

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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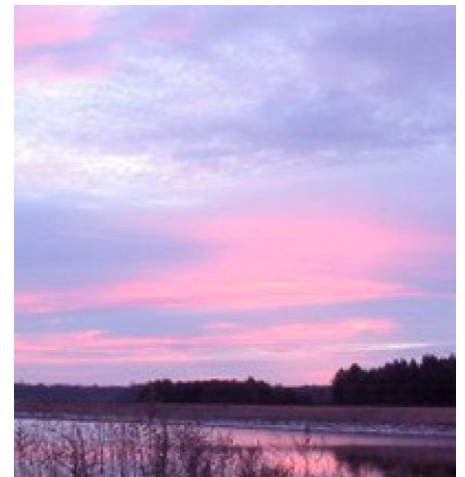
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Hunting & Trapping on NYC Owned Property?! Mayor de Blasio, where are you?

In the brochure of the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) it says: *NYC is a watershed landowner with responsibilities for managing nearly 34,000 acres of reservoirs and approximately 150,000 acres of water supply lands.*

The DEP allows both big and small game hunting on designated City-owned water supply lands. Designated hunting areas are available for bow, shotgun, rifle, handgun, and muzzleloader hunting where permitted by New York State regulations. Hunters and trappers must possess a valid New York State hunting license.

The DEP has partnered with Putnam



County, the Kent Rod and Gun Club, the Putnam County Sportsmen's Federation and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/recreation/index.shtml>

The DEP, in fact, is allowing "Quality" Deer Management to take place on their land, and touting it as a way to reduce the deer population. In fact, they are creating trophy bucks for hunters. The seesaw management practices of "quality" deer management and quantity deer management must end for the sake of the animals and the environment.

The hunting fraternity, as **Luke Dommer** used to call it, is still alive and well, and attempting to open up more and more land to hunting. **Wildlife Watch** was asked to comment in support of keeping hunting out of NYC DEP lands in Woodstock, NY. We wrote the following comments:



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Letter from the President:
9/13/14

As summer winds down we find ourselves getting out of the house a little more. Hiking in the mountains is a little more enjoyable when it is no longer 105 degrees,



and while the monsoon season does encourage the growth of the desert's painful weeds (Google "Tribulus terrestris" to learn of the nightmare we live with in New Mexico), it also eases the terrible drought we've been dealing with for the past decade or so.

As summer comes to a close we enjoy the green chili pepper harvest, and the pleasure of sleeping with the windows open. But once September rolls around we're also faced with the start of bird hunting season, and that reminds us that while many hunters take the summer off, they are right back in business after Labor Day.

Newspaper articles describe tragic hunting accidents, and we see photos



Bird hunting along the Rio Grande not far from homes and riverside parks puts the public at risk.

in the sports section of hunters cheerfully holding handfuls of dead birds. Birds who once flew free and happy on their way to feed their babies or to find a mate are shot from the sky by violent people who consider doing so relaxing and entertaining.

What can we do to stop it?

We table at outreach events, talking to the public about the devastating effect hunting has on wildlife and the natural world. We talk to our elected officials at all levels of government: city council members are briefed on humane solutions to local wildlife conflicts and ways to preserve and protect urban wildlife; county commissioners are approached and are urged to stay strong in the face of hunting and ranching special interest groups who want nothing more than to destroy and exploit wildlife; state senators and representatives who have proven to be environmentally friendly are supported, while those in the pockets of big business and the NRA are told in no uncertain terms that their bills will be fought and defeated. While we may sometimes think that our federal senators and representatives are too remote, I've found that a letter and follow-up phone call is sometimes all that is needed to get a brief meeting with them to outline what it is you need them to do on behalf of wildlife.

These efforts matter as they impact wildlife and their habitat. It's important to be engaged politically by con-



Disrespected sign along the Rio Grande, NM, prior to laws opening it up to hunting

tacting our elected officials in Washington, D.C., but it is even more important to become politically active locally. Your opinions matter very much to your city council members since they depend upon your vote to keep their jobs. You may find that on the local level party lines are blurred and headway can be made with anyone if they see you're sincere and that you have the best interests of your district at heart. Get active - it works.

Aside from the side-splitting "Pete's Humor?" column and Uncle Joe's love for answering C.A.S.H. e-mail and snail mail that sometimes borders on masochism, you'll find articles on a wide variety of hunting-related topics.

As always, thank you for your support of wildlife and your support of C.A.S.H. Together we'll change things for the better.

Peace, Joe

Some of our activities since the last newsletter was published...

- C.A.S.H. joined with the Southwest Environmental Center to protest the Predator Masters annual convention.
- C.A.S.H. had outreach tables at Southern New Mexico Pride, Doña County Earth Day, and Deming Pride.
- C.A.S.H. Provided supporters with information ranging from the frequency of hunting accidents, to the dynamics of coyote populations on local habitat, the decline of hunting as a popular recreational activity, and how to keep dogs, cats and chickens safe from natural predators.
- C.A.S.H. added hundreds of hunting accidents and hunting violations to our ever-growing database. Check it out at www.abolishsporthunting.org

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WILDLIFE WATCH COMMENTS ON HUNTING ON NYC DEP LANDS IN THE WOODSTOCK, NY, AREA

The Woodstock Town Board and the Woodstock Environmental Commission (WEC) are charged with protecting Woodstock's land and water resources. As part of that responsibility, activities that occur near the water, and take place in the water, must be evaluated. The evaluation should consider both an actual threat to the environment, wildlife and people, and also the evolving sensibilities of the community.

The discharge of lead into the water and onto lands that would affect the drinking water for Woodstock, New York City, and the wildlife of the area is one of the concerns related to allowing hunting and fishing on DEP lands. **Hunting and fishing are the primary vehicles of lead's delivery into both land and water, therefore, these activities should not be allowed**

<http://ulstercountyny.gov/sites/default/files/WoodstockCompPlan.pdf>
Woodstock's Comprehensive Plan of 2003 states clearly that protecting the water supply, and "cleaning up the green" to disallow commercial enterprises and protect the "natural surroundings," is of paramount importance.

The Plan lists five key aspects, in planning terms, that define the character of the community, and one is particularly relevant here: "Opportunities for solitude amid a beautiful natural environment." The other defining character of Woodstock is its "dynamic cultural and arts institutions." This speaks of a community in which killing animals for recreation, loud noise associated with the killing of wildlife, the dumping of lead into the environment with its associated long-term effects on water, wildlife, and humans have no place.

The Comprehensive Plan is required to enhance and sustain Woodstock's community character, with regard to the key aspects cited above. It would be an extreme stretch to include hunting and fishing — with its lead-based fallout, monofilament lines, etc., and offensive behaviors, i.e. killing wildlife — as melding with the "character" of the Woodstock community.

Throughout the Comprehensive Plan, the activities referred to under the category

of the recreational use of lands are "hiking, sledding, biking, and skating." In a 125 page document, "hunting" was mentioned only once. That indicates the low level of recognition hunting has as a socially accepted activity in this progressive community with a tradition of "Artisans, Inventors, and Entrepreneurs."

The Comprehensive Plan for Woodstock explains that the magnificent environmental features within the Town include watersheds and floodplains. They define watersheds as land areas that drain to a stream or wetland and explain that "human activities and land uses within a watershed influence the water quality and biological health of the stream." They say that in planning to improve the biological health of a stream the entire watershed must be considered.

While the deer population is cited in one part of the Plan as being "overabundant," anyone familiar with the practices of the hunting interests knows that the numbers are intentionally manipulated by game agencies to allow for hunting, as well as to convince the public that hunting is necessary. The manipulation of wildlife for the sake of the hunting business and the firearms industry is a topic that is beyond the immediate focus of this appeal to the Woodstock Town Board and Woodstock Environmental Commission, but is one which should be taken up at a later time.

The Comprehensive Plan further lists principles that need to be adhered to. Principle #6 states that **"We will reduce and where possible eliminate the use of products and services that cause environmental damage or health or safety hazards. We will inform our employees and the citizens of Woodstock of the environmental impacts of our actions and try to correct unsafe conditions."** Certainly, **lead qualifies as one of the products "that cause environmental damage."**

The Comprehensive Plan concludes that as recreational needs are evolving and that as societies and communities evolve, recreational demands change. It says, **To ensure that the recreational demands of the residents are met, the town should conduct a regular survey of residents to**

determine their satisfaction with existing recreational facilities and to understand their desires for other options.

We encourage a survey to be done for the many citizens of Woodstock who wish to eliminate hunting and fishing with its concomitant lead contamination, pollution of lands and waters, and the killing of wild animals both directly and indirectly.

Further, a moratorium on hunting and fishing should be implemented until a full Environmental Impact Statement can be completed to determine the grave risk to the environment and whether hunting and fishing are compatible with Woodstock as it has evolved.

We submitted the following article to the board members of the WEC.

<http://archive.audubonmagazine.org/incite/incite1105.html>

In that article, Ted Williams, a well-respected conservationist wrote:

The U.S. Geological Survey reports that as many as 400,000 lead shotgun pellets per acre rain annually on popular hunting fields...

When lead projectiles hit large mammals they shatter, impregnating swaths of soft tissue as wide as three feet with toxic fragments; just one the size of a BB can fatally poison an eagle. The clinic gets two or three animals a week, mostly dead or terminal, that have been poisoned by ingesting lead shotgun pellets or bullet fragments. This eagle had been getting chelation therapy with drugs that bind lead in a form that can be eliminated by the kidneys. An operation later that day, in which the bones were joined with multiple pins, rendered the clinic's Mark Pokras "cautiously optimistic" about her chances. But infection set in, and three weeks later she had to be euthanized. Pokras is one of the world's top authorities on plumbism (lead poisoning) in wildlife.

When lead is ingested the body mistakes it for beneficial metals, incorporating it into the brain, eyes, kidneys, liver, and other vital tissues, which it damages. Most humans survive plumbism, albeit with diminished mental and motor function,

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and victims are prone to violence and crime. Children are especially vulnerable because the growth process requires a heavy intake of metals.

In wildlife, plumbism is rarely survivable or diagnosed. To make it in the wild, all animals require full capacity. So plumbism causes mortality wrongly attributed to predation, starvation, roadkill, or collisions. So far 130 species have been known to ingest lead ammunition. There is no such thing as a "safe" or "normal" blood-lead level.

...Fish-eating water birds ingest lead

shot, too. But more frequently they're poisoned by lead fishing gear still attached to fish that have broken anglers' lines. Last year Tufts received carcasses of at least 50 loons that had died of plumbism. Pokras showed me X-rays in which lead sinkers can be plainly seen in the birds' digestive tracts. **He then showed me a photo of a pile of lead sinkers a skin diver retrieved in 30 minutes from the bottom of a river in Washington State. If you threw them into a sack, a strong man would have trouble lifting it.**

Wildlife Watch urges that no new

lands be opened to hunting or fishing. We further urge the Woodstock Environmental Commission to keep hunting and fishing out of public lands.

The public water supply should not be placed at risk by leaching lead, nor should wildlife be subjected to direct and indirect death by the discharge of lead into the environment, nor be victimized by the unseemly and brutal and anachronistic recreational activity of hunting.

BETRAYAL OF WILD ANIMALS AND PUBLIC TRUST

BY JANET PISZAR

In Feudal Europe, including England, wildlife belonged to the lord whose fief included the land where the wildlife resided. When the United States became independent from England it based its laws largely on English common law. However, since the newly formed country had no king, lords, or fiefs, it became the *law of the land* that wild free range animals cannot be owned by any entity—individual, sovereign or government. Wild animals, like oceans, rivers, specified ocean fronts, natural energy sources, etc., are held in trust as publicly owned resources. It remains the basic dictate that publicly owned resources must be managed for the **benefit of the public**.

As early 19th century life was pervasively agricultural, wildlife management was oriented to accommodate those conditions. Generally, these laws empowered hunters as policy makers.

In the 1930s, it was recognized that game animals could become a powerful economic engine both for the weapons/hunting industries and the government. Collaboration was established to create an enduring scheme that would provide continual funding for the restoration and expansion of game animals and their needed habitat. Nevada Senator Key Pittman (D) and Virginia Congressman Absalom Robertson (D) introduced the Pittman-Robertson Act.

This legislation became the Federal Aid for Wildlife Restoration Law in 1937. It serves to ensure the on-going purchase of weapons and munitions thereby perpetuating the culture of and opportunities for recreational hunting and relieving state governments of the financial burden of wildlife management.

This law enacted an 11% excise tax on hunting equipment and munitions/weaponry that is collected by the United States Department of the Interior, within its Fish and Wildlife Services. In the formulas for distribution of these funds, the number of hunting licenses sold is a key criterion. At stake is millions of dollars annually to each state. Managing game animals above natural and balanced numbers to accommodate recreational hunters and generate revenue is not for the public's benefit.

For decades, there has been scrutiny as to this continued privilege for hunters to remain the majority trustees of the publicly owned wildlife. The number of hunters lands are dramatically decreasing nationwide. Increasingly, the non-hunters, landowners and other stake holders of the publicly owned wildlife resource are aggressively objecting to management for recreational hunting and trophies.

Challenging the current wildlife management through violations of the PUBLIC TRUST cannot be done in theory alone.

Hard proof must be compiled to prove that the Divisions of Fish and Wildlife's customary practices that impact game animal populations is not for the public's benefit. These investigations to compile proof are the pathway to change for progressive and democratic wildlife management.



Photo of quantity management. All the does will breed more.

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AAA ADVISES HITTING DEER ON THE ROADS

Every year about this time, articles appear in the newspapers about the need to reduce the deer population due to car-deer collisions. Press releases from the usual suspects, game agencies, and hunting related clubs and enterprises, are printed just about verbatim.

One such article, titled **Love-Struck Bucks a Danger for Drivers**, may be read at this link:

<http://www.lohud.com/story/news/traffic/commuter-life/2014/09/18/love-struck-bucks-danger-roads/15834789/>

The following perceptive letter was written in response by wildlife rehabilitator **Marilyn Leybra** to the *Journal News* in Rockland County, NY

This JN reporter quotes only the repeated age old rhetoric from a DEC big-game biologist regarding increased deer-car collisions in October and November as being due to deer mating season. She makes no mention of deer being pursued by bow hunters in October and gun hunters in November, and therefore being in a high state of tension ready to flee in an instant in fear for their life, including onto roads. This is like denying that wild animals, who survive by their wits are not aware to this



new danger in the once peaceful woods. The same interviewed big game wildlife biologist goes on to say that due to high deer population density, "... state efforts in recent years have focused on reducing the deer population ..."

'Recent years?' To my knowledge, this deer reduction effort thru hunting has been going on year after year for the last 50 years yet the deer population (since being built up to one million) never wavers. A good question for this same big game wildlife biologist would've been to ask him to explain the 'maximum sustained yield principle.' Because no, deer do not breed 'litters' two or more times a year like rabbits or rats, and their population naturally is meant to vary with available food supply and habitat, harsh weather, disease, etc.. Given that, PLUS yearly being killed off by an army of seriously armed predators, time

to ask the same 'official wildlife biologist' why we still have the same million deer we've heard about for years, causing all these deer/ car collisions. Yes?

AAA should be ashamed of itself for not standing up to the game agencies for permitting hunting near roads, especially at dawn and dusk! Instead they recommend to drivers that they just hit the deer on the road that are being driven out by "rut" (rather than hunters). The article quotes AAA NY spokesman Robert Sinclair who said, "You shouldn't swerve. The simplest advice is if you see a deer in the road, hit it. People say, 'You are killing Bambi.' I would rather kill Bambi than a family." Instead of playing along with the hunting fraternity, they need to bring a lawsuit against the game agencies for endangering the public!

To read more about this subject, visit C.A.S.H. article:

<http://www.all-creatures.org/cash/cc2002-fa-erie.html>

The article was written by **David Cantor** of **RESPONSIBLE POLICIES FOR ANIMALS:**

<http://www.rpaforall.org/index.html>

WHAT IS "QUALITY" DEER MANAGEMENT? IT'S MANAGING DEER FOR TROPHY BUCKS

Quality Deer Management is a strategy that lowers doe populations (allows for the killing of does) in order to leave more browse for the male deer so they grow larger racks for hunters' trophies. While the deer population is reduced, the hunter population is increased, as hunters just love trophy bucks. That increases sales to the firearms industry as well.



Recent photo of carnage is from Quality Deer Management – titled: "Reaping the rewards of Quality Deer Management"

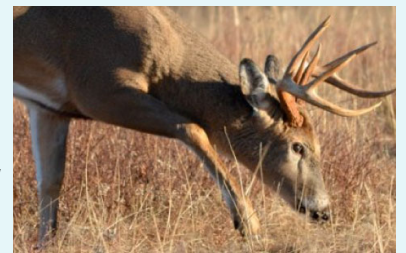
The photo below is printed with the question below:

<http://www.qdma.com/articles/will-he-be-a-good-one-next-year>

Their question is: "Will he be a good one next year?"

QDMA (Quality Deer Management Association) <http://www.qdma.com/>, which seems to have taken over NYC DEP lands puts out the following to lure kids:

"We hunt for many reasons – to be with family and friends, to spend time with nature, to provide meat for the table, and because it is FUN. That last reason should not be overlooked when intruding [sic] a new deer hunter to this wonderful pastime, especially when that new hunter is a youth!"



BLACK BEAR MANAGEMENT FOR INCREASED KILLING

Avid readers of the **C.A.S.H. Courier** are well acquainted with how deer are managed into overpopulations. In case you're not sure, please read **Janet Pizar's** article in this issue on page 4.

We were fortunate to have the management plan for black bears from no less than the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), which spells out in detail their plan to keep bear populations up to the level that they will be tolerated by the public. Apparently, the public is quite tolerant, according to them, since the population has been skyrocketing.

Keep in mind that game agencies are always in need of a reason to kill, so once they pump up populations, public intolerance is a perfect excuse. Of course, the big secret is that they are the ones pumping up the populations.

To build the populations they established national forests and parks to shelter and protect the bear population. They made sure that adult females could not be "harvested." They say there are nearly a half million acres of bear sanctuary in TN. Of



course, this is mixed with the positive aspect of protecting habitat from farming and development.

Radiotelemetry established that pregnant females den much earlier than males. So after reproductive females had moved to dens, they changed the hunting schedule to make sure that only the males would be "harvested." As males are larger anyway, they make for a better "trophy."

They said that poaching is quite common so they have cracked down on it. The bear population thrives according to them thanks to sportsman license dollars. They point out that since bears have home ranges that overlap state boundaries, they have engaged NC, GA, and VA in a commitment to "protecting bears" for a continuing increase to be able to sustain bear hunting and

ensure a continuing supply of bears for hunters to kill and exploit for body parts.

They confess at the end of their self-praising report that "As human and bear populations increase, and more people move near public lands, bear-human interactions will undoubtedly increase creating potentially dangerous situations for the public and for bears." Now, if it's dangerous, then pray tell, who is to blame?



SHOULD CRUELTY EVER BE LEGAL?

Sent by **Barry Irwin, Esq.**

FBI Director James Comey signed and approved the recommendations from the Criminal Justice Information Services Division, (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board's June 2014 meeting. **It adds animal cruelty crimes to the Uniform Crime Report - National Incident Based Reporting System.**

Animal Cruelty crimes will now be reported as a Group A offense to include simple/gross neglect; intentional abuse and torture; organized abuse; and animal sexual abuse. [C.A.S.H. sadly notes that] This definition does not include proper main-

tenance of animals for show or sport; use of animals for food, lawful hunting, fishing or trapping.

They say: Today overwhelming scientific research has demonstrated the close relationship between animal cruelty crimes and other types of crimes, including interpersonal violence, property crimes, and drug offenses. Often it is a marker of a perpetrator with a higher tendency toward violence.

It's not a crime because no laws have been passed to make it crime. However, to those who follow such news reports, it's abundantly clear that

"lawful hunters" are implicated in the killing of humans to a degree that seems out of proportion to their numbers in the general population.

The latest example as we go to print is this one:

Don Spirit, who police say killed his daughter and his six grandchildren before committing suicide, served time a decade ago after he accidentally shot his son to death during a hunting trip.
http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2014/09/multiple_shooting_deaths_repor.html

C.A.S.H. Editor: One of the little victims was only 3 months old!

Time for a New Look at the Distribution of the Excise Tax on Guns and Ammunition

BY PETER MULLER

The federal government has a number of “excise taxes” that are imposed on users of certain products either directly, at the point of sale or use, or indirectly, at the point of manufacture or import. The distribution of the funds gathered by federal excise varies but can, in many cases, be placed in one of two categories



The use of the excise tax from firearms and ammunition became a dedicated fund under the Pittman-Robertson Act in 1937 which mandated that the fund be used only to promote shooting and hunting (which was euphemistically called “wildlife conservation”). Whether that was the proper decision at the time – is a theme for historians to consider. Let us instead consider the diversion of

1) To help maintain or improve the conditions for the activity that uses the taxed product– such as the federal tax on gasoline which is used to build and maintain federal highways.

2) To compensate individuals injured by the activity that uses or creates the taxed product– such as the Vaccine Injury Compensation Tax which is a per-dose tax imposed on the sale of commonly prescribed vaccines. The revenue is collected into a trust fund used to finance a no-fault federal insurance system. The insurance was created to compensate individuals injured by the use of these vaccines, also the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund Excise Tax: This excise tax applies to the sale of coal from producers. The revenue is collected into a trust fund and is used to finance the payment of black-lung benefits to injured miners.

We can, for purposes of this discussion classify the first type of excise tax as “positive” — we believe the taxed activity and the sale of product associated with it is to be encouraged and its expansion and improvement subsidized by a tax on the products associated with the activity.

The second type is a negative in which we tax the activity or products associated with the activity because we believe that the activity is injurious to some people and there should be a way be compensate the victims for injuries sustained without imposing a burdensome legal process on them.

We should also realize that over time an activity can change from meriting encouragement from our society-at-large to needing discouragement. Perhaps at some point we should stop building more federal highways and shift the gasoline tax to building better public transportation and discouraging driving.

The encouraging or discouraging of an activity via a federal excise tax is not cast in stone but should be revisited and reformed to be in sync with the current needs and standards of society.

these funds away from compensating the victims for injuries sustained from the use of firearms and ammunition.

It is hard to find reliable, trustworthy statistics after 2010.

In a study by the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence we find the following report for 2010 in the US

<http://smartgunlaws.org/category/gun-studies-statistics/gun-violence-statistics/>

Homicides	11,078
Unintentional deaths due use of firearms606
Suicides	19,392
Total	31,076

In addition to these deaths by firearms there were **73,505** people treated for non-fatal gunshot wounds in 2010.

We will characterize the 73,505 injured and the surviving next-of kin of the 31,076 fatalities as **victims** of the use of firearms. We have a total of **104,581 victims** of firearms in 2010.

The monies derived from firearms and ammunition that went into the dedicated Pittman-Robertson fund amounted to about \$400,000,000 in 2010.

Had that money been used to compensate the victims of the use of firearms – each victim would have received \$4,695.

That amount will barely pay for the funeral expense of the fatalities and not even come close to paying for the hospitalization and treatment of the injured. It seems only fair, in light of the extent of injuries and fatalities that are attributable to the use of firearms that the federal excise collected be used to partially compensate the victims of firearms use instead of promoting the expansion of the use of firearms.

OHIO MUST BRING BACK DEER REHABILITATION

BY ANNE MULLER

Wildlife rehabilitators are the stepchildren of the game agencies who control them. In Ohio, the rehabilitation of fawns is illegal, consequently calls to Wildlife Watch from scores of Ohioans are one of the most dreaded we receive.

The choice given by game agencies when a compassionate person calls who has found an injured or orphaned is to "let nature take its course," or they might add, "If we go out there, we'll kill him."

Often doing nothing to help is unacceptable to a caller (and to us) so the person is caught between the immoral and indecent choice of letting the fawn die or offering help that may be inadequate and also illegal.

Lane Ferrante, the Ohio Director of the League of Humane Voters would like to change the law. **Wildlife Watch** has written the following letter for her to use:

Wildlife Watch is a not for profit organization that operates one of the leading national hotlines for injured and orphaned wild animals. The hotline is referred to the public by police departments, towns, veterinarians, and SPCAs across the country.

This past spring and summer, scores of calls came from concerned OH citizens about orphaned deer, raccoons, and other species found in distress.

Anne Muller of Wildlife Watch said, "What struck me was that people from all walks of life, including hunters, were appalled to learn that OH did not allow the rehabilitation of fawns. When we asked if they would be willing to support an OH bill that would bring back fawn rehabilitation, they overwhelmingly said, "Yes." Wildlife rehabbers and the field of wildlife rehabilitation should be on a par with other community services, such as ambulance squads, fire departments, police departments, and community services that assist people in need. This is a public need, not only a wildlife need. By allowing deer rehabilitation, the public is not placed at risk, and the animals are not given the wrong help by well-meaning but unqualified individuals.

Wildlife Watch fully supports the



Rescued fawns drink milk at the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center <http://www.spwrc.org/>

efforts of Ohioans to bring wildlife rehabilitation back to OH. We have been hugely saddened and incapacitated by Ohio's policy of withholding care for deer and raccoons in need and look forward to a change of policy.

We hope that laws pass, or policies change, to favor those who are helping the public by helping them to save wild animals.

If you are an OH resident and would like to jump on board this bandwagon, please contact us at wildwatch@verizon.net. Please put "OH deer rehab" in the subject line.

One particularly sad story is told by Sandy. We have removed her last name to protect her from the wrath of the Ohio game department, whose mission is to ensure that fawns grow up to be dutiful targets for hunters. Caring for them is not on their radar screen.

Hi Anne,

They say that every event has a teachable moment....and this one did for me. We didn't know what to expect as we followed the movements, both physical and audible of this orphaned fawn. It was all new to us. We watched for 3 days as this unfolded from a prancing, young, healthy looking fawn to a slow moving, fragile, crying fawn. We could hear her bleating throughout each day as our hearts were breaking that her mom would never show up. We watched as other does rejected her need to nurse. By the third day she was by herself, lonely, wondering where

her mom could be....so heart breaking! It was obvious that the mother was either wounded or killed. What mother would abandon their offspring??

On the third day we watched her slowly moving, weak crying into the woods (where she probably was born). We saw her drop down but still in the fetal position. That is when my husband went out to pet her. She was then startled and moved to different location. It's then that I went out and bought the goat's milk and bottle. As we entered the woods about 9PM that night she was down on her side. We then knew that was a bad sign as told by you. My husband was rubbing her stomach to try to stimulate her but she was too weak to take the bottle and just twitched a few times. We could see in her eyes that her demise was near. We left her to die in peace.

God Bless you and all the work you do.

Sandy B., Westlake, OH



THE VOICE OF THE MUTE SWAN

Excerpts from the “Management of Mute Swans”

BY SHEILA BOLIN



Sheila Bolin and her dear friend

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The eradication of Mute Swans across large parts of the country in the name of “wildlife management” is nothing less than a hoax perpetrated on the general public to accommodate a small segment of the population. This eradication of an **entire species** is done with disregard for sound environmental management practices. This proposed program is taking place in New York, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, Michigan,

Maryland and other states, as well as Canada.

The Atlantic Flyway, a major environmentally significant area for wildlife, is the target of this folly. The plan is endorsed by the U.S. Wildlife Services, the National Audubon Society and other entities, which purportedly protect wildlife.

This program is currently implemented in these areas because there is no Trophy Waterfowl for hunters. The taxpayer-funded wildlife agencies of these states (called “DNR” “DEC” “DEP” or various other names”) are attempting to introduce the larger Trumpeter Swans to be used for hunting along the flyways, most importantly, the Atlantic Flyway. The Atlantic Flyway Council is composed of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and various other states that have been actively lobbied by the Trumpeter Swan Society, Ducks Unlimited, National Audubon Society, and the U.S. Wildlife Service to kill the Mute Swans so that the Trumpeter Swans can be reintroduced. The plan is to attain a viable population of Trumpeter Swans so that hunting permits can be sold.

Hunters ready to pay for this future “Trophy Waterfowl” will be mitigating shrinking wildlife budgets.

The International Swan Symposium was held in Maryland in February, 2014. Swan specialists from around the world presented papers and discussed the status of swan species. Many expressed concern about the killing of Mute Swans clearly not based on scientific research. Paradoxically, in the 1960s, when the U.S. government asked scientists, worldwide, to name a species as the International Symbol of World Peace, the Mute Swan was chosen.

The alleged justifications put forth for killing Mute Swans are:

Mute Swans are aggressive.

“Mute Swans are NO more aggressive than any other wildlife species in protecting their nests or young. If you

get too close to their nests or young, they will become aggressive.” (Perrins, 2014, Nilsson, 2014, Coleman, 2014, Nolet, 2014). “Whooper Swans will displace Mute Swans in territories that compete for molting, nesting and breeding”. **(Morkunas, 2014)** “Trumpeter Swans will chase and kill Mute Swans and other waterfowl.” **(Bolin, et al, 2014, Handrigan, 2014).**

Mute Swans are considered invasive because they eat enormous amounts of vegetation and displace other waterfowl such as the Trumpeter Swans, the largest waterfowl species.

Yet, swan specialists at the Symposium stated: **“Mute Swans are not invasive and do not destroy the environment any more than any other waterfowl species such as ducks and geese” (Perrins, 2014, Nolet, 2014, Coleman, 2014, Bolin, et al, 2014).**

Mute Swans weigh approx. 30 lbs and eat approx. 8 lbs of aquatic vegetation, Trumpeter Swans weigh 40 lbs and their cygnets eat approx. 20 lbs of aquatic vegetation according to Larry Gillette, The Trumpeter Swan Society.

In Sweden, Mute Swans are SENTINEL birds indicating that there is something wrong with the environment. There are 10,000 Mute Swans in an area smaller than what is being proposed to kill the swans in NY with NO negative ecological impact. If the population drops below 10,000, wildlife biologists are mandated to research why the drop occurred. **(Nilsson, 2014)**

New York DEC states “there is a possibility that Mute Swans are a threat to aircraft.

The FAA's Wildlife Strikes to Civilian Aircraft 1990-2012 does not list Mute Swans as ever striking an aircraft or posing a threat.

Mute Swans are non-native to North America Native Species.

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MUTE SWAN

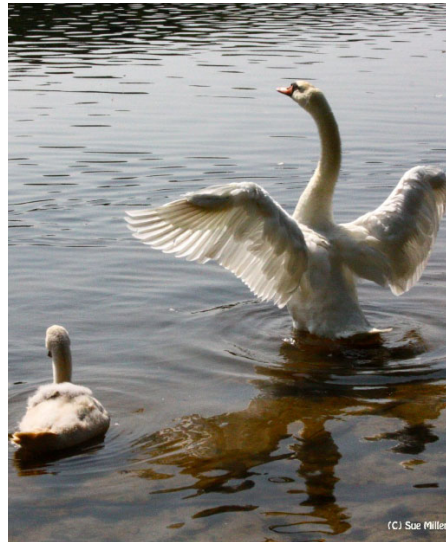
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Fossils of a homologue of the Mute Swan, dating 25 million years ago, have been found in several North American sites. The definition of native vs reintroduction seems to be the problem, but this definition gets further muddled when the Trumpeter Swan is mentioned. Therefore, the Trumpeter reintroductions were after the cut-off point of reintroduction designated by U.S. Wildlife Services, which stated that if a species was not here before the 1800s without being reintroduced, the species could not be considered native. This was the basis to remove the Mute Swan from protective status. So in effect, the U.S. Wildlife Services changed the rules to specifically mark the Mute Swans for eradication.

Mute Swans are exploding in population and displacing other waterfowl which are the reasons stated by wildlife officials from various states wanting to control their populations.

Shirkey, et. al presented a paper questioning the methodology. He stated that **It was very difficult to count swans from the air, there was no discrimination between Tundras or**

Mutes. The difficulty is choppy water and glare.



In addition to Sheila Bolin C.A.S.H. would also like to thank **Karen Stamper, Kathryn Burton, Sue Miller** and her brother **Tom Pacheco, NYS Senator Tony Avella** and **NYS Assembly member Steven Cymbrowitz** for all they are doing to be the voice of the mute swan.

Letter to Editor published in Times Union, the leading paper in Albany, NY

A coalition of wildlife advocates and some concerned, compassionate state senators and assemblymen worked for months to stop the state Department of Environmental Conservation from carrying out their plan to kill all the mute swans in the state.

The rationale given by DEC for this extremely cruel plan was based on faulty reasoning and pseudo-science. It was fairly easy to refute their stated reasons for the extermination, using sound scientific facts; what is not so easy is persuading an entrenched state agency to change its policies, some of which are designed to cater to the small minority of New Yorkers who "sport" hunt.

However, thanks to Sen. Tony Avella, D-Bayside, Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz, D-Brooklyn, and many citizens who prefer to enjoy and protect

wild animals rather than kill them, legislation to impose a moratorium on the swan slaughter was passed in mid-June. Sadly, the very day before it passed, some DEC agents shot to death another mated pair of swans, leaving their four cygnets to starve.

Because the DEC has carte-blanche to go on killing these precious birds until the bill is signed into law, we have been awaiting Gov. Andrew Cuomo's signature on it. Some five weeks later and the bill still has not been signed. Dozens of phone calls to the governor and other state offices resulted in the frustrating reply that the process is slow.

Meanwhile, mute swans are in constant danger from the DEC. We urge the governor to sign the law immediately that no more innocent birds need suffer.

[Our own] Eileen Fay

UNSEEMLY ALLIANCES MERGE TO OBLITERATE THE MUTE SWAN

The following list was included in the **Comments to New York State's Draft Management Plan for Mute Swans by The League of Humane Voters of New Jersey and the Animal Protection League of New Jersey**

Federal and state wildlife regulatory agencies are partnered with the industries they regulate!

The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) commingles regulators, trade associations, and the following manufacturers of firearms: Remington Arms, Inc.; Browning Arms, Inc.; Alliant Powder; Olin Corporation; Hodgedon Powder Com.; Blount, Inc.; Marlin Firearms Company; H&R 1871 Inc.; Sturm, Ruger & Co.; O.F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc.; SigArms Corporation; Taurus International Firearms; Weatherby, Inc.; Smith & Wesson; ATK Ammunition Systems; the Archery Trade Association; the Audubon Society (national, affiliates, or independent) and the Nature Conservancy.

Seventy-nine percent of state wildlife managers are hunters. Through the AFWA's "Teaming with Wildlife" (TWW) manufacturers and regulators are partnered with the Audubon Society (national and most state chapters or independents). These few interests slice up the pie, scratch each other's backs, and benefit from the status quo. The trade-offs are generally at the expense of hunted animals, and, in this case, the splendid Mute. **"Conservation" is a business; all manner of killing is now swept under its rubric.**

The TWW National Steering Committee, dominated by shooting trade associations and interests, controls each state's Wildlife Action Plan (WAP), or wildlife and land policies. State-level TWW affiliates generally include state Audubon societies and a host of TWW satellite organizations, grant brokers, and management consultants. State Audubon Societies may be affiliated with the national organization (chapters) or independent entities.

These alliances are unacceptable!

CALL THEM OUT EARLY AND OFTEN

Model Letter to the Editor for a Trappers' Convention

C.A.S.H. President, Joe Miele, sent the following letter to the editor of the Escanaba Daily Press

Next month Escanaba will host the National Trappers Convention – a gathering of people who needlessly and inhumanely kill harmless animals. You will hear about the tradition and economic impact of trapping, but hidden will be the violent side of the sport that is seen only by the trappers and their victims.

Michigan's trappers use the steel-jaw leghold trap, a device so barbaric that it has been banned in eighty-nine countries; has been deemed inhumane by the conservative American Veterinary Medical Association; and has been banned or severely restricted in several US states. Leghold traps break bones, tear tendons and lacerate



the skin of animals unfortunate enough to fall victim to its deadly jaws. Legally placed traps severely injure domestic dogs and cats, as well as raptors, and endangered and threatened species. Given the indiscriminate nature of trapping, no trapper can prevent such occurrences from hap-

pening.

Trappers torture animals without conscience, as evidenced by the words of Dennis Schultz, former Vice-President of the Montana Trappers Association. *"We trappers do cause pain and suffering to animals and apologize to no one"* he proudly wrote in an opinion piece in The Missoulian (2/11/08). This is the cruel truth about what trappers do and what they are proud of.

Rather than rolling out the red carpet for animal cruelty conventions, the City of Escanaba should close its doors to events that celebrate violence and animal abuse. For information on how you can protect wildlife exploited and tortured by trappers visit www.AbolishSportHunting.org.

96 Hours to Suffer Before Being Killed

Trish Swain of Trailsafe in Nevada reported that the Wildlife Commission voted to leave trap visitation intervals at 96 hours! Can you imagine the suffering of animals in extreme heat or cold or rain extreme hunger, thirst, pain, infection, without any relief!



What do you think happens next?

Obviously, laws are needed to stop this barbaric treatment of wild animals.

Please visit the electioneering and lobbying organization **League of Humane Voters** at www.lohv.org and become involved today!

Wildlife Services killed 4,000,000 animals in 2013!

Killing methods were shooting, poisoning, snaring, and trapping.

- 75,326 coyotes
- 866 bobcats
- 528 river otters
- 3700 foxes
- 12,186 prairie dogs
- 873 red-tailed hawks
- 419 black bears
- 3 eagles

Much of their killing was meant to aid farmers in their production of meat and dairy. A good reason to go vegan! Less known is their collaboration with game agencies to ensure a steady supply of huntable animals in huntable areas.



Laws Prohibiting Cruelty to Wild Needed

Congratulations to **Project Coyote and Animal Legal Defense Fund** for shutting down a coyote killing contest in Oregon. Did wildlife cruelty laws do it? No, because there aren't any! According to **Camilla Fox** of

Project Coyote, the case was cleverly won because the contest involved betting and so constituted a gambling enterprise, which is illegal and deemed a public nuisance!

Field Spaying of Does- Barbaric or Humane?

By E.M. FAY

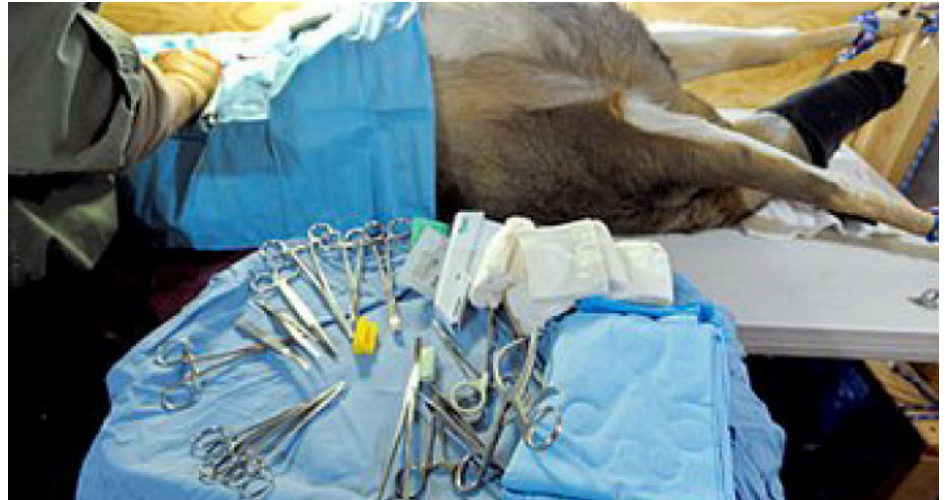
In April of this year, we heard about a proposed spaying program being planned for deer in Easthampton. The Village Board was unanimously in favor of having fertile does operated on "in the field."

The plan was to attract them to a bait station, trap and sedate them, and then perform the procedure on site. The does' reproductive organs would be removed, an operation that would allegedly take only 20 minutes. Nothing was said about the does' recovery time, if they would be protected while recovering, or any other safety or welfare measures.

The Village Administrator said that the names and state license numbers of veterinarians involved in the program were not yet available.

A local resident asked for at least a seven-day notification before the program takes place, so that she and her husband, a large-animal veterinarian, can check with the NYS Department of Agriculture about the plan. She noted that spaying is ineffective regarding the protection of vegetation or reducing illnesses, two of the reasons given for wanting to reduce the number of deer.

To anyone who cares about the welfare of animals, so many questions present themselves: How can we be sure of the standard of competence of those operating? What precautions, if any, are being taken that the does who are trapped are not



already mothers with dependent fawns? How long is recovery time and will the does be protected by medical personnel or indeed, anyone, until they are fully recuperated, or will they be left vulnerable? Is the glib assurance that the operations take 20 minutes an accurate one? What if there are complications? Will there be veterinarians qualified to handle complications, or will the does with complications be sacrificed?

Amidst all the discussions back and forth, there seemed little or no concern for the general well-being of the deer. Deer are fully sentient beings, capable of thought and emotion like other mammals. What of the inevitable sense of distress when the doe is conscious? What pain might she feel, as we all do after an operation? And even more important, how will the rest of her life

be affected when she finds she cannot conceive? These might seem minor matters to those who do not apprehend the fact of animal consciousness, but in 2012, an authoritative report was released, signed by the world's top scientists, asserting the provable fact that animals do think and feel in ways similar to humans. (Francis Crick Memorial Conference on Consciousness in

Human and Non-Human Animals)

At C.A.S.H., we certainly get the point that this is an alternative to outright killing, but there are many unanswered questions, and once again it's clear that the lives of wild animals can be taken or tinkered with. If infection sets in, if there are mistakes, who will care? And if they do care, what can they do about it?

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Sent by **Merle Wilson** of IA:
Proposed changes in deer management for the 2014/2015 deer season:
Basically the proposal is to go back to quantity management:
• Eliminate the January antlerless season,

• Reduce antlerless deer quotas
In other words, keep the females alive to pump up the population for the 2015 hunting season. Do you see what "wildlife management" is all about?

DEER CULLING ON LONG ISLAND

Deer culling on Long Island has been controversial, with many residents appalled at the idea of shooting the gentle animals, but others complaining about the damage they do to their gardens or the frequency of deer-car collisions.

Unfortunately for the deer and those who love them, most municipalities enter into contracts with the USDA's Wildlife Services branch to kill as many as possible. One recent cull on the North Fork, though, was deemed "disappointing" by the Long Island Farm Board's (LIFB) president, because it resulted in "only" 132 deaths.

Justifying the killings by blaming deer not only for eating plants and crashing into cars, but also inaccurately pinning tick-borne disease on them, local authorities managed to get a \$200,000 grant from the state to pay for the killing, and the Town of Southold kicked in \$25,000.

The LIFB's Executive Director complained that a lawsuit had restricted the NYS DEC from issuing deer kill permits. There is an injunction still in place, but he hoped the case could be addressed after Labor Day.

As usual with these culls, the proponents boast of donating thousands of pounds of meat to local food banks, never mind that many people do not eat deer meat, and besides, there is the possibility that the procedure for establishing



the safety of such meat is not always followed to the letter. They also assure the public that the killing was "humane."

Animal protection groups on Long Island spoke out strongly against the cull, and raised questions about alternative methods such as immunocontraception. **But although local officials said "all options" would be explored, there seemed little evidence of any serious consideration of anything... but killing.**

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EUROPEAN UNION BANS IMPORT OF SEAL PRODUCTS

Among the many bloody and brutal forms of animal exploitation, the killing of seals has long been deplored by decent people in many countries. Heartbreaking scenes of baby seals being clubbed to death before their mothers' eyes has caused considerable protest and repeated calls to outlaw the practice.

Recently, the European Union took a step in the right direction when it banned the importation and marketing of all seal products from its 28 member nations.

A sour note was struck last year when Canada and Norway appealed the EU's ban to the World Trade Organization, claiming it was discriminatory and contrary to international trade regulations. Fortunately, in May, 2014, the WTO ruled in favor of the ban, citing moral grounds of animal welfare and the barbaric way the seals are killed.



Although the WTO ruling is final, there is a nasty loophole that exempts seal products from Inuit or other indigenous communities. And Canada is free to retaliate against the EU nations for failing to meet trade obligations.

Other countries that ban imported seal products include the U.S., Mexico, Russia, and Taiwan.

A federal government spokesperson said, "The ban on seal products adopted in the European Union was a political decision that has no basis in fact or science."

But animal welfare groups hope this decision will eventually benefit other species.

Nearly a million seals are hunted globally each year. Commercial hunting operations take place in Canada, Norway, Greenland, and Namibia.

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ASK UNCLE JOE



BY JOE MIELE

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Dear Uncle Joe:

I hate hunting season and I'm always worried that the deer will not survive the winter. Our winters are brutal up here and snowfall in the park is 3-feet deep and lasts for a long time. My neighbor feeds the deer corn but I'm of the mind that deer shouldn't be eating dried corn feed. He's been doing it from the time when he was hunting. He has not hunted in 10 years or so but he's used to feeding the deer around his property. Do you have any information I can give him? Thanks for all you do.

Carla,
Gouverneur, NY

Dear Carla:

It's wonderful to hear that your neighbor no longer hunts! May all others follow his lead ASAP. Your suspicions are correct - feeding deer corn is not a good idea, and it is also illegal to do so in New York.

Deer rely on fat reserves to get them through the winter, and the deer in your area are used to living through snowy seasons. As extreme as this may sound, deer can actually live for about a month without eating and they can lose 20% of their body weight without suffering any ill effects at all. When corn is fed to deer it can cause severe digestive problems. A deer may smack her lips at the sight of a corn pile, but her digestive system doesn't have time to adjust to such a high carbohydrate diet. Within hours, her rumen will turn acidic and destroy the microbes needed for normal digestion. In severe cases she can die in a few days. Corn may not kill strong and healthy deer, but they will become sluggish and clumsy, making them easy prey for coyotes and more likely to be hit by cars.

If your neighbor wants to help the deer he should plant mast-bearing trees and shrubs. A stand of conifers will provide winter cover from wind and snow. This is far better than feeding corn.

Peace,
Uncle Joe

Uncle Joe,

You and your kind are anti-human mass murderer baby killers. When I die and enter into heaven I will go to each spirit of every plant and animals that i ever harvested from gods ample grocery store and thank them for there sacrifice.

Fress,
Roanoke, VA

Dear Fress,

We're anti-human baby killers and mass murderers? We've been called a lot of things but those are definitely firsts. Before replying I tried to think about where your comments would be coming from (guilt, perhaps?) but I have no idea what you could mean.

But while you're on the subject of baby killers, I'm sure you know that hunters in your state of Virginia can kill bears who weigh only 100 lbs. Considering that it is not uncommon for black bears to weigh 500 lbs or more, a 100-lb bear may be little more than a baby. And according to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, during the 2013-2014 hunting seasons, hunters reported killing 242,734 deer, 5,351 turkeys, and 2,312 bears. That's over a quarter of a million animals of just 3 species.

So if you'd like to see who the real mass-murdering baby killers are, I'd suggest you head down to your local Cabela's or archery supply store. You'll meet many of them there.

Sincerely,
Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe:

You antis are terrorists. Don't you find it ironic that you complain about hunters are killing animals but you have no problem issuing death threats to chcerleaders and musicians who hunt? The FBI considers you people terrorists and if you had your way there would be no wildlife or people left. They would starve, be hit by cats and pushed to the brink of extinction. We do not want wildlife to vanish. We appreciate it and use the resource wisely. You mission is futile.

Ray,
Benson, AZ

Dear Ray:

Of course hunters do not want to see wildlife vanish - if that happened there wouldn't be any left to hunt. That's why wildlife managers and biologists craft hunting seasons to ensure a steady overpopulation of wildlife year after year.

But aside from that, you wrote something that pushed a button and I am not going to let you get away with it. On this 11th day of September as I write this, your letter reminds me of those who lost their lives during terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C. and Shanksville, PA. They were victims of senseless violence, killed by people who believed they were doing the right thing (does that sound familiar?).

Calling those of us who protect wildlife "ter-

rorists" is an insult to those who lost loved ones thirteen years ago on a day that forever changed the world. Shame on you for not only needlessly killing wildlife, but also for trivializing the deaths of the two-thousand victims of the 9-11 attacks.

Sincerely,
Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe:

How do you say hunters are i,posing their ideas on anyone, i see gun safety as a prominate suggestion, and take a kid outdoors, if a kid doesnt want to hunt theyre not going to, more wildlife are killed by drivers and displacement than hunters ever thought of, so should ban all cars and farms, cities, parks, roads, Im guessing youll say no, and in 37 yrs of your guys trying to get hunters rights taken away youve not changed our minds, youve got a pretty poor record just like the oakland raiders you must love failure. Animals have advantage over hunters, we don't kill every hunt, and i will not wound an animal, im there for meat and i dont want it running away, and was raised hunting for food, so what, dont go pushing your agenda on me, it doesnt do any good

Calude,
San Ramon, CA

Dear Claude:

Yes, hunters often talk about gun safety and while mandatory hunter education courses have indeed cut down on the number of accidents, you still must understand that you're playing with fire(arms) and a disaster can happen at any moment. I am sure you remember the recent news item about a child who accidentally shot and killed a gun safety instructor while she was being taught to handle an Uzi. Hunting and guns are dangerous Claude - when your objective is to use a weapon to inflict a mortal wound on an animal, it's inevitable that tragedies will occur.

Sadly, you will wound and lose animals if you hunt for any length of time, and the animals you kill will go through terror and agony before they die, sometimes hours after you've shot them. Do we have an agenda? You bet we do, and we'll push it not because we're trying to take away your rights per se, but because we don't recognize your rights to kill helpless and harmless animals.

Lastly, I'm not an Oakland Raiders fan, but I am a New York Jets fan. So yes, to a certain degree I must love failure.

Regards,
Uncle Joe

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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

A hunter got up early and got his gear ready to go hunting. His wife was watching him from the kitchen and confronts him with a very concerned and teary look. "You're not going hunting today are you? Do you even remember what day today is?" He knew from the tenor of her voice that he was about to make a horrendous blunder that would have serious consequences for the next two weeks. He quickly answered "of course I remember - how could I forget, dear? I was just checking out my hunting gear before putting it away." He left for work. At 10 in the morning, the doorbell rang, and when she opened the door, she was handed a box containing a dozen long stemmed red roses. At 1 PM, a foil wrapped, two-pound box of her favorite chocolates arrived. For dinner, he took her to her favorite restaurant. When they got home she beamed, "First the flowers, then the chocolates, and then the dinner!" she exclaimed. "I've never had a more wonderful Groundhog Day in my life!"

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What has three teeth and a hundred feet?

The line at the DNR waiting to pick up their hunting licenses.

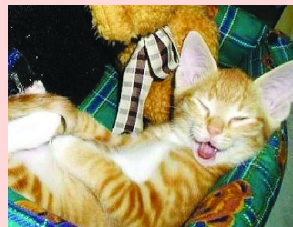
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In a shrine in the middle of the woods there was a sacred mirror - whenever somebody stood in front of it and told a lie a bucket of ice-cold water would come down over their head. A new college graduate who majored in finance enters and stands in front of the mirror and proudly says "I think I understand how the stock market works better than anyone else and I can make a

billion dollars trading in just one month." He got soaked with cold water. Next a candidate for the senate walks up to the mirror and declares "I think that I have always put my constituents' interests above my own when considering my vote on any legislation." Again the bucket of ice-water comes down on him. Next a hunter walks up to the mirror and declares proudly "I think.." and the bucket of ice cold water comes down on him before he finishes his sentence.

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At a meeting of hunters, a psychologist was invited to speak about the mental state that is common to hunters. When he mentioned that hunters are usually among the least intelligent members of their community, a lot of protesting grunts were heard from the audience. He calmly offered to demonstrate his point. He asked for one volunteer from the audience to come forward. He then asked "What is the first month of the year?" The volunteer thought for a while and replied "August." The psychologist corrected him - but the crowd insisted "Aw - come on give him another chance." The psychologist then asked "What is the capital of the United States?" After deliberation with some nearby attendees the volunteer hunter declared "Denver." The psychologist told the audience that he was now sure that had made his point; but again the crowd insisted "Aw - come on give him another chance." So he finally thought of a quick way to bring this to a conclusion. He asked "How much is one plus one?" The hunter proudly answered "Two," but the room full of hunters again insisted "Aw - come on give him another chance."



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