birthday. Two years ago, I responded with a "Thank You" card that contained a mathematical statement: " $1 \text{ Penny} > \$\infty$." She is, and will be, greatly missed.

Penny leaves a daughter, Ava, born August 2012, and two as yet unnamed babies, born the last week of June 2013. Ava has already given me some wonderfully tender kisses. Love never really dies; it is passed on.

Penny's full story will be told in *Sugar's Gift*, published on Kindle.

Thomas Lee Boles of Minnesota is the author of *Deer Companions*, a book about his long friendship with a white-tail deer he named "Sugar." In the obituary for Sugar, Mr. Boles wrote: *My sweetheart Sugar, who reinvented the art of kissing and starred in **Deer Companions**, died last Tuesday following a brief illness. Heat stroke is suspected. She leaves a son, Ulysses, and a daughter, Penny, who is as sweet as her mother.*

Thomas Boles can be reached at thomas_lee_boles@hotmail.com. *Deer Companions* is available directly from Xlibris, amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Kindle eBook. Review at: www.all-creatures.org/cash/cc2009-fa-15.html

ARROWS HIT LITTLE GIRLS • ARROWS HIT LITTLE ANIMALS

Arrow Shot Through Abdomen of NY Cat

A cat who was found with an arrow shot through his abdomen is recovering at a veterinarian's office.

James Gilchrist, the managing veterinarian at the **Waterville Veterinary Clinic**, told the *Observer-Dispatch of Utica* that the 27-inch arrow was still lodged in the cat's abdomen when he was found last month in a field.

Gilchrist says the arrow entered the right side of the male cat's abdomen between two ribs and exited from the left side just behind his ribs. **It lacerated the liver, stomach and spleen.**

The cat underwent two surgeries and is expected to survive. He has been adopted.

Police in the rural village of Waterville are trying to figure out who shot the cat.

Posted at: 09/04/2013 12:57 PM By: WSTM/AP | WHEC.com



Arrow Shot Into Leg of Eight Year Old Girl.

The child was outside of the Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley, CA. See the details at:

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2013/03/26/young-girl-hit-by-mystery-arrow-at-lawrence-hall-of-science/>

Arrow Shot Into Back of Seven Year Old Girl

A child was struck by an arrow while pushing a doll carriage on a street in WI. The little girl suffered lung and spleen injuries. See the details at

<http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/video/girl-struck-back-hunting-arrow-playing-wisconsin-town-16419583>

Arrow Shot Into Chest of Cat in CT

The **All Friends Animal Hospital** reported that a "sweet kitty named Elliot" came in on Nov. 4 with an arrow through his chest. They are hoping to find the person responsible for this act of cruelty and ask that if you know ANYTHING to **call Norwich**

Animal Control at 860-887-5747. Fortunately for this kitty, the city's mayor, **Mayor Peter Nystrom**, was in the area and able to contact Animal Control who rushed Elliot to All Friends to seek immediate treatment. Elliot is resting after having the arrow removed, although they don't know if there will be long term nerve damage.



POACHING IS TERRORISM

REPORTED BY E.M. FAY



It is a compounded tragedy for wildlife that the gruesome trade in body parts from brutally killed elephants, rhinoceroses, lions, and other animals, has increased alarmingly since the world entered into a perceived near-constant state of "terrorist activity."

In August, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton took a step in the right direction regarding the illegal poaching of tens of thousands of animals, most from the Continent of Africa, who are slaughtered annually for profit. She brought some attention to a problem which until now has been largely ignored by most political leaders, to the point that whole populations of animals are endangered.

Clinton asked that more money be devoted to training and equipping anti-poaching personnel in the countries most affected by the deadly trade. There is no doubt as to the seriousness of the situation for wildlife. The Wildlife Conservation Society estimates that at least 35,000 African elephants were killed "illegally" last year alone. At this rate, there will be none left on the Continent in the near future, as the general population is already down from 1.2 million in

1980 to only 420,000 currently.

Although there has been trade in elephants' tusks, lion carcasses, and numerous other profit-motivated wildlife killings for centuries, the present-day terrorist connection is an additional cause for alarm. In the case of just one terrorist group, reports have given figures as high as \$200,000 - \$600,000 monthly profit in ivory poaching alone. Other reports show that tusks have been traded for arms, food, even medical supplies.

As reported in the New York Times, then-Secretary Clinton instituted a study to determine the connection between trafficking in animal parts and American security. And since leaving office, she has continued to work on the problem, making efforts to raise awareness, and asking that world leaders join her.

www.nytimes.com/2013/08/10/opinion/killing-lions-buying-bombs.html?nl=todaysh headlines&emc=edit_th_20130810

For this admirable project to have any chance of succeeding, a broad base of international concern and cooperation is required. Involvement is needed from both governmental and non-governmental bodies, multi-lateral conservation groups, and technology experts. Only by enlisting

such diverse players can the seriously threatened animals of Africa or elsewhere have any chance of surviving the ongoing decimation of their numbers.

On Sept. 26th, Clinton announced that a consortium of 16 NGOs and African nations would collaborate with the Clinton Global Initiative to protect the fast-decreasing elephant and rhinoceros populations with a three-year anti-poaching program. \$80 million has been pledged to the effort so far. Hiring more wildlife park guards to protect animals in the first place is one part of the plan, as well as more effective prosecution of traffickers.

At least as important as those factors is the need to curtail the demand, particularly in China, for ivory products.

Quoted in the *Huffington Post*, Clinton said, "Unless the killing stops, African forest elephants are expected to be extinct within 10 years. I can't even grasp what a great disaster this is ecologically, but also for everyone who shares this planet."

She added, "[This] seems like such a rebuke to our own values."

www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/26/clintonselephant-poaching_n_3997727.html

We ask that our readers call and write the State Department and the White House to urge that they continue this effort to protect wild animals worldwide, whether to reduce the income of terrorists or for loftier ideals.

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BEYOND CRUEL: DOLPHINS KILLED FOR SHARK BAIT

By E.M. Fay



Just when it seemed that humans' exploitation of marine life could not get any more appalling - the wholesale slaughter of whales and dolphins in Japan, Costa Ricans' theft of sea turtle eggs before their horrified mothers' eyes, and almost every "edible" fish in the ocean over-fished to near extinction - fishermen in Peru seem to have sunk to a new low. Reports in mainstream media confirm that dolphins are being harpooned and dragged on board fishing boats so that their bloody bodies can be used to lure sharks to their own doom.

When we learned about this dreadful treatment of a gentle species, well known to be among the most intelligent living beings on earth, we called the Embassy of Peru in Washington, DC, to ask what, if anything, the authorities are doing to stop this horror. We were told that the Peruvian government has promised to investigate the charges, brought by two non-governmental organizations, **Blue Voice** and **Mundo Azul**, that the slaughter of dolphins in Peru's Pacific waters has put the very survival of this beloved ocean mammal at serious risk.

The brutal killing of thousands of dolphins was documented by Blue Voice during two daring expeditions. Blue Voice and their cetacean-defending partners Mundo Azul carried out an undercover investigation for several months, embedding informants aboard Peruvian fishing vessels. They found that at least 15,000 dolphins are being killed per year off the

Peruvian coast by fishermen using them as shark bait.

Although Peru's legislature outlawed the killing of dolphins in 1997, fishermen have continued to harpoon the marine mammals to use them to attract sharks. Sharks have long been killed for their meat, as well as their fins - shark fins being highly sought after, particularly in Asian countries. The shark population is rapidly being depleted due to the black market trade in their fins. Shark killing is not itself illegal in Peru, but is supposed to be highly regulated. However, policing this is not an easy task.

Regarding the dolphin killings, Mundo Azul's President Stefan Austermuhle has said, "This ecological crime is an open secret in Peruvian fishing." He noted that fishermen have speared the dolphins swimming in schools as far as 50 miles from the coastline. Austermuhle himself has filmed the harpooning of several dolphins.

"The fishermen even buy harpoons



known as 'dolphin killers,'" he said. "This happens in front of the entire world, and no one does anything."

Blue Voice and Mundo Azul have launched a worldwide campaign to help end this horrendous ongoing crime against dolphins. They have enlisted the aid of Peru's Ministry of the Environment in their quest.

A consultant to the environment ministry, Sr. Gonzalo Llosa, stated that evidence gathered by Mundo Azul has been forwarded to environmental police to demonstrate "the level of cruelty that is going on, as well as total impunity." He advocated educational programs on both local and regional levels in Peru, and said, "We can attack this best as a social problem." (L.A. Times, Oct. 20, 2013)

Whatever action is taken by the Peruvian government needs to be swift and enforceable, if the dolphin population of the region is to have any chance of survival. So far, as reported in the Peruvian media (El Comercio, Oct. 23, 2013), a "multi-sectoral commission" is being appointed to deal with the illegal dolphin hunting.

The Minister of Environment will be leading the commission and coordinating efforts with Blue Voice and Mundo Azul. Hardy Jones, Founder and Executive Director of Blue Voice, and author of the new book, *The Voice of the Dolphins*, is confident that the Minister for the Environment is genuinely supportive of this joint project.

The first step taken by the Multi-sectoral Commission of Environmental Management and Coastal Marine Environment was to create a working group to address the illegal hunting of both dolphins and sharks. They hope to institute a control system and monitor fishing more

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effectively in future. However, knowing the typical ways of governmental committees, we at C.A.S.H. are concerned that this may be a slow process taking many months, during which more precious dolphins will suffer a terrible fate.

As deplorable as the treatment of dolphins is, there are wider-ranging problems involved. By destroying much of the dolphin and shark populations off their coast, Peruvian fishermen are endangering the whole regional coastal food chain. Panamanian fishermen report that shrimp and lobster populations have been eliminated because the absence of sharks has given freer rein to octo-

pus, who eat shellfish. In this as in other instances, humans continue to show a lack of understanding that every time they destroy the balance of nature in an eco-system there are serious consequences.

Taffy Williams of the **NY Whale and Dolphin Action League**, told us that, unfortunately, dolphin killing for shark bait is not a new phenomenon. It occurs in Indonesia and Vietnam, and in other parts of South America. She said, "Peru's misdeeds have hit the world news, and that is the best thing that could have happened. When press happens in these other locations, not much attention is paid." (www.ny4whales.org)

What We Can Do

Even though the government of Peru is now paying some attention to the grievous treatment of dolphins in their territorial waters, it is essential that a public spotlight be kept trained on this issue, otherwise it may languish.

The discussions between the environment ministry and activists are a very promising beginning to stopping the killing of dolphins. But decisive action must be immediate. Every delay costs many lives.

Blue Voice and **Mundo Azul** offer these practical suggestions in their October 2013 newsletter for anyone who wants to help save the thousands of dolphins who are in constant danger:

1. Harpoons must be banned from all fishing boats as their sole purpose is to kill dolphins.
2. Shutting down illegal sales of dolphin meat on shore must be initiated and enforced long term to destroy the market for this product.
3. **Shark fishing must be suspended in order to assess the stocks which are thought to be sorely depleted. Stopping shark fishing is the best way to end the killing of dolphins used as shark bait.**

They conclude, **"We have a unique opportunity to save thousands of dolphins, but we must act forcefully and now. Please help."**

Blue Voice is funding efforts to halt the dolphin slaughter, but it is an expensive undertaking. Donations are much needed and appreciated. For information, go to www.bluevoice.org.

To learn more about the vital work of cetacean defenders such as Blue Voice and Mundo Azul.

<http://www.bluevoice.org> and <http://mundoazul.org>

And consider signing petitions to save dolphins.

<http://swimmingfree.wordpress.com/>

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/613/063/240/stop-using-dolphins-as-shark-bait-in-peru>

You can stop this atrocity relatively fast - become vegan, and help others do the same!

Recommended articles:

RIGHTS, WRONGS, and THE GOLDEN RULE,

by **Craig Cline** of Salem, OR

www.all-creatures.org/articles/an-tpr-rights,wrights.html
Secretary Jewell Should Look Up the Word "Refuge"

by **Jim Robertson**, visit:

www.all-creatures.org/aw/action-20131009.html

Ban Bear Hunting in NC

From **Elizabeth O'Nan, NC The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) has ignored petitions from non-hunters to protect black bears** and the public from the unchecked pattern of terrorism and abuse by bear hunters. Inadequate public meeting notice, failure to provide dedicated email addresses for public comments, and the refusal to grant disability access to meetings clearly show NCWRC bias towards bear hunters.

That's why I created a petition to Gordon Meyers, Executive Dir. NCWRC, Jim Cogdell, Chairman of NCWRC Commissioners, and 6 others.

Will you sign this petition? Click here:

http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/protect-nc-black-bears?source=c.em.cp&r_by=

PS Please share with other wildlife lovers that support equal rights for non-hunters.

You can see this video of **Daisy and Elizabeth O'Nan** making Congressional testimony on their experience with bear hunters. This was done through **Lawless America**.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKvwlNjajjE>



ASK UNCLE JOE



BY JOE MIELE

GOT A QUESTION FOR UNCLE JOE? YOU CAN E-MAIL IT TO CASH@ABOLISHSPORTHUNTING.ORG. WOULD YOU RATHER SNAIL MAIL YOUR QUESTION? SEND IT TO:

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

LETTERS ARE PRINTED AS RECEIVED. THEY ARE UNEDITED.

Dear Uncle Joe:

You people are insane. I know your kind would gladly kill baby over an animal. I am proud of what I do and will not allow you to disgraced the great tradition of this great country of hunting fishing and trapping. And I can see that by all the likes on your facebook page and posts we are the majority and have nothing to worry about to the likes of you.

Mark,
Ukiah, CA

Dear Mark:

I'm sorry to disappoint you, but I have never killed a baby. I've thus far been able to control myself. I guess that's the difference between me and you, and between those who respect wildlife and those who abuse and kill them: we're able to respect and appreciate wildlife even if they become an inconvenience, while your solution to everything is violent and obscene. As far as hunters being the "majority," you're wrong and you always will be. Hunters make up only about 6% or so of the population, and it's a percentage that will continue to shrink as the US population grows and the number of hunters declines.

Regards,
Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe:

Three months ago we were visited by a DEC Law Enforcement officer who told us a "neighbor" complained about us "feeding wildlife" on our lawn, and that this is in violation of DEC policy. The officer threatened us with a \$250 fine if we did not cease and desist. Today, we found a business card in our mailbox from the same officer, asking us to telephone him. We can only assume that, once again, a neighbor has lodged a complaint about our tree-mounted birdfeeder and free-standing birdbath. We believe we are being harassment by the neighbor and the officer. There are other residents within our community who maintain bird baths and throw out bread for birds and they are not being targeted.

This is what I've done in response. Following today's contact by the officer via the business card, I emailed him and requested that all future dialogue with us be via email or US Mail as it is important to have a record of our communication. Clearly this matter has escalated and we feel that we are being unduly singled out and harassed by this over-zealous DEC Officer. We welcome any advice you may have.

Pete and Paula,
Corning, NY

Hello Pete and Paula:

Harassment by law enforcement is quite common for those of us who oppose hunting and I am sorry that you've become a target. You are taking the correct course of action by asking for all communication to be in writing.

If the officer knocks on your door you do not have to talk to him, nor do you have to allow him in your home or answer any of his questions. Years ago I was being bothered by law enforcement and when they came to my door I politely refused to answer any questions, including simple things like verifying my identity. I politely asked him what the visit was about and after he told me I thanked him for coming, asked him to leave, and calmly closed the door. During the second visit of this sort I was threatened with fines, arrest, etc. Again I thanked the officer for his visit and shut the door. There was no third visit.

DEC officers often use bullying tactics to get information from people. You don't have to believe what they say and you don't have to permit them onto your property or answer any questions. If they think you're doing something wrong make them prove it in court.

Sincerely,
Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe:

I totally agree with the position of CASH. I absolutely HATE hunting. However, I have a friend who enjoys hunting and fishing. I know her to, otherwise, be quite a caring, friendly person and I do not want to have to end our friendship, but I just hate the fact that she is a sport hunter.

Velina,
Exeter, NH

Hi Velina:

If your friend went out on a Sunday morning to shoot stray dogs, or if she lured neighborhood cats with food and then beat them to death with a tire iron, you'd rightly think she was a sick and disturbed person who should be jailed. The truth of the matter is that hunters and trappers do just that, albeit to different species. Your friend is sick in the head and we hope she gets the mental health attention that she needs.

Sincerely,
Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe,

hey I would like to know why you people want dictate our way of life if your for fathers wouldn't have killed meat you wouldn't be here this is a way of life for us my mosted cherished memories involve hunting with or with out dogs or firearms you look at the statistics for kids raised hunting and fishing compared to some vegan liberal or even a kid raised away from the out doors and see wat the crime rates look like in comparison we as hunters have the upmost respect for our quarry we feed them watch them spend hours on food source and habitat construction for our innocent little animals if we don't harvest some of them they will over populate and starve diseases will spread look up chronic waste disease and you will see a glimpse of wat your trying to cause so please explain yo me why you would want to cause animals a slow painful death starving and diseased filled lives instead of a few dying a quick ethical death yall are the sick ones so please tell what your what your perfect little plan will fix by screwing up ways of life for millions of hard working good people i invite you to come go hunting with me and spend so time in my shoes before you try to take it away from me

brian
independence ks

Dear Brian:

I'm impressed! Your letter of 230 words failed to use any form of punctuation! I've gotten a lot of incoherent, rambling nonsense over the years, but even the most intellectually stunted of the bunch managed to throw in a comma or apostrophe somewhere, if used improperly. Congrats - yours is perhaps the worst piece of writing I have ever seen.

That aside, you mention a "study" that claims children who hunt and kill fish commit fewer crimes than "vegan liberal" kids (I think that's what you're trying to say). I'm calling nonsense on that. Please find the study and send it to me. While you're busy looking for the study (I have a feeling that finding life on the sun will be easier to do) I'd like to direct you to our FAQ page where several of your questions have been answered. On the left side of our home page you'll find the link to the FAQ section, and on our Facebook page it is in the "Notes" section. I hope you can read them.

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

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

"I finished the exam but I'm rechecking my answers."



A hunter was a witness to a shooting that had killed another hunter in the field. He went to the police station to help identify the suspect. To establish the hunter's credibility as a witness, the police chief said he would show him a mug shot of someone for thirty seconds, and then ask him for a description.

After showing a photo to the hunter, he covered it up and asked him how he would recognize the suspect. "Easy," he replied. "He only has one eye." The chief was perturbed. "He only has one eye because it is a profile shot! Think about it! Let's try it again" He repeated the procedure with a different picture and again asked how he would recognize him. "He only has one ear," the hunter declared proudly.

"What is the matter with you?!? It is a profile shot! You are seeing him from the side!" He repeated the procedure one more time, and asked again, "How would you recognize the suspect? Now think before you give me a stupid answer."

After viewing the photo, the hunter thought for a long time, finally he said, "He's wearing contact lenses."

This took the chief by surprise. He looked at the picture and couldn't tell whether the suspect was wearing contacts or not. He went into the database and looked at the report. Sure enough, when the mug shot was taken, he was wearing contact lenses! He went back to the hunter and asked, "How could you tell he was wearing contact lenses? Nobody else here in this precinct saw that!"

"Well," the hunter explained "he can't wear regular glasses with only one eye and one ear, now, can he?"

There was a truck driver, who every time he saw a hunter walking along the edge of the road, would swerve his truck and run over the hunter.

One day, while making his deliveries, the driver saw a kindly old priest walking along the roadway on his way to the mission. He pulled over and asked the priest if he would like a ride. The old priest said, "Why, yes, thank you."

As they were driving, the truck driver saw a hunter walking along and instinctively swerved to hit him, but remembered the priest was riding with him. He swerved back on the road and kept going but heard a loud, "thump."

He checked his rearview mirror and saw nothing... he said to the priest, "I'm sorry, Father, I almost hit that hunter." The old priest responded, "Don't worry, my son, I got him with my door."



Three hunters were walking through a field when they came across a set of tracks. The first hunter looked down at the tracks and said, "I think they could be bear tracks." The second hunter went to look and said, "No, I think these are deer tracks." As the third hunter went over to look at the tracks, he was run over by a train.



An applicant for a hunting license was taking the final exam of the mandatory hunting safety course. The final examination consisted of "True/False" type questions. He stares at the questions for five minutes, and is totally confounded. In a fit of inspiration he takes out a coin and starts flipping the coin and marking "True" for Heads and "False" for Tails. Within half an hour he is all done. But then he starts flipping the coin again, uttering curses and sweating. The monitor approaches him and asks what is going on. He explains



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