

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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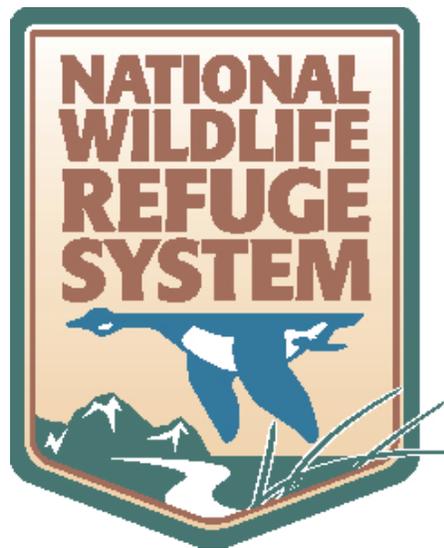
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JUST WHAT IS A NATIONAL WILDLIFE "REFUGE"?

BY PETER MULLER



It's not easy to find a national wildlife refuge that does not allow hunting. It is shocking that the word "refuge" can be used so deceptively. Yet in the netherworld of wildlife management, Newspeak is the official language. "Protection" means those periods when wildlife can not be killed to allow them to rebuild their numbers in the spring and summer for hunters to continue to kill in the fall and winter without depleting the supply of wild animal "targets." Then there is the term "refuge" that means the place where they are "protected" during breeding seasons, and then shot by hunters after they have matured. If you find this hard to believe, visit:

<https://www.fws.gov/refuges/hunting/huntingguide.pdf>

Ordinary definitions tell us that a refuge is something that acts as a shelter from the weather or danger.

However, The USFWS National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) System offers no shelter or protection to wildlife in the way most people would expect. It simply identifies where a group of animals can be found so they can be hunted. It is, perversely, the opposite of the meaning in the English language.

The Mission Statement of the NWR System:

The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

In other words, our goal is to perpetuate and restore the species of animals for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans including hunters.

They have installed a computer system called "**Find the Perfect Hunt**" where you key in the type of animal you want to hunt and you will be told what states offer these animals that can be hunted.

These "Refuges" are categorized by name, location, species and kept, throughout the country. Anybody can

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

“You cannot change what you are, only what you do.”
- Philip Pullman, *The Golden Compass*



It was early 2003 when Anne, Peter, and I sat down to dinner in at my home in New Jersey to talk about C.A.S.H. and its future. They graciously offered, and I humbly accepted, a role in the C.A.S.H. brain-trust, and I wasted no time in pouring my heart into the organization. Since then I've worked with wonderful activists from across the country, butted heads with stubborn officials, and opened many a heart and mind to the reality that there is always a better and more respectful way to deal

with wildlife.

Being the President of C.A.S.H. requires outreach, being the media point person, and being the “go-to” person for the many questions and “comments” that come our way. When I stepped into this role I had a understanding of wildlife and the role state hunting agencies play in exploiting the animals and habitat to suit their purposes, but serving as C.A.S.H.'s President has given me an education beyond what I had expected. This has been an incredible time.

As of January 1, 2017 I will be stepping down as C.A.S.H. President. While I am changing what I do, I am not changing who I am. I will continue to contribute to the hunting accident reports, as well as

maintain the *Ask Uncle Joe* column. You will see less of me, but I am not going away.

C.A.S.H. will present other voices and activists who will be contributing to this and future issues of the C.A.S.H. Couriers. I can assure you that C.A.S.H.'s mission will remain unchanged and that we will move forward to bring about the demise of recreational hunting once and for all.

Thank you for the support and trust you've put in me over the years. I'm moving on, but I am not moving away.

Sincerely,
Joe

Letter from Anne Muller, President, Wildlife Watch Inc.

Wildlife Watch and C.A.S.H. thank Joe for his years of service as C.A.S.H.'s president. We're definitely not thinking of this as losing Joe, as he will continue with C.A.S.H. in other ways, including remaining on our board of directors.

We wish the very best to Joe in his new endeavor. You can follow his dedicated work on feral cat rescue at **Broken Promises SW**

<https://www.facebook.com/HelpKittenArthur/>.

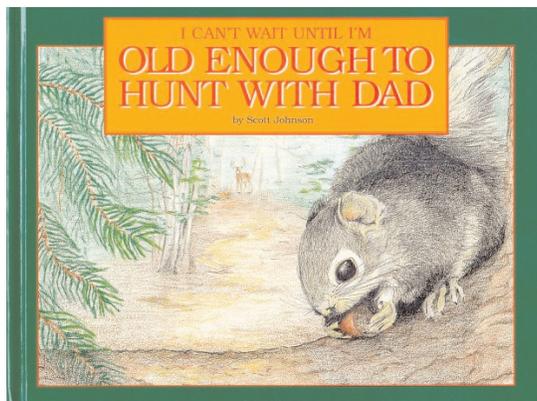
C.A.S.H. THANKS YOU, JOE, FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

A BOOK TO BAFFLE AND CONFUSE

Thanks to our new North Carolina members, who were totally shocked to find this book at a Goodwill, we are able to let our readers know about it. Please be sure that book and magazine venues have materials for children and adults that speak to the opposite view.

Looking at this cover, you would wonder what this little squirrel is talking about? Hunt what? Acorns? Then you notice the buck in the background and you continue to wonder. Could this little vegetarian animal want to kill the buck? Could the vegetarian buck want to kill the squirrel?

No, not at all. It's about a son who wants to hunt with his dad and how his dad tells him all he will ever need to know about killing animals legally. Dad tells his son that hunting doesn't hurt the animal; he tells his son that all of the animal can and should be used so it's all okay; he tells him to sharpen his skills by watching other wildlife to know that a deer is approaching. The disconnect between the fuzzy lit-



tle animals and the actual content and intention of the book is hard to wrap your head around. The young son talks about how his dad butchers the animal and how his mom cooks and dries the flesh and also makes gloves for him. *Nothing on the deer goes to waste*, he says. I'm reminded of a book by Cleveland Amory titled “Man Kind?” in which he talks about the whalers' refrain that nothing goes to waste. Amory's powerful com-

ment was: *No, nothing is wasted but the whale.*

We have to be careful of the myths. Sport hunting is not about subsistence, it's about the government managing wildlife to be living targets for trophy and amusement. To teach the truth, please let friends know about our publications, which can be found online at www.abolishsportshunting.org. [If you know of a book for children that values wildlife and finds hunting to be dishonest and disturbing, please be sure to let us know as well.]

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find a location where any animal can be found to be hunted. To hunt in most “refuges” a special “refuge-permit” is required, as well a hunting license from the users’ home states.

All states, with very few exceptions, have refuges where hunting takes place. Those can all be found in seconds using the “Find the Perfect Hunt” program.

The National Wildlife Refuge System lists more than 560 National Wildlife Refuges and thousands of smaller wetlands and other special management areas. Under the Fisheries program they also operate 70 National Fish Hatcheries, 65 fishery resource offices and 86 ecological services field stations.

The clear majority of fish and wildlife habitat restoration is on non-Federal lands under the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program.

A main tool for a hunter who wants to find a ‘refuge’ for a specific kind of animal is called “The Perfect Hunt.” It is a nice search program into which the hunter specifies the species of animals he is interested in hunting as well the location where he would like to hunt by state of zip code. The program then gives him the list of the ‘refuges’ that satisfy his criteria.

He can specify the species by:

Deer; Big Game, Exotics, Waterfowl, Upland Birds, Turkey, Migratory Birds, and Small Game

A hunter can then specify the location: either a state or a zip code, and can further specify special conditions, such as ‘Youth Hunts.’

When the “Search key” is pressed, all refuges that meet the specifications are reported back.

For example, a hunter living in New Jersey may suddenly be struck by the desire to hunt Big Game; he has no idea where to find it and how accessible it is, so he checks off Big Game; leaves ‘Any State’ and clicks on “search.”

He is returned with the first five choices of 128 sites that meet his search criteria:

Those would be the following:

128 results found for Big Game

Refuge Species

LOCATION Special Hunts

Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge *Deer, Waterfowl, Migratory Birds, Big Game, Small Game, Upland Birds*

AK

Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge *Deer, Waterfowl, Migratory Birds, Big Game, Small Game, Upland Birds*

AK

Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge *Waterfowl, Migratory Birds, Big Game, Small Game, Upland Birds*

CO Youth

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge *Deer, Waterfowl, Migratory Birds, Big Game, Small Game, Upland Birds*

AK

Arrowwood Wetland Management District *Deer, Waterfowl, Migratory Birds, Big Game, Turkey, Small Game, Upland Birds*

ND

He can explore one of the ones listed or see the next group of the 128 refuges found by his search criteria.

This system is clearly not intended for providing refuge to animals that are commonly hunted, but on the contrary it specifies options to find animals to hunt close to or far from the hunter’s state of postal zip code.

https://www.recreation.gov/marketing.do?gov=am&Explore_And_More%3Aarticles%3Aexperience-hunting-on-national-wildlife-refuges.htm

From the website of the FWS NWR

Like many men from rural southern Illinois, Jim Dawe started hunting as a boy with his dad. For nearly five decades, he collected scores of trophies without accident—until 2005. Now 63, the retired U.S. Army first sergeant recalls the November morning he set out on his property, as he often did, hoisting his compound bow and climbing the steel ladder to the 12-foot platform to await his quarry. But this time Dawe began feeling uneasy, lightheaded. Preparing to descend, he slipped from the ladder’s top rung and fell backwards to the ground, breaking his spine. Without cell phone or the ability to move, he was stranded for 14 hours until neighbors found him. He spent the next several months in a hospital.



“I didn’t know if I was going to live, let alone hunt again,” he says.

Dawe did survive, but not unscathed; he’s paralyzed from the waist down. But he can still bag an 11-point deer, thanks to Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, on the northern edge of the Ozark foothills west of Marion, IL, not far from Dawe’s home. For the past 24 years, the refuge has hosted a whitetail deer hunt for the disabled the weekend before Thanksgiving.

“It’s something we really look forward to,” says Dawe, who has participated the past four years.

Two precious souls whose lives were snuffed out by killers who could legally kill according to the law of the land in 2016

Farewell to our piebald, PeeBee

PeeBee was killed during bow and arrow “season” in region 3 of the NYS DEC. He graced our property allowing us to document his growth from a young fawn. Shortly after bow and arrow hunting started, PeeBee went missing. As he was so spectacular looking, I knew he was on someone’s wishlist to kill. Then, he reappeared several days later, perhaps aware of how we celebrated seeing him again as he lingered longer than usual. When he went missing the second time, I held out hope that he would return, but it has now been weeks.



His sister continues to come to our bird feeder. She was always with him, and now she is alone. How I wish she could tell us what happened. Perhaps PeeBee would say this:

Mock me as you hoist my head to the wall in your den, but I’m no longer here.

The same lord that has given you life and will take it one day, gave me life as well.

*I was loved by some humans who saw my spirit and knew who I was: a fellow being whose life was given to **him** and not to his killer.*

Where am I now? I’m in the hearts and minds of those who understand, who knew me, who loved me. I’m not yours, it was not my purpose, it wasn’t God’s will.

You, who can only take life and not give it, you are not fit for the earth as you don’t love it, you don’t understand non-human individual souls. I am my own. I belong to myself.



PeeBee’s Sister

PEDALS - BELOVED NJ BEAR He walked confidently on two legs due to injured front paws



PEDALS WAS KILLED BY A HUNTER

Although the state DEP said there’s no way to verify if the bear brought to the weigh station Oct. 10 was the well-known bear, the agency said it appeared to be Pedals.



“The injured paws and chest blaze of this particular adult bear brought to Green Pond appear to be consistent with the bear seen walking upright on several videos taken from North Jersey residents over the past two years,” Bob Considine, the spokesman, said in a release.

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2016/10/pedals_the_walking_bear_is_probably_dead_nj_offici.html

See the **League of Humane Voters NJ** Facebook page and scroll down to follow a law called **Pedal’s Law**:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=league%20of%20humane%20voters%20-%20new%20jersey>

From the Bear Education and Resource group:

<https://www.change.org/p/support-pedal-s-law-s2702>

Pedals is a black bear ambassador for all black bears. In honor of Pedals, we have created “Pedal’s



Law” (S2702) a law that will protect all New Jersey black bears. The law will end bear hunts for five years while a non-lethal bear control program is

implemented, it will require the use of bear resistance containers in bear habitat areas, and prohibit bear feeding and deer baiting in bear habitat. Please support this law.

Join us on Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/PedalsLaw/>

Please visit www.savenjbears.com and www.bearsmartnj.org to get involved in black bear protection.

WATCH OUT: THE NYS BUREAU OF WILDLIFE (BOW) HAS IDEAS FOR REGULATIONS!

Nothing good for individual wild animals comes out of the Bureau of Wildlife (BOW) with their cynical acronym. BOW's purpose is to create and expand hunting opportunity. BOW is a bureau within the DEC that parades as a "normal" part of government as it appropriates the good name of the agency in which it operates. Unlike other divisions of the DEC, BOW uniquely contributes **nothing** to the general public. On the contrary, **BOW siphons public funds**.

Now they have ideas that they are asking the "public" (hunters) to give them feedback on:

Idea 1: ...prohibit feeding of wild white-tailed deer

Note the use of the word "wild." BOW licenses a number of hair raising and horrific private operations that use, abuse, and kill deer who are not considered "wild" as they are "privately" held. BOW licenses private canned hunt operations in NYS that feed and bait; they license deer farms for venison that both feed and slaughter. Both operations have been suspected of being breeding grounds for the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease as the captive deer have been known to escape into wild populations. BOW issues permits to orchards and farms to cull deer who are attracted to their "incidental" bait fields; Quality Deer Management (QDM) operations bait with agricultural crops and manipulate wild foods for the purpose of growing big bucks with impressive antlers - the ones hunters want to kill the most.

If you have the time and wish to explore the subject of CWD and witness some grisly BOW-involved operations, here's an eye-opening post. <http://www.rense.com/general64/detail.htm>

Given BOW's exemptions for these operations that exploit and kill deer, exactly WHO then is prohibited from feeding? Witness the woman who was arrested for giving apples to deer: <http://www.all-creatures.org/cash/issues-deerlady-brief.html> - This article is long, but comprehensive.

BOW describes feeding as contributing to "unnatural concentrations." Their hypocrisy is apparent: QDM plots, deer farms, canned hunt operations, and the incidental feeding on orchards and farms are exempted from their "idea" to prohibit feeding.

It's apparent that the primary goal of this "idea" is to selectively punish compassionate individuals who feed birds, and deer either incidentally or intentionally.

Idea 2: Applies to Nassau and Suffolk only - **defines conditions for permits for use of 4-Poster Tickicide stations.** To permit these stations, BOW wants these stations to be part of an overall strategy that would include "assertive actions." Just what do they mean by "assertive actions"? One can only guess. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be required for each station, yet that doesn't appear to be part of the "idea."

Idea 3: Strengthen and enhance prevention of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

BOW suggests prohibiting the import of deer carcasses and lures made from body parts of deer from states that have CWD. C.A.S.H. COMMENTS: The economic impact combined with the virtual impossibility of enforcement suggests it won't happen until and if there is a major loss of deer from CWD. In the short term, obviously, this

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Governor Cuomo kills a Thresher shark and brags about it

Photo: Twitter page of Gov Cuomo

From the Guardian, see link below:

All three species of thresher shark are listed as vulnerable by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) because of their declining populations. Fishing for them is regulated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration but it is not illegal.

Despite its legality, the UN's patron of the oceans, Lewis Pugh, said the killing and subsequent photos were "abhorrent" and worked against those trying to conserve dwindling shark numbers.

"The environment is the primary issue on the global agenda, so it is extraordinary that a senior politician could be so ignorant about it," he said.



"Apex predators such as sharks are crucial for the ocean ecosystems. For a public figure to kill such an animal and then boast about it on social media is dangerously irresponsible. This shows a clear lack of judgment and calls to question his capability as a public leader."

Melissa De Rossa, Cuomo's chief of staff, also tweeted the photo, adding that the governor had caught the fish

with his brother, the co-anchor of New Day, CNN's morning news programme.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/aug/29/new-york-governor-andrew-cuomo-sparks-anger-killing-threatened-shark>

Exposing the Big Game

Living Targets of a Dying Sport



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BY JIM ROBERTSON

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“Recreational Shooting Opportunities” Have Taken Their Toll

EXCERPTS FROM JIM ROBERTSON'S BOOK, EXPOSING THE BIG GAME: LIVING TARGETS OF A DYING SPORT

Every place I have lived in the West, I've been fortunate enough to locate or stumble upon the rare or secretive creatures native to the locality, be they cougars, wolves, grizzly bears, lynx, otters, fisher, mink, pine marten, or badgers, even crossing paths with the shadowy wolverine on four separate occasions. So, it was with confidence that I set out across eastern Montana and Wyoming in search of the amicable, diurnal rodents that call the prairie their home. Surely they must be thick out there. How hard could they be to ferret out? It's not like I was searching for Bigfoot this time.

I combed hundreds of miles of what should be prime prairie dog habitat, scouring gravel back roads amid over-grazed cattle allotments and between functioning and defunct oil rigs, but found almost no sign of them. What I did find were prairie dog ghost towns and a lot of lonely, parched and denuded ground desperately in need of the vital cornerstone of the treeless grasslands.

Frustrated, I stopped at the headquarters of a national recreation area and asked the park service spokeswoman why there were no prairie dogs anywhere in the vicinity. She replied with a shrug, “Uh...Target practice?” Apparently, unregulated “recreational shooting opportunities” (glib game department jargon for their year-round open season on prairie dogs) have taken their toll. No



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one at that government compound could direct me to a single place where prairie dogs still existed, yet this vanishing keystone species is left unprotected by ESA safeguards. What will good ol' boys shoot at when they run out of prairie dogs, marmots or ground squirrels—each other? Okay, fair enough, but let's hope they don't hit anyone who doesn't deserve it.

Driving back home to southwest Montana on I-90, I spotted a sign for Greycliff Prairie Dog Town State Park. As the name implies, there is an active prairie dog town there—one of the last of its kind. The trivial excuse for a park, located right along the interstate with a busy railroad just beyond, is, oddly enough, a surprisingly decent place to see them living otherwise undisturbed. But with the constant whirr of the freeway punctuated by locomotives dragging eternal black streams of overflowing coal cars, it's also a good place to get a glimpse into what's happened to the world of the prairie dogs and why there are so few left of their kind.

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The Hills Are a-LOUD with the Sound of Shooting

JIM ROBERTSON

Living as I have for nearly the past decade in Washington State's Willapa Hills near the mouth of the Columbia River, that refrain all too often comes to mind with the first light of dawn this time of year.

Nothing is more miraculous than a huge flock of dusky or cackling Canada geese passing right overhead. But every morning in the fall and winter this awe-inspiring scene is accompanied by the nerve-shattering sounds of self-important nimrods blindly blasting through the fog. Whether for fun or to fill their freezer with flesh, the slaughter is all really in the name of sport. While spring is the season for baseball in this country, fall seems to be the in-season for killing.

If only more hunters would be like Canadian author, Farley Mowat, when he turned his back on the carnage for good:

"...and then the dawn was pierced by the sonorous cries of seemingly endless flocks of geese that drifted, wraith-like, overhead. They were flying low that day. Snow Geese, startling white of breast, with jet-black wingtips, beat past while flocks of piebald wavies kept station at their flanks. An immense V of Canadas came close behind. As the rush of air through their great pinions sounded in our ears, we jumped up and fired.

"One goose fell, appearing gigantic in the tenuous light as it spiraled sharply down. It struck the water a hundred yards from shore and I saw that it had only been winged.

It swam off into the growing storm, its neck outstretched, calling....calling....calling after the fast disappearing flock.

"Driving home to Saskatoon that night I felt a sick repugnance for what we had done, but what was of far greater import, I was experiencing a poignant but indefinable sense of loss. I felt as if I had glimpsed another and quite magical world--a world of oneness--and had been denied entry into it through my own stupidity. I never hunted for sport again."



Photograph by Jim Robertson

NYS MUTE SWAN BILL SIGNED INTO LAW

Reprint of Press Release by Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz, November 29, 2016

Noting that the third time was the charm, Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz (D-Brooklyn) announced tonight that his legislation (A.9289) saving the state's mute swans from a government-sanctioned death sentence – vetoed twice previously despite igniting the collective passions of thousands of animal-loving New Yorkers and wildlife advocacy groups -- has been signed into law by Governor Cuomo.

"The people have spoken and I'm pleased that the Governor has listened," Assemblyman Cymbrowitz said.

"Tens of thousands of New Yorkers signed petitions, sent letters and emails to the Governor's office, and, in my community, called my office to tell me how much they enjoy watching the swans in Sheepshead Bay and Manhattan Beach. People were very vocal about their support of this bill, and I have to believe it made all the difference," he said.

The new law will establish a two-year moratorium on the Department of Environmental Conservation's controversial plan to exterminate New York's mute swans by 2025 and declare the birds a "prohibited species." The law also requires DEC to demonstrate that the swans have caused actual damage to the environment or to other species, including humans.



Photo and poster by Sue Miller

In its most recent swan management plan released in March 2015, DEC unearthed a lone 1970 swan-on-human attack as evidence of the birds' aggressive tendencies. In the 1960s, world scientists declared the mute swan the international symbol of world peace.

The signing of this legislation serves as a major victory for the animal rights and environmental protection groups that

joined Assemblyman Cymbrowitz in fighting DEC's plan, including the **League of Humane Voters, GooseWatch NYC, the Regal Swan Foundation and Save Our Swans.**

Sen. Tony Avella was the bill's Senate sponsor.

<https://www.facebook.com/SueMillerArt/photos/202720640265-22075200001480459839110153961470845286/?type=3>

FINDING EMO - TRAPPING CRUELTY IN PENNSYLVANIA

BY COLLEEN AND DON BRUNO



In 2015, we moved to silver springs township and bought our dream home. Our children attend one of the best schools in the state and we can enjoy wildlife right in our backyard. Silver spring township is growing rapidly. Interstate 81 is widening as we speak, the stretch of land from route 114 to Carlisle Pike, once a

rural, scenic route and a habitat for wildlife is rapidly transforming into an urban jungle.

Golf courses have become crowded upscale housing developments and farms are being replaced by new schools in response to the rapid population increase. More and more wildlife is seen in residential communities and although our family feels privileged to share our land with these harmless animals, many Pennsylvanians refer to them as “nuisance animals.”

Hunting season is in full force here in Pennsylvania. We often wake up to gunshot sounds and we have had complete strangers knock on our door and ask if they could hunt in our backyard, which backs up to an elementary school playground.

Most recently we discovered that our neighbor uses limb traps as part of his sporting ritual.



Two weeks ago, our cat Emo got out and did not come home that night. We searched for him early the next morning and found him ensnared in a limb trap in our neighbor's yard, not far from our property, where our children play. We released Emo's paw from the trap and rushed him to Willow Mill Veterinary Hospital.



Emo has been undergoing daily treatment for the severe paw wound. He developed complications which required hospitalization for severe infection and gangrene. His

veterinary bills are in excess of \$ 3,000. He is scheduled for amputation of his paw this coming Monday, December 5th at Rossmoyne Animal Trauma Center where they frequently treat domestic animals injured by traps.

Our cat Emo is lucky that we found him. Our neighbor, who set the trap does not have any responsibility to notify us if our pet is accidentally lured into his trap and injured, according to Officer Wenrich of the Southcentral PA Game Commission.

After this incident, I contacted the local game commission to report my cat's injury and to report these traps. I did not know what kind of traps they were and whether or not they were legal. They declined to send an officer, stating that in Pennsylvania, you can do what you want if it's your property. I filed an online report to the state game commission, and a few days later a conservation officer followed up.

Officer Wenrich, of the local conservation office explained to us that he could only check the traps to see if they are in compliance with the Pennsylvania gaming laws, and issue citations if they did not meet all requirements. Officer Wenrich said that his job description restricts him from considering “opinions or irrelevant information” not specifically addressed in the PA game regulations, therefore, my concern that limb traps are inhumane, unnecessary and unsuitable for a residential community is only “my opinion”, and the fact that these traps are injuring neighborhood pets and causing pain and suffering to unintended animals was not relevant information in this investigation.

The conservation officer informed me, in defense of the hunting and trapping community, that scientific research proves that animals caught in traps do not experience pain, anxiety and fear the way a human would. If my animal companion, Emo, had a voice, I believe he would tell you otherwise.

A few days later, Officer Wenrich returned to our home, with a freshly decapitated bucks head strapped to the back of his vehicle. He informed us that he did find a trap in violation of “the safety zone.”

According to Mr. Shaefer's trapping partner, Joden, who maintains the traps, the game warden did not issue a citation for violation of the safety zone. He reports that the officer moved the trap for him, and let him off with a simple warning. The trapper said the he and gaming officer both agreed that if anyone should be charged with an offense it should be me, because i

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tampered with his trap. (to rescue our cat). The trapper, Joden, told me that he couldn't care less about our cat, or any neighbors cats or dogs that get caught in his traps because that's not his problem.

Several families in our neighborhood are very concerned about their pets, including a neighbor whose cat is also being treated for what appears to be a limb trap injury. **We have offered to replace the traps with humane traps, and pleaded with them to remove the traps as a courtesy to our family and our neighborhood. They refused. Joden responded adamantly, "we ain't interested in humane, humane don't work."**

The gaming officer informed me that Mr. Shaefer has no intention of removing the traps, and that they plan to add additional traps including "noose traps". The gaming officer and the trappers deny catching any coyotes or other animals besides domestic house cats.

Joden, the trapper, informed me that he will "no way, no how" remove the traps because he is protecting his family from being killed and eaten by coyotes. I informed Joden, who does not live in our neighborhood where he is trapping, that no person in Pennsylvania history has ever been killed or eaten by a coyote and he is more likely to be struck by lightning or attacked by Mr. Shafer's dog.

Joden the trapper responded, "Well that's not what them-there coyotes told me. " I asked Joden if he was telling me that the coyotes "verbally" informed him that they planned to kill and eat him. He said "Yes, I'm a coyote hunter. I know coyotes." He said he saw them on a game cam.

Prior to this event, we had been given verbal consent by Mr. Shaefer to allow our cats to be on his property. Mr. Shaefer assured us, when we spoke to him in October, that he did not set traps anywhere near our land, where our children ride scooters and cats play. This was not true. We have six homes in our little neighborhood, and in these six homes, there are 18 cats and three dogs. I am concerned for all of them.

State animal cruelty laws, (18 pa.c.s.a. 5511) state that a crime is committed if "the dog or cat was seriously injured, suffered severe distress, or was placed at imminent risk of severe physical harm as the result of another person's action or omission."

According to the local wildlife and conservation office, cruelty laws do not apply because "you can do what you want to animals if it's your property," even if it involves neighborhood companion animals being killed or maimed.

The right to use rusty limb traps to catch animals that pose no legitimate threat, supersede any notion of common sense or kindness.

Emo and our family are not alone in this boat. These traps reportedly injure or kill at least 2 unintentional animals for every animal they intend to trap. Many animals

die in these traps, or have to be euthanized because their owners can not afford the veterinary care.

Are Pennsylvania hunting laws immune to common sense and ethics?

When your favorite sport or hobby causes pain and suffering of wildlife and companion animals, destroys relationships between neighbors, and causes so much unintended damage, why not pick a new hobby or sport?

Why have these laws not been revisited and revised to reflect more modern ethics and a more evolved society? We no longer depend on wearing animal fur in order to survive the cold Pennsylvania winter.

As more natural habitat is stolen away from Pennsylvania's wildlife, more animals will be moving into our backyards.

If the coyotes really could talk to us, I'm certain that they would say that we are the nuisance animals.

My children, ages 7 and 9, are horrified by this experience. My 7 year old son said, "I thought the grown ups are

supposed to stop bad things when they happen." I told him that he's right, grown ups are supposed to stop the bad things from happening, which is why I am telling this story.

Tomorrow morning, Emo is having surgery to amputate his toes and part of his paw at Rossmoyne Animal Trauma Center in Mechanicsburg PA. We were hoping to save his paw and leg but the ischemia from the trap caused to much damage. The Veterinarian doing the surgery said she was going to pass the story on to some of her clients that work in government.

On Friday, I wrote a letter to the PA State Game Commission which included my story. I told them that it was really upsetting to my children when the Game Officer came to our house with a buck's head on the back of his car, and **I wanted to know if it's standard operating procedure to tell people that animals don't feel pain, or to issue only a verbal warning after a safety zone violation which involved injuries and 1,000's of dollars in damages.**

Yesterday, I was pulling out of my driveway, and I saw the game officer leaving my neighbor's house. He was leaving my neighbor's driveway with a dead gutted young



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deer on the back of his car. He stopped at the mailbox and sat for a couple minutes. We were behind him and could not pass because he was blocking us in. We had to sit there and wait for him to do whatever he was doing....maybe making a phone call? I told my kids to close their eyes but it was too late.

So...I took a picture. I don't know



anything about this deer except for what you can see in the photo. He looks like a young deer and was obviously cut open. I'm worried that this deer was a victim of the noose traps that my neighbor said he was going to add to his current land mine of limb traps.

To reach the authors, email wildwatch@verizon.net

GRAND ISLAND, NY, IS BACK TO TRAPPING...

Reprinted from a letter to the editor. You can view the entire letter here: <http://www.isledegrande.com/>

Trapping on Public Lands - November 2016

At the Monday, November 28 Town Board Workshop meeting, town officials voted to approve the use of public land parcels for one trapper to "sport" trap and kill wildlife for "recreation" and personal profit. Yet, the process of the new trapping law was not followed.

The trapping application form approved by the Town Board on September 6 was not utilized for the final decision

The Board did not discuss the research and science of the negative effects on species, habitats and ecosystems

The public has not been provided with information on what will be occurring and what neighborhoods will be affected

At the 11/21 Workshop, board members stated they would review and discuss the application at the 11/28 Workshop meeting and would vote on the application at the 12/5 Town Board Meeting. Instead, they voted at the Workshop meeting, which raises issues about transparency and the lack of public input into this decision.

The Board received recent residential complaints regarding illegal and hazardous trapping practices and

inhumane treatment of trapped wildlife - issues that were already occurring in neighborhoods prior to the 11/21 and 11/28 Workshop meetings

If the Town does not adhere to its own trapping law and application requirements and there are legitimate and documented public concerns regarding the trapping practices currently occurring on the Island, how can people feel confident that public lands will still be accessible and safe for their use? Will there be notification of the trapping locations and hazard signage around the hidden set traps? What should be done to protect children and pets from physical and emotional harm? For those who enjoy and respect wildlife, are you and your children prepared to hear and see animals trapped and suffering in your neighborhood? Three Island neighborhoods have already had to witness this, with horrific and emotionally disturbing effects.

Compassion and kindness exists in Grand Island and is demonstrated in the way we treat our neighbors, pets and especially in the way we consider and treat our wildlife. "Recreational" trapping on public lands is not consistent with personal and community values and does not reflect the respect that our wildlife and environment deserve. Compassionate coexistence with wildlife can exist in Grand Island as it does in many communities across



Photo from: <http://www.fairtrialance.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/trapping.jpg>

the country. As a caring and respectful public, we continue to request that our elected officials listen and respond to demands to eliminate this cruel and unnecessary activity in our community.

Nicole Gerber, Citizen Coalition for Wildlife and Environment

Nicole reports that the following Board Members voted in favor of trapping on Grand Island's public lands—please politely inform them that trapping is a cruel activity and a danger to Grand Island's citizens, pets, and wildlife:

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WHEN A MOOSE DIES

A MOOSE WAS HIT BY A CAR IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NYS
HE DIED ON THE SIDE OF A ROAD BY A GUNSHOT FROM THE STATE POLICE

BY ANNE MULLER

There is so much to comment on in the casually written article titled, "Meat from Moose Will Feed Needy Families Throughout Hudson Valley."

<http://cortlandt.dailystar.com/news/meat-from-moose-will-feed-needy-families-throughout-hudson-valley/682249>

How innocuous it appears to be, yet how nefarious is the truth of his death.

The big question we have for wildlife managers is: How did this moose get so far south in NYS before being "noticed."

Years ago, when I first began my research into wildlife management agencies, I visited BOW's center in Delmar, NY. It was circa 1993. There, I found out about a new program: a researcher was investigating whether moose should "reintroduced" into NYS. My name was new to the Bureau of Wildlife (BOW), so they had no problem providing me with paper reports (electronics were not used much at that time). What is BOW? You've never heard of it? BOW operates within the DEC, and its their special bureau that uniquely serves a privately owned businesses, collectively considered the firearms industry. BOW is often conflated with the larger DEC, which allows it appear to be a legitimate government agency that serves the general public. In fact BOW is merely cloaked by the DEC which allows money to be siphoned from the general fund for what is essentially a private enterprise.

After meeting the principal investigator of the moose project and asking my dry academic questions, he handed me a report and told me I could keep it. What I discovered was totally shocking. These agents for hunters were not only looking into driving moose populations up in NYS, they were actually planning how many human fatalities could occur before the "public" (hunters) would start to demand the hunting of moose: their



Photo by state police

true goal.

We all know that deer-car collisions are devastating to the poor animal who is hit, but they are also bad for the vehicle and the driver. Yet, even large deer weigh no more than about 150 lbs., and females are usually only 75-100 lbs. Now, compare the weight of a deer to that of a moose: The average weight of a moose is 1000 pounds for males, though it can be as high as 1,400 pounds and 800 pounds for females. In the case of a moose-car collision, the concern is no longer a dented vehicle and minor injuries to the human, it is without doubt a fatality in a regular car! That's why it was shocking and almost unbelievable that they did not find the person who hit the moose.

Checking up on the status of this project over the years, I learned that it was eventually scrapped, the decision was made to allow the population to grow on its own rather than doing a direct "reintroduction."

I have used quotes around "reintroduction," because true conservation does not consider an introduction of a

new species to an environment to be ethical or in the best interest of the environment or the preservation of native species. So "reintroduction" is the key word. As in the case of the trumpeter swan, the shenanigans to come up with a pre-existing history are quite extensive and stretched, if not outright fabricated.

Not to disillusion anyone, but if you know the machinations of BOW, you know that BOW partners with hunting groups, individual land owners, and "conservation" orgs that work with hunters.

When I say that BOW is a private enterprise that works for the firearms industry rather than the general public as the other divisions of the DEC do, I mean this:

BOW gets money from its portion of the federal excise tax collected on firearms and ammunition. The money ends up in the Federal Conservation Fund and is allocated to the state depending on the number of hunting licenses they sell relative to their pop-

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ulation. BOW then uses that money to generate more money from firearms and ammunition by creating ever more hunting opportunity.

Compare that circular set-up to the excise tax collected on alcohol or tobacco. That tax is put into the general fund and may be used for the public good: education, health-care, etc.

Unlike BOW, the other divisions of the DEC (by the way, this is true for other states' environmental departments as well) actually serve the general public.

A question that C.A.S.H. is looking into is exactly how much general funding is going to BOW for their overhead and self-serving projects either directly or through the DEC.

The next point is the use of moose flesh.

Apparently, this agency thinks that the public is placated when they hear that animals are consumed. Culls are often justified by saying that the animals' bodies will be used for human consumption. What they don't tell the public is that the meat is not inspected, except by the hunter, is not

tested for toxins or lead, and could be unfit for human or even animal consumption.

Years ago, following a deer cull upstate, a prison was offered the flesh. The USDA made an exception to their policy of not inspecting wild animal flesh because of the many unknowns of where and what the animals had eaten, their physical condition before and after death, the lack of refrigeration, etc. When they inspected, they found the flesh to be unfit for human consumption. The DEC then tried to pawn it off on the Bear Mountain Zoo for their animals. The head of the zoo at that time refused to take the meat for fear of harming the animals. It was eventually discarded.

Then in the mid-1990s when BOW attempted to whitewash the killing of Canada geese by turning them over to food banks, we spoke with some food pantries about the dangers of taking goose flesh. In one case, I was told that the recipients of the center refused the donation for fear of lead. Another center said that it had taken some flesh but that their clients refused to eat it due to the bad taste.

They had to mix so much regular hamburger in with the goose flesh that it obviated the purpose of accepting the flesh.

Hunters for the Hungry is comprised of hunters who risk the health of the public to give themselves a good name. C.A.S.H.'s investigation revealed that the meat wasn't used by anyone we know of, nor have the people been followed up to know if they were sickened or affected.

One other BOW connection to moose is that they can and do eat 20 lbs of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) daily. As one of the reasons given for eliminating the mute swan is because they eat about a pound of SAV daily, you can see how moose might be on BOW's hit list a well if they are trying to grow a trumpeter population.

THE MANAGEMENT OF OUR WILDLIFE FOR SPORT HUNTING MUST END FOR THE SAKE OF THE ENVIRONMENT, HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND THE ANIMALS.

IOWA HUNTING NEWS

MANY THANKS TO MERLE WILSON AND HERMAN LENZ FOR PROVIDING C.A.S.H. WITH PERTINENT NEWS FROM IOWA.

IOWA HABITAT AND ACCESS PROGRAM (IHAP)

REPORTED BY MERLE WILSON

Merle reports on an IOWA DNR article titled, GET YOUR HUNT ON! (this title was removed from their online site.)

Merle writes:

Here is an article to give you an idea of what the DNR is up to. The "Get Your Hunt On" article tells us about private land being opened to hunters. The DNR somehow has gotten 20 million dollars from the farm subsidy program to bribe landowners.

The DNR claims that everything they do is based on science. The report from a DNR agent says the DNR had bow hunters count deer at night with



*Iowa Outdoors, magazine of the IA DNR
"Get Your Hunt On"*

spotlights. What science do you suppose is involved here when the two groups that benefit the most from an overpopulated deer herd are doing the count?

On a radio broadcast early this year, a DNR biologist admitted that the DNR manages the deer herd for the highest number possible.

I read uncle Joe's answers to the student. These were good questions and good answers.

Keep up the good work of trying to educate younger people.

More IOWA news

FROM HERMAN LENZ:

Summary:

Youth 16 or older can bypass the hunter ed requirement if they apprentice with a licensed adult.

The reason is that they want young people who don't hunt now to try it without the encumbrance of having to educate themselves.

A bill is on its way to the governor that allows IOWA gun owners to use silencers (in violation of federal law) on their firearms if they don't know that it's illegal!!!

IOWA Senate passes a bill that landowners are able to carry loaded and uncased long guns while operating off road vehicles. Non-landowners would have to case and unload their firearms and get off of their vehicle to shoot.

SEE HOW MUCH WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS ARE VALUED BY GAME DEPARTMENTS...

When we called the NV Department of Wildlife to get the Wildlife Rehabilitator list for NV, letting them know that we couldn't find it online, we got this response: as to where it was:

You can find it at ndow.org - home page - look for forms and resources - look for licensed guides, taxidermists and other services and it is at the bottom of that page.

NO WONDER WILDLIFE WATCH IS NEEDED!

THE COLOR PURPLE



This is a great idea! The state of Texas has actually made the color purple a legal way to signify "no trespassing." Purple was chosen because many people who are legally blind can actually see the color purple. It has no significance to the forest industry, and it stands out more than any other color in the woods. **It has become popular with property owners who were tired of dealing with shot up or ripped down "no trespassing" signs, though they**

are still complaining that neither signs nor paint seems to be working.

THE BUREAU OF WILDLIFE HAS IDEAS!

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"idea" will result in **more** hunting in NYS as it keeps NYS hunters home, though BOW irresponsibly fails to mention that CWD is already in NYS!

The testing method to determine if deer have CWD in private facilities is to kill a certain number even though they may be healthy. That random killing can overlook the animals with CWD and kill those without it. **If the economy were based on a concern for the welfare of individual wild animals (which it isn't), more research would go into treating CWD.**

BOW's lack of concern for individual animals, and their money-making schemes cause a nightmare for wild animals and those who care about them as individuals.

Idea 4: This idea was listed, but wasn't there.

Idea 5: Remove special permit for hunting and trapping bobcats in HEA.

This speaks for itself. There is no way to trap selectively. If trappers didn't get a special permit prior, does BOW really believe that a trapper will

get a special permit *after* he has already caught a poor bobcat? Should this ever be an adopted regulation, we anticipate that the concern for extirpation will be the next time that BOW will step in.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/press/91856.html>

Idea 6: Close season on the diamondback terrapin

This attempt at restraint after a population drops to a critically low level speaks to BOW's lack of good management and compassionate oversight. It points out that there is almost no concern for species outside of a "game" category. Game bureaus earn their keep by overpopulating game species at the expense of non-game species. Idea 6 offers an emergency measure to prevent extirpation.

Conclusion:

We need a serious change that will shift wildlife management from the grisly business of killing wild animals to keeping wild animals alive and well.

We need an economy that will develop around wildlife watching: Campsites, hotels, binoculars, tents,

tree stands, boats, blinds, used for the purpose of valuing the lives of the beings in the forests and fields.

The current system is outmoded, does nothing for the wildlife-watching public that is in the majority. The current form of wildlife management victimizes wild animals for the firearms industry, and needs to end for the sake of the public, economy, environment, ecology, and individual "wild" animals themselves.

What will help is an economy and management based on wildlife watching, with concern for individual animals and biodiversity, and not an economy that skews populations of "game" species to accommodate hunters.

A paradigm shift will require LAWS. We cannot allow BOW (DEC) to continue to pass self-serving regulations and bypass the political process of legislation. Legislation is the only control the real public has over this bureau that has wildlife defenders in a full nelson.

ASK UNCLE JOE



BY JOE MIELE

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Dear Uncle Joe:

Here's a situation we have here in Montana. The state wildlife department has established what they call a block management area (private property where hunters have access) right in the middle of a residential area. This block management area is surrounded by homes and the roads are well traveled by many types of outdoor enthusiasts. We feel this creates an accident waiting to happen and do not appreciate having to stop all other pursuits on our roads and land because of fear of the hunters so close to our front doors. What can I do?

*Katherine
City Withheld, MT
Hi Katherine:*

The first thing I would do would be to research your local firearms ordinances. There's always a buffer zone around inhabited buildings where the discharge of firearms is prohibited. According to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, "Firearms may not be negligently discharged within one-quarter mile of an inhabited dwelling or outbuilding without permission of the inhabitant."

But from what you describe, it is more likely that the hunt will be conducted with bow and arrow, rendering the firearms laws inapplicable. The safety zone surrounding bow hunters will be smaller, given that bow hunters shoot at a downward angle and arrows are not likely to travel long distances once released. Call Fish, Wildlife and Parks for safety zone information in your area - (406) 444-2535.

Check to see if this hunt will violate safety laws. If it complies with all wildlife laws and local ordinances you can approach you town council and ask that they pass a resolution against the hunt, on grounds that it unnecessarily risks public safety and will only exacerbate wildlife problems in the area. There is a lot of information on our website that proves hunting increases deer populations, and with an increased population comes more of whatever it is they are responding to with hunting. Resolutions are not legally binding, but they send a message that such activity is unwanted by the people of the town and it is possible that they will not hold another hunt if there is opposition to it by the town's governing body.

If the hunt does take place, try to capture sounds, images, and video and present it to the local media. There's nothing hunting agencies hate more than hunting being exposed as violent and bloody. Such images do not sit well with the public and will put Fish, Game and Parks on the defensive.

Enlist help from your like-minded neighbors - there's power in numbers and the more people you

can get to help you the more likely you'll be able to spoil the plans the hunters have.

Peace,
Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe:

You've undoubtedly heard by now that Pedals the bear was killed by a New Jersey hunter. Like most normal people I am heartbroken over this, but I fear that focusing so much on Pedals takes away from the horror suffered by the hundreds of other bears who were killed. The worst thing that could happen would be for people to think that it was wrong for the "celebrity" bear to have been killed, but not for any others. Why do so many good activists focus on Pedals when the issue encompasses so much more?

*Jill
Morris Plains, NJ*

Dear Jill:
Thanks for contacting us. I certainly understand where you're coming from. It's the same kind of thing that happens when an animal jumps off a truck headed to the slaughterhouse. Everyone roots for the animal and wants her life to be spared, but no one thinks of the others who were not brave enough to leap from the truck. Pedals was a unique bear for sure. He built a following on social media and people all over the world cared about him. His two front legs were injured, so Pedals spent much of his time walking upright and looking very much like a person in a bear costume.

I think however, the attention paid to Pedals' murder is important. The New Jersey public is largely against the bear hunt and the killing of this celebrity bear will only make the hunt even more unpopular, since it shows that hunters have zero empathy for wildlife and will kill pretty much anything that moves. Pedals' killing is another black eye to the hunting community and New Jersey Fish and Wildlife - an agency with an already poor reputation. Being a celebrity animal, Pedals' appeal crosses over to different segments of the community. John and Jane Doe who really don't have an opinion on hunting are likely to feel empathy with Pedals and believe that killing him was wrong. Our challenge is to educate John and Jane on wildlife and the sick joke known as "wildlife management" and to show them that all bears are Pedals. We're confident that when people understand the truth about wildlife management they will reject it and join the ranks of us anti-hunters.

Peace,
Uncle Joe

Uncle Joe:

Why are you guys still around? I remember your group from 20 years ago when you were complaining about Rockland County getting rid of nuisance Canadian Geese that were causing a health and safety hazard for the people of Nanuet. You were a joke then and you're a joke now and you're never going to change the fact that wild animals cause problems and must be dealt with. I own property with a small lake in Herkimer County and the geese are a major problem. You can't tell me these geese are endangered or protected or anything like that because they are nothing but overpopulated vermin. I shoot at them to scare them away, but if one gets hit it's too bad for them and goose dinner for me.

*Anonymous,
No town given*

Dear Anonymous:

Wow, you just admitted that you kill wildlife illegally and in so doing, have exposed yourself as a coward unworthy of respect. You should take a lesson from the people of Ilion who welcome the return of Canada geese to their Herkimer County village and delight in watching them care for their goslings. There are *many* ways to keep Canada geese away from your property, but I'd assume you're not interested in actually solving your problem. No, all you want to do is be violent and complain because that takes less effort than doing the right thing. You're clearly uneducable, but I'm publishing your letter because by answering you as if you were a decent person there will be others who learn humane ways to prevent geese from taking up residence in their yards.

* Hanging flags with reflective streamers will frighten geese and prevent them from taking up residence on a tract of property.

* If your property is securely fenced, consider adopting a border collie from a rescue group. Border collies require a lot of exercise, and they love to run and chase geese. By doing this you're saving the life of a dog in addition to keeping the geese away.

* There are commercial goose repellants that can be used to protect an area from unwanted goose activity. The results of an internet search for "goose repellant" are many.

If you really want to keep geese away from your property it is not difficult to do.

Uncle Joe

C.A.S.H. CATALOG

A Voice in the Wilderness

Videotape approximately 20 minutes.
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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.



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

By PETER MULLER, VP, C.A.S.H.

A hunter believes that his wife was cheating on him while he was out hunting. He prepares to go hunting one morning. Goes thru all the normal actions he normally takes. Kisses her goodbye. But just drives around the block and parks his car and sneaks back into the house. And there is his wife with his friend Charley making out. He is crestfallen. He pulls out his handgun, points it to his head and threatens to blow himself up. At this point, his wife cries out "Please don't shoot yourself." He just glares at her and says "Shut up - you're next!"

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How do you confuse a hunter? You don't have to - they come that way.

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A professor of statistics, a professor of biology, and a professor of chemistry decided to go hunting together. They were afield for hours without seeing anything. Then, just

before they were ready to give up and call it a day, there was a 12-pointer just grazing in front of them. The biologist took aim and fired - but it passed 6 feet to the right of the deer. The chemist took aim -- but his shot passed 6 feet to the left of the deer. At that point, the statistician exclaimed proudly, "We got him! Great shots you guys!"

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Three hunters walked into a building - you would have thought that at least one of them would have seen it.

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A dead hunter told his friends who had been waiting a long time for him at a bar - "You know, the last time I went hunting I stepped off a cliff and while I was falling I vividly saw all my misdeeds that I had committed during my lifetime..." One of his friends interrupted him with, "That really must have been the highest cliff any place in this county."



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