



# What Is Immunocontraception?

As immunocontraception will no doubt come up as a method of keeping the white deer population in check in Seneca Falls, NY, we thank Dr. Priscilla Cohn for giving us permission to reprint the following letter by the world renowned scientist in immunocontraception, **Dr. Jay Kirkpatrick**. It was written in response to a letter by the Pennsylvania Game Commission in which they criticized the "sterilization" of deer. The letter appeared in the *Bucks County Courier Times* written by Jerry Feaser, Press Secy.

Due to space limitations, we are printing excerpts. For the full article, please visit [www.pzpinfo.org](http://www.pzpinfo.org)

*I shall respond...(to Feaser's letter on "sterilization.") That said, or written, please keep in mind that journalism regarding this subject has been, for a decade or more, embarrassingly shabby, inaccurate and misleading and for the most part reflects a lot of passionate opinions and theories but little of factual substance.*

*At the outset, I would like to make two points clear. First, I do not advocate the use of contraception for deer, at Tyler Park*

*or anywhere else. I merely convey facts, data, and scientifically-supported conclusions. Urban and suburban deer problems are local issues and it is not my domain to advocate any management approach outside my home city here in Billings. The Tyler deer are someone else's deer and someone else is responsible for decisions about their management. Second, I do not deal in opinions. I deal only in facts, derived from controlled studies, appropriate analysis and peer-reviewed published data. With that stated, let's examine the article's salient points.*

*To begin with, "sterilization" is an inaccurate and misleading term. Contraception, which is what the debate is all about, is reversible fertility inhibition, but not sterilization. Spaying is sterilization; neutering is sterilization, but condoms, pills, diaphragms, IUDs, and immunocontraception (vaccines) are reversible and by definition, contraception. The paper's editors, and both authors should be more careful about their use of inaccurate terms.*

*Mr. Feaser's letter is a masterpiece of hyperbole, misinformation and*

*dissembling. First, he makes no distinction between urban/suburban deer and rural deer and the contraceptive technology, which was developed only for deer herds where traditional management methods are not deemed legal, wise, safe or publicly acceptable. The failure to make this clear at the outset pits the hunting community against the broad concept of management by contraception.*

*...Let's examine the safety issue just a little bit more. The vaccine has been used on the wild horses of Assateague Island National Seashore, in Maryland, for 18 years now, and what safety issues have arisen? Well, first, the body condition scores of the population have increased significantly (see Turner and Kirkpatrick, 2002. *Reproduction*. (Suppl. 60):187-195), mortality has decreased significantly (same paper), the vaccine has proven to be safe to give to pregnant animals (see Kirkpatrick et al. 1991. *J. Reprod. Fert.* (Suppl. 44) 321-325), doesn't cause changes in seasonal birth patterns or the health of foals born to treated mothers (see Kirkpatrick et al. *J. Appl. Anim. Welfare Sci.* 6:301-308) and has extended the*

*longevity of the treated horses by more than 10 years (see Kirkpatrick and Turner 2002. *J. Reprod. Fert.* (Suppl. 60): 197-202; Kirkpatrick and Turner 2007. *Zoo Biol.* 25:1-8), nor have any behavioral changes been noted (see Powell 1999. *J. Appl. Anim. Welfare Sci.* 2:321-335) nor have there been any deleterious physiological changes regarding the ovary or endocrine system (see Kirkpatrick et al. 1995. *Biol. Reprod. Monograph Series I: Equine Reproduction VI: 411-418; Powell and Monfort 2001. J. Appl. Anim. Welfare Sci.* 4:271-284) I could go on, and cite dozens of other papers regarding the use and safety of this vaccine in other species (some 50 of them, including a lot of primates) but I think the point is made. Finally, the vaccine is a protein and ninth grade biology students who are paying attention in class know that proteins can't pass through the food chain. Does this all sound unsafe?*

*Next, Mr. Feaser tackles the economic dimensions of deer contraception. He quotes a figure of \$1,000 per deer. The cost of the vaccine is \$21/dose (we, by law, must provide it at our cost of production, with no profit), the dart costs about \$1.50, and the bulk of the labor to do the darting is where the real cost lies. Costs will vary from site to site, depending on who is doing the work and what they are paid. If you want to pay someone \$80,000 a year to dart deer, the cost will be high; if you want to use trained volunteers the cost is less; if you use employees already employed by a park, or agency, or whatever, the cost is somewhere between. I actually can't say what the costs would be in any given site because of these variables, but I kept the books for the first two years of the Fire Island project and the costs never exceeded \$10,000. That included a two or three air fares from Ohio and Montana to New York, and we treated about 150 deer. My math shows that to come out to about \$66/deer. I wonder who estimated the \$1,000 per deer.*

*Now Mr. Feaser goes on to say that "Research also suggests that the use of hunting alone or in combination with other management actions, may be the only way to effectively reduce free-ranging deer populations". If Mr. Feaser is talking about the deer in Potter County, or even all of Bucks County, I might agree, but we are not talking about the deer in Potter County or all of Bucks County. We are still talking about discrete urban/suburban deer populations. This is one more attempt to confuse the issues. And, if Mr. Feaser bothers to read the papers cited above, he knows that his statement is not factual.*

*He closes with descriptions of deer contraception as unproven (not accurate-see above), experimental (true, see above) and cost prohibitive (not accurate, see above).*

*I am not dismayed by the passion that accompanies this subject, nor am I dismayed if a community chooses not to use contraception. That is local business and not mine. What does upset me, is knowingly manipulating information, hyperbole, attempts to frighten people with skewed information and an anti-intellectual approach to debates that excludes facts and data and substitute opinion. Does any of that sound familiar on a larger scale?*

*Incidentally, lest anyone attempts to pigeonhole me in some social activist group, I have hunted deer for most of my life and I started in Bucks County more than 50 years ago.*

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## White Deer

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That herd is of great interest to biologists, wildlife watchers, and, unfortunately, hunters.

The Army decided to decommission the depot several years ago and publicly announced that they would turn the property over to Seneca County. Since the property was taken by right of eminent domain from the farmers in Seneca County – it seemed like a fair decision. The county appointed an agency called the "Industrial Development Agency" (or "IDA" for short) whose mission it was to decide what to do with the land about to be acquired by the county from the Army.

One of the first proposals to the IDA came from a local company appropriately named "Sessler Wrecking" which proposed to establish a canned hunt facility at the site. Needless to say, when Wildlife Watch became aware of the proposal, we jumped into the fray.

We succeeded in publishing an op-ed article in the local paper arguing persuasively that establishing a wildlife watching area at the site instead of canned hunt facility is of far greater economic benefit to the community.

The facility was proposed to be in a section of the depot that was entirely within the Town of Varick. We found the town supervisor, Joan Teichner, very receptive to our ideas. Within weeks the Town of Varick had passed a zoning change creating a special "eco-zone" in the area where the Army depot had been sited in which only limited uses were permitted – canned hunt facilities were not among the permitted uses. The town, additionally, took measures that assured the town planning board would be the final arbiter reviewing the environmental impacts of the Sessler Wrecking proposal should it go forward.

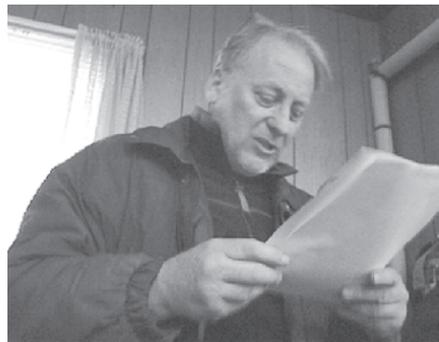
The IDA decided to have a public hearing to see how the community felt about the Sessler Wrecking proposal.

That gets us back to our question: Why were all these assorted folks getting together in a small town-hall, in the middle of NYS, during a blizzard?

They came to express their strong disapproval of the Industrial Development Association's (IDA)



Mary Anne Krupsak, a former Lt. Gov. of New York, speaks out against the proposal



Leland Brun, a noted wildlife photographer and a wildlife rehabilitator, speaks out against the proposal

consideration of the project proposed by Sessler Wrecking Company.

Twenty-four out of twenty-five speakers disapproved of the proposed project by Sessler Wrecking to turn the Seneca Depot into a canned hunt facility.

Many speakers agreed that the area would be best used as an eco-tourism preserve, which would serve the larger community, the environment, and preserve the white deer herd for future generations.

This area which is the home of a unique herd of white deer would be a tourist magnet for Seneca County. The entire community will benefit from making this attraction accessible to wildlife watchers who would come from around the world.

In contrast, making the area a canned hunt facility is a short-term exploitation and destruction of a natural treasure that belongs to all of the people.

When Pete and Anne Muller returned the week after the meeting for the County presentation, we saw the headline in the *Finger Lakes Times*. (Just had to take a photo of it.)

At the end of the session, Varick Town Supervisor, Joan Teichner, asked all of the attendees who disagreed with the Sessler Wrecking proposal to stand up – only one person remained seated



Above: Rita Sarincola, a noted local animal rights activist, speaks out against the proposal



On right: Peter Muller speaks out against the proposal



After much public outcry against the canned hunting, the Sessler Wrecking proposal was "tabled" by the IDA. Peter Muller of Wildlife Watch had been invited by then Varick Town Supervisor, Joan Teichner, to do a presentation about Wildlife Watching following the public hearing. A week later, Peter was invited to do a presentation to the County Board of Supervisors concerning establishing a wildlife watching area. Wildlife Watch is now working with a group of local citizens and other organizations to come up with a business plan and proposal to make that a reality.

# A method for reducing populations of waterfowl and pigeons, without hunting or killing adult birds is **OvoControl**. Should the issue surface in your community, be sure to let officials know about this product.

## **OvoControl® (nicarbazin): A New Tool for Managing Resident Canada Goose, Duck and Pigeon Populations**

BY ERICK WOLF

Rapidly growing resident Canada goose populations have led to increases in human/goose conflicts in municipal parks, golf courses, and corporate parks in urban and suburban habitats.

Harassment techniques have been tried over the years to scare geese away from areas where they are not wanted including trained dogs, lasers and flashing lights. Communities have also worked to find ways to exclude geese and/or make areas less attractive to them through habitat modification, fencing and stringing wires over ponds.

Yet, all these techniques really treat only the symptoms of a continually growing problem and expanding number of resident Canada geese. Reducing the nesting and hatching success of geese is a long term, sustainable solution and must be part of an integrated program of goose management.

Innolytics, LLC, of Rancho Santa Fe, California has developed a safe, humane method of population control for resident geese with a bait incorporating a

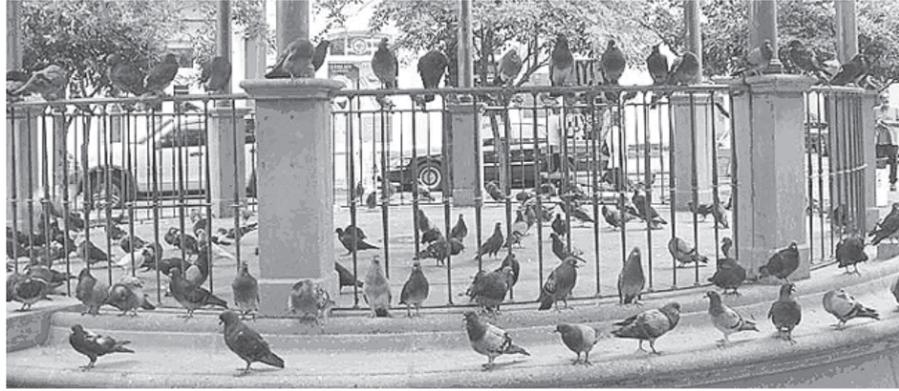


Photo from Innolytics website

chemical which prevents goose and pigeon eggs from hatching. This new technology effectively represents birth control for birds.

Nicarbazin, the active ingredient in OvoControl, is a chemical that has been used in broiler chicken production for over 50 years to prevent coccidiosis, a protozoan caused intestinal disease. It was discovered early on that it also interfered with egg hatchability.

Application of Nicarbazin treated bait begins 1 to 2 weeks before date of first egg laying for the geese – which varies

regionally, and continues for 8 to 10 weeks. Bait is dispensed daily and monitored to assure that non-target species aren't consuming the product.

### Advantages of the new technology:

- ◆ Significantly reduces resident goose and pigeon population growth.
- ◆ A wide margin of safety and efficacy in both geese and other species.
- ◆ No effects on mammals, including people.

- ◆ The active ingredient is excreted within days of consumption so there is no long-term accumulation

- ◆ Replaces labor-intensive efforts of egg oiling or adding and does not require locating of nests to be effective.

OvoControl is a safe, effective means to reduce urban goose populations over time. It will not immediately lower current populations on specific corporate properties or park areas, yet provides another tool to be used with existing bird control efforts.

Now registered in nearly 50 states, OvoControl G for geese and ducks and P for pigeons is available through USDA or a local pest or wildlife control operator. Contact Innolytics at [www.hatchcontrol.com](http://www.hatchcontrol.com) for additional information on the product.

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## What we've been up to at Wildlife Watch/C.A.S.H.

One of our pro-active campaigns at Wildlife Watch has been to advocate the establishment of wildlife watching facilities. We've already touched on the prospects of establishing a wildlife watching facility at the site of the former Seneca Army Depot that contains a herd of white deer elsewhere in this publication.

Kathy Andrews invited us down to South Carolina to give a presentation. The following announcement went out.

*Florence-January 14, 2008) Wildlife Watch Inc. will be giving a presentation today, Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Lowrimore Auditorium in the John K. Cauthen Educational Media Center at Francis Marion University. Wildlife Watching is a prime outdoor recreational activity. If Wildlife Watching were a business, it would rank higher than Microsoft yielding 45,650,000,000 in annual sales. 71 million people participate in wildlife watching. There is a huge potential for wildlife watching businesses in South Carolina.*

*Come join Anne and Peter Muller from Wildlife Watch for a fascinating presentation on wildlife watching in your own backyard.*

There were large landowners, the president of a land trust, an ecologist, and business people who were very interested in hearing about a wildlife watching enterprise. The actual numbers are dazzling, and for those who enjoy wildlife and are interested in a positive win-win situation for the wildlife and their finances, wildlife watching is an exciting prospect.

Coincidentally, at the time that Wildlife Watch started working on the situation in Seneca Falls, New York, we were contacted by **Kathy Andrews**, a land owner in rural South Carolina who was interested in establishing a wild-life watching facility on her 100 acres.

We are firmly convinced by the numbers and facts that a wildlife watching facility can solve problems for land owners and communities. If there is a large area of contiguous, essentially uncultivated, natural land which is publicly or privately owned and on which there is an abundance of wildlife – what is the best use that can be made of such a parcel of land?

What's best?

- ◆ For the environment?
- ◆ For the wildlife?
- ◆ For the financial benefit of the owner?
- ◆ For long term preservation of assets?
- ◆ For the surrounding community?

**The answer to all of these questions is the establishment of a wildlife watching facility.** Wildlife watching is a non-invasive, non-consumptive, non-lethal enjoyment of nature and wildlife. It can be profitable to the owner and the surrounding community.

It is already a large business in the US by any measure — \$48 billion/year and growing. So it is not at all strange that the owners of large tracts of wilderness are starting to explore the possibilities.

Wildlife Watch went to Florence South Carolina to meet **Kathy Andrews**. Kathy had been in touch with us before regarding abuse by lawless hunters on her land and the lack of law-enforcement and harassment by the local sheriffs and police – which was chronicled in previous issues of the C.A.S.H. Courier.

We met Kathy and proceeded with our presentation to a well-qualified and interested audience. The audience was thrilled by the new conceptual vistas that were opened to them.



Kathy engages media after the presentation

There was a prolonged and lively discussion after the presentation. We had requests for more information after we returned back to our office. We had good media coverage, arranged by Kathy who is a pro in the field of PR. It was an excellent introduction for most attendees to a new way of thinking about the phrase "recreational use of wildlife."

The day Wildlife Watch gave the presentation, **Michelle Obama** spoke to the students at Francis Marion University. We were fortunate to have been there to hear her inspirational speech.



Peter emphasizes a point



Kathy clarifies a point

## Clearly There's no need to kill...

Thanks to **Natalie Jarnstedt** for sending us this item from *The Greenwich Time*.

Once again, game agencies are talking about killing mute swans.

About 100 mute swans have been counted in Greenwich area. Some environmental agencies consider them as much a nuisance as deer or the more numerous Canada geese.

Swans are protected from hunting in Connecticut, but the state DEP has the authority to control them if it believes they threaten ecosystems. Wildlife officials have previously proposed reducing the population, but protests defeated the plan. Killing is being discussed again.

"Large numbers of them habitually using one place will deplete the food supply," said Dale May, head of wildlife division, Conn. DEP. "They can have a significant impact. Are they having an impact on every coastline and every inlet? Probably not."

**Kathryn Burton, founder of Save Our Swans USA**, who has been a contributor to the *C.A.S.H. Courier* in the past, questions whether the swan population is out of control. Many residents have reported that they are seeing fewer swans than before, said Burton, who believes the swans are scapegoats for other ecosystem threats, such as coastline overdevelopment.

Burton pledges to fight the slaughter of the mute swans. "If you can start killing of things unjustifiably, when do you stop?" she asked.



## Time To Re-Evaluate Hunting With Hounds



Photo of Almond Joy by www.coonhoundrescue.com

Visit them to adopt a coonhound.

MARLENE A. CONDON

In the wake of Michael Vick's conviction for animal cruelty because of his participation in dog-fighting, it is time to re-evaluate the old Virginia tradition of hunting with hounds. This activity, which is sometimes cruel to the hounds themselves and always cruel to the wildlife being chased, negatively impacts many species — some of which we are losing in Virginia. It is time for this pastime to come to an end.

Game birds, such as the American Woodcock and the Northern Bobwhite quail, nest on the ground. According to "Virginia's Birdlife" (published by the Virginia Society of Ornithology), decades-long breeding bird surveys have shown declines in the numbers of these birds, precipitously in the case of quail.

Hunting dogs (and pet dogs, which also need to be restricted) undoubtedly wreak havoc with ground nesters by disturbing nesting activity. And this impact is likely felt by nongame ground-nesting species, as well. The Eastern Meadowlark, a once common bird with a beautiful song, has suffered "significant statewide declines since the 1960s."

Lack of habitat — the result of too many people and too much unnatural landscaping — is a main contributor to such declines. Wildlife is being forced into smaller and smaller areas because of overreaching human development. Allowing hunting dogs to run uncontrolled through these limited-in-size areas undoubtedly adds insult to injury.

Additionally, Virginia law has placed burdens on landowners that rightfully belonged on the hunters, which has turned numerous landowners against hunting altogether. As a result, more private lands are closed to hunting and more dogs are let loose to chase wildlife on state lands that may be the final refuges for some of our disappearing species.

Last but not least, abandoned hunting dogs are not an uncommon sight in Virginia. These hounds are often hit in traffic or, perhaps worse, suffer uncontrollable shaking as blood

sugar levels drop due to starvation. Too weak to walk, they finally collapse and can't get up, awaiting whatever fate befalls them. Can anyone deny this is cruelty inflicted by hunters upon man's "best friend"?

And what about the wild animals that are absolutely terrified while being chased — either just for hound training or to their deaths? Shouldn't compassionate humans care about such cruelty to them as well?

Unfortunately, many people do not realize that there is absolutely no difference between animals that are born wild and animals born into domestication. Wild animals suffer the same pain and terror as any living being. And, just as is the case with pets of whatever kind, each individual has its own unique personality.

Travis Quirk, a University of Saskatchewan graduate student who shot skunks when he was growing up but who now studies them, could verify this. As reported in National Wildlife Magazine online, Quirk had to hand-raise a litter of orphaned kits (baby skunks) one year, feeding them with a syringe. He is quoted as saying, "They were like kittens, playing games, following me around. Just sweethearts."

Making wildlife suffer the sheer terror of being chased by hounds solely for someone's enjoyment is an activity that has gone on for far too long. If you wouldn't find it acceptable for your pet to endure this terror, then you should find it unacceptable for wildlife, too.

There are many reasons to silence the baying of hunting hounds — even if that baying has been a source of music to some hunters' ears.

Constituents can contact the chairman of a committee studying this issue by writing to Rick Busch at the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, 4010 West Broad St., P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23230. Or you can send an e-mail to him at dgifweb@dgif.virginia.gov.

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**Marlene Condon** is author of "The Nature-Friendly Garden." She lives in Crozet, VA.

## Animals No Longer Useful to Hunters Are Cruelly Abandoned

In our last issue of the Courier, C.A.S.H. focused on hunting with dogs. As we're continuing to write about this, we are grateful to our longtime member, **Richard Firth**, for sending us the article below.

Extracted from an article by Janet Caggiano of the *Times Dispatch*:

Every January, a week or so after deer-hunting season ends, beagles and tri-colored hounds show up at landfills scrounging for food. They rummage through backyard trash cans hoping to find a morsel.

"It's heartbreaking," said Mark Counts, animal-control officer for Kings and Queens County.

The evidence shows that most of these lost canines were once hunting dogs, abandoned by their owners because they no longer serve a purpose — too old, too slow, or unwilling to hunt.

Although some hunting dogs

are pampered as long as they earn their keep, others are not so lucky.

In rural counties across the region, animal shelters are taking in dozens of these throw-away purebreds and mixes. Since deer-hunting season kicked into high gear in November, Counts has picked up 35.

"I wish this didn't happen at all," said Bradley McGehee, chief animal-control officer for Louisa County. "But the sad reality is, if a dog doesn't perform, [hunters] will abandon it. It's cheaper for them to buy a new one next fall than feed this one all winter."

The Louisa shelter took in 70 dogs in January. Twenty-two were abandoned hunting dogs,

known by the telltale signs — breed, collar marks, a skinny frame or perhaps a tattoo. Most of the beagles and hounds are older, but some are young pups afraid of loud noises such as gunfire.

"No one comes looking for them," said Sgt. Kevin Kilgore, chief of animal control in Hanover County. "We just find them walking down the middle of the road."

"These dogs are viewed as disposable, but they make the most loyal and loving pets," said Linda Wickham, who founded Hickory Hill two years ago. "The ones that don't want to hunt are so grateful to find a new home."

Let's hear it for adopting a dog who's an anti-hunter!

## Hunting's Connection To Human Crime

PRISCILLA COHN SLEUTHED THE FOLLOWING:

In Omaha, NE, 19 year old Kyle Bormann shot and killed a young woman. He used a high-powered rifle to shoot a stranger, Brittany Williams, who was going through a KFC drive-thru. Bormann owned the legal weapons. It was a Winchester model 670A 243 caliber bolt action rifle with a scope. **Bormann's sister says everyone in the family is an avid hunter.**

Reporters and researchers should include the hunting factor in their reports of crime committed with hunting weapons. We've noticed that local papers will include it in early

reports, but it disappears in later coverage.

We put a call in to Walmart in Fishkill, NY to see if they sold the model rifle below and, guess what, they do!!!! While they didn't have the Winchester rifle, they had a 242 caliber bolt action rifle with a scope by Remington. Their price was \$329.87. Combine these firearms with possible medication or illegal drug use and you have a super lethal mix. Ask Walmart to get out of the firearms business.

**1-800-WAL-MART (1-800-925-6278);** Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; 702 S.W. 8th Street; Bentonville, AR 72716

## Protection From Hunters Needed

**Herman Lenz**, a longtime C.A.S.H. member in Iowa, has suffered from a lack of hunting laws to protect people who live where there is hunting. We have weapons that now shoot farther and are more lethal at a distance. There are more homes in rural areas, and people with high powered weapons who can be anywhere without reporting their presence. Herman came up with the excellent suggestions here after years of being victimized. C.A.S.H. sent Herman's suggestions to members of the Natural Resources and Judiciary Committees of both the Iowa House and Senate. 65 letters in total were mailed out. We ask our IA members to please follow up. If you are in another state, please consider going for similar legislation.

As residents of Iowa are contacting us asking for help, we urge you to craft a bill or a series of bills to protect citizens in your district and across the state of Iowa from abuses by hunters.

**SIGNED PERMISSION LETTERS TO HUNT FROM LANDOWNERS**

Hunters must carry dated and signed permission letters from landowners while hunting on or shooting into their property. They must produce the letters upon demand by enforcement personnel or landowners' neighbors. Failure to do so will be a felony and conviction will result in one year in prison and a minimum fine of \$1,000. Forged or falsified letters will

double the penalty.

Law enforcement agents should initiate the charges rather than the landowner.

Rationale: Property owners fear retaliation and often do not press charges.

Monies collected should go to the enforcement department

Rationale: This will be an incentive to the personnel of police, sheriff or conservation departments to enforce the law.

**BLAZE ORANGE REQUIRED WHILE HUNTING**

Blaze orange should be worn while hunting regardless of species hunted.

Wearing white and camouflage while carrying a firearm or another weapon should be illegal.

Rationale: The public should have a right to know where rifle toting people are lurking for their own safety.

**OUTLAW HUNTING WITH A FIREARM THAT HAS A PROJECTILE DISTANCE OF OVER ONE-HALF MILE**

Outlaw hunting with a firearm that has a projectile distance of over one-half mile. Hunting with centerfire rifles should be outlawed.

**PROHIBIT THE DNR FROM LENGTHENING SEASONS FOR "SMALL GAME"**

Rationale: The lengthening of seasons must be done through the legislature and the regulatory powers of the DNR must be curbed. The DNR's lengthening of fox and coyote seasons, for example,

presents a hazard from firearms to the public for a long time during the year. To allow the DNR the leeway of lengthening seasons is to cut off the public from any control over their own safety. It is well-known that the DNR sets seasons on behalf of the hunters and firearms industry and the public's only recourse is through its elected representatives. We ask that the legislature take back control from the DNR by restricting its season-setting regulatory powers.

**ENFORCE THE LAW AGAINST THE USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES FOR CHASING WILDLIFE**

While there is a law against the use of motorized vehicles to chase animals, the practice continues to be done. The use of motorized vehicles should be a felony offense carrying a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine and the law needs to be enforced and incentives offered to enforcement officers.

Rationale: The use of motorized vehicles creates further noise, pollution and hazard to people, pets or agricultural animals.

The bill proposals above have been crafted after hearing the concerns of Iowa residents who feel that their safety and rights are being compromised by hunters. Please contact me at your earliest convenience so that we may work together on this important matter. Your reply will be greatly appreciated.

- Joe Miele

# WHAT'S LOHV BEEN UP TO?

**The League of Humane Voters** started this quarter with two new chapter launches and a commitment to stop canned hunt facilities in NY State.

We interceded effectively in stopping a proposal for a canned hunt facility in Seneca County New York. Some of the details of that intervention are recounted elsewhere in this issue. That occasion again reemphasized the need to finalize our pending legislative proposal in the New York State legislature to outlaw canned hunt operations in the state.

Through our efforts, corresponding bills had been introduced in the two chambers of the New York State Legislature, the Assembly and the Senate, to outlaw canned hunts. A legislative session in New York State runs for two years. Since the bills had been introduced in 2007 they have to be approved by both chambers before the end of the 2008 legislative year and submitted to the governor for signature.

*Left: NY Assembly member Deborah Glick*

*Below: NY State Senator Frank Padavan and Peter Muller*



The Assembly passed bill A02612, sponsored by Assembly member **Deborah J. Glick** of the 66<sup>th</sup> Assembly district (Lower West side of Manhattan). The corresponding State Senate Bill S00784 sponsored by **Senator Frank Padavan** of the 11th Senate District (northern Queens) got stuck in the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee. Toward the end of the 2007 legislative year Senator Padavan using some extraordinary procedures crowbarred the bill out of the committee against the reluctance of the committee chair to pass the bill out of committee. There was not sufficient time left in the 2007 legislative year to get it to the Senate floor for a vote by the full Senate. So we are currently working on this final link to get the bill to the Senate floor for a

vote and then on to the governor for his signature.

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 New chapter launches in Florida look very promising at this time. Our first presentation was in Orlando on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The venue was a great place



*Ethos* called "**Ethos Vegan Kitchen**," it had a full array of vegan baked goods ready for the attendees at 10:00 in the morning.



*Orlando Meeting*

The presentation was enthusiastically received with much follow-up action in the week following.

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 In the afternoon of the same day we drove to Tampa. The presentation had been arranged by **Joan Zacharias** and **Jodi Chemes**; it turns out that both are NY State transplants. We knew Joan from her activism in NY State and had the pleasure



*Jodi Chemes*

meeting Jodi Chemes a very active organizer in Florida—originally also from New York State.

*Joan Zacharias*

The meeting was again enthusiastically received. We are expecting both groups to make substantial contributions toward the enactment of animal protective legislation in the very near future.

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 With three chapters in PA already, another LOHV presentation was given in PA on February 16, 2008.

Pittsburgh – where are you?



*Tampa group in profound and intense discussion after the presentation*



*Photo by Laura Brown  
 Nellie McKay and Edward Kennedy Ellington II*

In our last issue of C.A.S.H. we did not include the fact that the **Duke Ellington Legacy Band** graced LOHV with its presence at the NYC Dinner Cruise in October.

We hope to make up for that in this issue. Not only was the band there, but they were there with many of the musicians present. But for a brief dinner break, they played for almost two hours.

We thank **Gaye Ellington** and **Edward Kennedy Ellington II.**, grandchildren of Duke Ellington. Gaye said: "*Helping animals is good cause.*"



*Nancy Reed*

We are grateful to all of the band members. **Nancy Reed** overcame her fear of water to join the band.

**Virginia Mayhew** kept her balance regardless of the boat's rocking in choppy, late October waters.



*Virginia Mayhew*

We also thank **Nellie McKay**, who also graced us with her presence. Nellie was a huge hit, delighting everyone when she sang Duke Ellington's songs with the band. Here she is dancing to Duke's music with his grandson!

The amazing vegan dinner that was prepared by **Main Essentials** chef, **Enrique**. Main Essentials is in Haverstraw, NY. It is all vegan, Caribbean cuisine.

Here is **Enrique** the chef and owner of Main



*Marilyn & Enrique* Photo by Anne Muller

Essentials of Haverstraw, NY.

We regret not having a photo of the amazing vegan Caribbean food.

With Enrique is **Marilyn Leybra**, a wonderful wildlife rehabilitator and customer who is enjoying her time at the restaurant.

Enrique's mission is to bring healthful food to the world. He seems to be succeeding. This appeared in a Rockland Newspaper. For the first time in more than a decade, Rockland Country Day has changed lunch vendors from a commercial organization to a local restaurant. After a year of committee meetings, taste tests and student and parent comment, the school signed a one-year contract with Main Essentials, a Haverstraw vegetarian restaurant that caters to vegans — vegetarians who also don't eat dairy or other animal products.

## Rita Sarnicola of CROW-Citizens Respectful Of Wildlife – Will Be Speaking Up For The Crows

February 28, 6:30 pm, Hobart and William Smith Colleges Library, Geneva Room Kevin McGowan, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology Mary Hess, HWS Department of English Gordon Eddington, City of Geneva Rita Sarnicola, Citizens Respectful Of Wildlife Mark Deutschlander, moderator from the HWS Department of Biology. A Discussion of Perspectives: Crow Roosting in the Finger Lakes Region. This panel discussion will examine the annual winter visitation of crows to the shoreline communities of the Finger Lakes region and how attitudes have changed over time in regard to the ecological and cultural value and management of crows. The panel will focus primarily

on the impact of the crow populations on Finger Lake communities, particularly why the crows roost in such numbers and locations and how Finger Lake communities cope with annual crow roosting. Audience members at this event will gain insight into the unique biological characteristics and historic cultural value of this avian species. In addition, common options considered and utilized for their management by the City of Geneva will be discussed, for crows often roost along the shorelines of Seneca Lake. A representation of community activism to encourage respect and appreciation of wildlife will also be presented. The panelists will each talk for about 10 minutes, followed by time for discussion and

comment from the audience. Posters from the students of Prof. Mark Deutschlander's Bird Obsessions course, a first-year seminar on bird and human interactions, will be on display highlighting the biology of crows, the role of crows in myths and cultures from around the world, and pervasiveness of crows in literature and art. Members of the public are encouraged to attend this discussion to voice questions and concerns to the experts in this panel. This event is free and open to the public.

Registration is requested by calling (315) 781-4382 or by emailing [fli@hws.edu](mailto:fli@hws.edu) Website: <http://fli.hws.edu> Finger Lakes Institute, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 601 S. Main Street, Geneva, NY 14456

# ALLIGATORS: VICTIMS OR CRIMINALS?

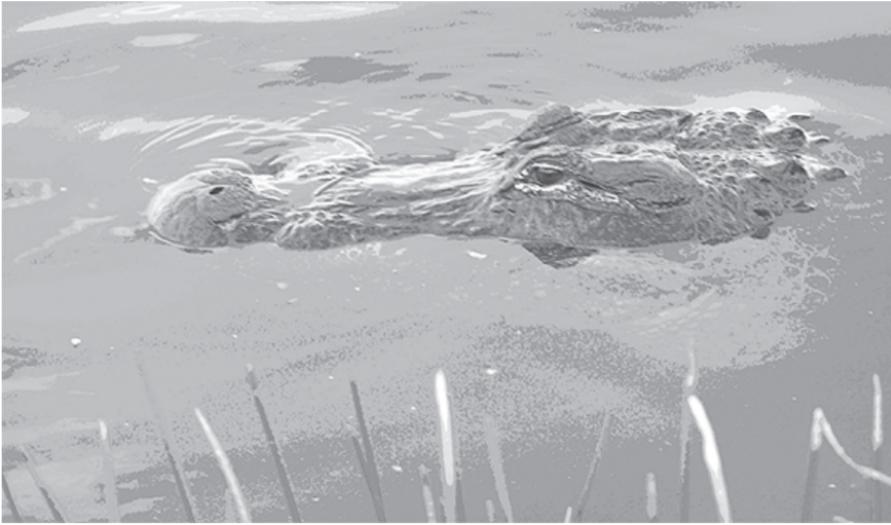


Photo by Anne Muller

Letter by **Chris Arenella**, of Florida and New York. Chris is a friend of both dogs and wildlife. We all read about three dogs who were trapped in a pond with an alligator.

Chris's excellent letter was published in the *Sun-Sentinel*.

Regarding Monday's *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* story by reporter **Andy Reid** on the gator killing of a dog trapped in pond weeds, it is obvious that there are five victims involved in this incident.

The first victim is the dog that was killed.

The second victim is the dog that ran away and may have died of shock alone.

The third victim is the dog that was

pulled from the pond so traumatized that he bit his rescuer, for which there is a chance that he will be killed.

The fourth victim is the caring person who helped rescue the dog.

The fifth victim is the alligator that saw the dog as a way to feed himself, because now it is proposed that he also will be killed.

This heart-wrenching event could have been avoided if, since the three dogs are believed to be strays, people would spay and neuter their animals as well as walk them on a leash.

Pet owners need to wake up and start taking responsibility so that this kind of tragic occurrence does not continue to happen.

Thanks to **Kathy Andrews**, we were made aware of the SC bill to allow hunting of alligators all year long.

Please write your own letter. Here is a C.A.S.H. model about to be sent out.

The Honorable William Clyburn  
P.O. Box 11867  
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Representative Clyburn:

We wish to call your attention to a dangerous bill that is making its way through the state legislature. Bill S.452 has passed the House Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee and will likely be heard by the entire House of Representatives. If passed into law, this bill would authorize the Department of Natural Resources to establish a program for hunting *Alligator mississippiensis*, the American Alligator, to create recreational opportunities for the state's hunters. S.452 would authorize the DNR to allow alligators to be hunted at any time of the year, on any area (including wildlife preserves and sanctuaries) as part of an "alligator control program."

On behalf of our members and supporters in South Carolina, we urge you to oppose S.452 when it comes for a vote before the full House, as hunting alligators is not in the best interests of the species or the people of South Carolina.

According to the DNR: "The American alligator is currently listed as federally threatened by similarity of appearance to the American crocodile and as a species in need of management in South Carolina." (<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/cwcs/pdf/AmericanAlligator.pdf>) While alligator populations are not endangered in the state, their similarity in appearance to the endangered American Crocodile could cause members of that species to mistakenly be killed. As South Carolina is not in the normal range for American Crocodiles, the presence of crocodiles in the state would be rare

and would be a reasonable cause for protection.

Currently, the DNR has the authority to deal with alligators that pose a threat to property or human safety. As alligator attacks are exceedingly rare in the state, the current form of alligator control is adequate and effective in addressing the reasonable concerns of the state's populace. The general public of South Carolina will derive no benefit from an open alligator hunting season. Additionally, a hunting season could deprive the citizens of the state as well as tourists to South

Carolina recreational opportunities to observe the species at wildlife sanctuaries and nature preserves, should they be closed to public access due to alligator hunting. It is neither responsible nor reasonable for the DNR to set a hunting season for *Alligator mississippiensis* as additional management of the species is not needed.

Rather than managing the state's wildlife for the benefit of the fewer than five percent of the state's population that hunts for recreation, wildlife should be preserved and protected for the good of the species and the public who wishes to peacefully observe this magnificent species in its natural habitat. On behalf of our members and supporters, as well as the people of South Carolina who wish for American Alligators to be protected in the state rather than exploited, we urge you to oppose S.452 when it comes for a vote before the House of Representatives.

Joe Miele

**Editor's Note:**

No southern animal is as charismatic as the alligator. Alligators are a prime species for wildlife watching, drawing millions of people to the Everglades and other parts of the southern US to see the large adults as well as the curious babies. Certainly they have a value beyond their skin and "sport."

## Hunting's Connection To Vandalism

A North Carolina town has lost hundreds of thousands of gallons of water that leaked from rifle bullet holes discovered in the town's water tower.

The town of Maiden relies on the tower that holds 750,000 gallons of water.

Residents told investigators that they had heard the gunshots, but because no one called deputies [editor's note: we assume they thought a mere animal

was being killed] and the damage was not discovered until hours later.

The damage is expected to cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to repair, not including the value of the water lost during the Southeast's worst drought in more than a century.

[Editor's note: So sad! How much longer will the gun industry be controlling this country?]

## We Urge You To Help Jan Haagensen Defeat The Hunter Harassment Statute In Pennsylvania

### AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD DEFEATING HUNTER HARRASSMENT IN OTHER STATES

**Jan Haagensen** is determined to move forward with her anticipated federal suit to overturn the hunter harassment law which, as of this date, is still on the books in the state of Pennsylvania. Having succeeded in defending against the concocted criminal charges brought against her as the result of the Commonwealth's unconstitutional, abusive use of this law, she wants to make sure it is never again used to punish and retaliate against landowners who are opposed to the slaughter of wildlife, and who are also opposed to the life-threatening gunplay indulged in by criminal trespassers on private property.

This is a perfect opportunity to reveal exactly how the hunter harassment law can be used as a weapon against innocent and law-abiding landowners so as to strip them of liberties guaranteed to them under the federal Constitution, such as the right to exclusive possession of their own property, their First Amendment rights of free speech, their

rights to privacy and their right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures.

The courts in general will not take up a challenge to the constitutionality of a statute unless concrete damage from its application can be shown by an individual citizen. Jan can show specific damage done to her by the Commonwealth's attempt to prosecute her for numerous criminal offenses. Jan's case demonstrates that this gross abuse of her rights was made possible only through deliberate use and application of the hunter harassment statute.

Jan had to spend thousands of dollars to hire a criminal defense lawyer, and she had to spend years in court getting rid of all false charges framed against her. She was forced to finance an appeal so that she could be completely

vindicated by the courts. Her liberty interest in practicing her chosen profession was also threatened during the years she spent defending herself.

Jan is the best person to effect the removal of a dangerous, profoundly undemocratic and unconstitutional law which is a threat to law-abiding landowners. She wants to end any future use of this law by the government to force landowners to accept the invasion of their home ground by armed intruders, whose sole interest is in killing, and who have demonstrated their complete contempt for the lives and rights of other human beings.

Jan has both a moral and a legal right to provide wild creatures with a refuge from the slaughter. The state has no right to punish or harass her because she has made this decision. If she does succeed in her case against the

harassment laws in Pennsylvania, she will be providing a blueprint to landowners in other states as to how they can proceed in protecting their fundamental civil liberties, and their rights in property. None of it will happen if she can not now go forward with her legal challenge to the constitutionality of the statute.

This is so much more than one woman's fight for her constitutional rights. Jan's case can point the way forward for countless landowners and law-abiding citizens who also wish to provide a refuge of safety for animals on their own property – and protect their own families from the danger of reckless hunters, as well.

**Jan should not – and indeed, can not – bear the financial burden alone. Anyone who wishes to help Jan in this important fight for the animals – and for all of us – may contribute to the C.A.S.H. Legal Fund. Simply write "C.A.S.H. Legal Fund" on the note section of your check. Thank you!**





## ASK UNCLE JOE

By JOE MIELE

GOT A QUESTION FOR UNCLE JOE?

YOU CAN E-MAIL IT TO [ASKUNCLEJOE@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:ASKUNCLEJOE@HOTMAIL.COM). WOULD YOU RATHER SNAIL MAIL YOUR QUESTION? SEND IT TO:

**ASK UNCLE JOE,**  
c/o WILDLIFE WATCH, Box 562, New Paltz, NY 12561.

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

Letters are printed as received. They are unedited.

### Dear Uncle Joe:

*I can't believe your website! Have you ever seen a pack of coyotes take down a deer? They literally eat it alive. Ever seen a bear eat a salmon? Same thing. What is fact is that an animal that is killed by a hunters bullet or arrow receives a death that is humane, quick, and virtually painless when compared to the death that nature would provide. What is important is the preservation of the species through responsible management. They are animals and are very much revered by hunters and fishers. I only addressed two small issues. I could go on all day. Real thinkers are not impressed by emotion.*

Larry V.

Muscoda, WI

### Dear Larry:

Sorry, but you're wrong about hunters killing animals humanely, quickly and painlessly. You fail to take into consideration that hunters do not always kill their prey quickly. Every hunting magazine has run articles on how to follow gut-shot deer. If the deer die quickly and virtually painlessly, why do hunters have to wait hours before following a blood trail?

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks has uncovered numerous studies that have shown wounding rates of more than 30 percent - a percentage that is consistent across North America due to the nature of shooting bird shot into the air. Since an estimated twelve-million ducks are killed nationwide, an additional 3.6 million ducks will be wounded and crippled by hunters. Call this what you will, we call it unconscionable.

I also find it strange that hunters claim that we should not rely on emotion when thinking about and dealing with wildlife, but then they become offended when they are called emotionless killing machines. Which one is it? Do you want to be well-adjusted, emotional people or do you want to be emotionless machines without the capacity for compassion? You can't have it both ways, sir.

Peace,

Uncle Joe

### Dear Uncle Joe:

*Why are you defending wolves? They are brutal killers, and if you have seen a wolf pack kill first hand in the wild you would stop "selling" the wolves as "fuzzy puppies" because they are brutal killers. We do not meddle in New York's business, or pretend to understand your issues, and maybe you should extend the same courtesy to us, as we do to you. Instead of worrying about Montana, maybe you folks should work on getting wolves re-introduced in New York? Are you working towards that goal? Just wondering. You have to see what wolves will do to livestock. Who gonna protect the rancher's calves? You are not doing anyone good by writing letters like these.*

Jamey

Helena, MT

### Dear Jamey:

Nowhere did I mention that I believed wolves to be "fuzzy puppies." However, I would not describe them as "brutal killers" in the same way that hunters, trappers and cattle ranchers are. Wolves hunt to survive. Our members and supporters in Montana do wish for us to comment on issues that interest them. Wolf hunting is one of them. And according to their voices, your opinion is the minority. You want to know who is going to protect a rancher's calves?

Personally, I'd like to see the calves protected from the ranchers. The wolves will not kill them all, but the ranchers and the meat industry will. Seems to me that the calves have a better chance of survival being among the wolves, no? They have zero chance of survival with the ranchers. Please read through our website and get in touch with other wildlife protection organizations. When you do, I'm sure you'll see hunters and ranchers in a different light.

Peace,

Uncle Joe

### Dear Uncle Joe:

*we don't need gun controll we need selective breeding programs and real conciqiences mr chicken (BLEEPER) pita boy no off spring for you and as for nutty mcmall shooter make an example of him let people know they can't do (BLEEP) like that any more. stupid fruity liberal wack jobs are gunna make me be one of those goofey militant guys with guns burried and stashed all over the place cause i know one things for sure i aint given up my guns for nobody no how.*

Mike H.

Hope, AR

### Dear Mike:

Thanks for writing! I'm sure you'll make a fine President one day. Try again in 2012.

Peace,

Uncle Joe

### Dear Uncle Joe:

*I started hunting at the age of 8, my dad taught me safty first.my brother started at 10,my mother also hunted with us,so see mr peata it was a family thing, I have benn hunting and fishing for 40 yrs, I guide big game hunters in Idaho every fall, Elk bear lion mule deer and some day I hope to guid for wolf,yes wolf you see are elk population is way down because the wolf are killing 7 out of 10 calves that are born every spring,not counting the cows and bulls thay kill,and dont tell me thay just kill the week, I see first hand the what thay do to a herd,Im not saying there isnt room for the wolf, but we have to controll them just like any other animal,thay are out of controll, gess why mr peta,there protected ,you can thank your self and all the other bleeding harts,for killing the elk and deer herds in Idaho,yes you are a killer and you just dont know it, by the way anytime you want to go take photos of the wildlife let me know. I know where a big oll grizzly bear hangs out, he mite just let you pet him*

Jerome

Chalis, ID

### Dear Jerome:

Thanks for sharing your disjointed, incoherent thoughts. Let's see - you want to kill wolves because they eat elk calves, but isn't that the "balance" that hunters are always crying about? Oh, I think I get it. The wolves are eating elk calves and denying them the opportunity to grow up to be shot by you and your clients. You see (or maybe you don't), you're only interested in protecting the elk because without them, you'd have one less animal to shoot. Perhaps if your family would have sent you to school instead of sending you out hunting at 10-years-old, you'd have a different view of wildlife.

Peace,

Uncle Joe

## South Mountain Reservation

Carol Rivelle of Save Our Wildlife took the lead in trying to stop the first deer hunt in South Mountain Reservation, an Essex County, NJ Park. Countess Ascynthia Courine also worked feverishly behind the scenes to stop it as well, but the forces that be, in the person of County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo are determined to see it through to the end. As many of you know, so much goes on in these battles, but in the end, there are great losses of those we try to protect and our hopes are dashed. When numbers are thrown at us, it's easy to ignore the suffering of individuals, but Carol's description brings it home:

Carol's message was:

*VALENTINE'S DAY ATROCITIES FOR ESSEX COUNTY'S SOUTH MOUNTAIN DEER MASSACRE.*

*People have to speak out. Their silence is killing more of our deer who are probably trying to hide out near houses as the following personal account of a South Orange resident shows.*

♦ *"At 2am this morning I heard a dog barking and simultaneously 5 pops or what could have been perceived as gun shots. I looked out my window and saw a white SUV/truck heading up Hoskier which then made a u-turn at Whiteoak to go back down Hoskier."*

♦ *Last Friday, Feb. 8th - reported Maplewood Police, Essex County Police and another person carrying pistol entered South Mountain Reservation and shot a wounded deer from the previous day's hunt.*

♦ *Deer seen running across road with blood in its mouth. Deer found dead on Maplewood on Grassmere Tues. Feb. 12th. Another report of a loose dog attacking wounded deer in South Mountain which had to be shot by officer .*

♦ *ATV's seen used in five locations causing 6 - 8 inch ruts in trails - hoof prints of small deer seen in front of ATV tracks - Crest Drive. How are ATV's being used in this deer hunt - chasing wounded deer?*

♦ *South Mountain's deer about to be EXTERMINATED - 139 deer slaughtered to date.*

♦ *DiVincenzo quoted West Orange Chronicle, "the HUNT WILL GO ON even after county reaches its quota...HUNTERS will continue to SHOOT AS MANY DEER AS POSSIBLE..."*

♦ *DiVincenzo before hunt started: "this will NOT BE A TROPHY HUNT." Fish & Game Council meeting Feb. 7th stated how impressed they were that 10 year old stags being killed in SM because F&W's Larry Herrighty said deer being killed in NJ are less than 8 years old. Racks of antlers from SM's magnificent dead stags will be displayed at Essex County Environmental Center. Essex County IS MAKING THIS A TROPHY HUNT.*

**Contact: NJ Democratic Legislative Leaders Today Tell Them To Stop This Valentine's Day Massacre Of South Mountain's Deer Now!**

**Before It's Too Late For South Mountain's Deer!**

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## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

In addition to letters and e-mail to town officials, C.A.S.H. wrote a letter to Governor Corzine on January 13<sup>th</sup>. It starts this way:

*Wildlife Watch, Inc. is an animal protection organization that helps connect people, the environment, and wildlife and seeks to protect individual wild animals and species through education, political awareness and direct aid to animals in need. On behalf of our members and supporters in New Jersey, and specifically those in Essex County near the South Mountain Reservation, we wish to bring your attention to the misguided plan to use "sharpshooters" to kill deer at the Reservation, scheduled to commence on January 29, 2008. As an organization that works to protect wildlife and the areas where they live, we wish to list our objections to the Deer Management Program and the reasons that our objections are based upon, and we call upon you to cancel this hunt.*

Please visit the C.A.S.H. website to see the entire letter.

C.A.S.H. CATALOG

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The magnetic hold-a-note is ideal for shopping lists, messages or reminders. With a strong magnet on the back, the hold-a-note adheres to refrigerators, filing cabinets or any steel surface. Each hold-a-note comes packed with paper and a pencil. It's easy to refill the hold-a-note with more paper when needed, use it over and over again. Approximate size of the hold-a-note, with paper, is 4.25 x 5.25 x 1 inch. **Photos are of various wild animals. Our choice as we may be out of certain pictures.** Made in the USA. \$9.95 or members \$7.50



A Voice in The Wilderness

Video Tape approximately 20 minutes \$12.00  
Expose of wildlife management by Luke Dommer, founder of C.A.S.H., produced by Focus on Animals, CT. Esther Mechler of Focus has generously given C.A.S.H. the right to sell *A Voice in the Wilderness*. Copies are being generously donated by Nancy Gordon of HAVE, a video company in Hudson, NY.



Luke Dommer

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\$19.95 members;  
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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 hunting safety course instructor out west was giving a talk to a group of wannabe hunters about hunting in grizzly bear territory. He told them that most bear encounters occur when hunters, being extra quiet along the trails in hopes of surprising wildlife, accidentally stumble into bears. The resulting surprise can be catastrophic he told them. To avoid this, he suggested that each hunter wear tiny bells on their clothing to warn the bears of their presence. Also, he said further, be especially cautious when you see signs of bears in the area, especially when you see bear droppings.

One wannabe Fudd asked, "How do you identify bear droppings?"

"Oh that's easy," the instructor explained, "it's the ones with all the tiny bells in them."



The following two jokes were sent by long time C.A.S.H. member, **Carol Ames:**

A group of Alabama friends

went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck.

"Where's Henry?" the others asked.

"Oh, Henry had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail," the successful hunter replied.

"You left Henry laying out there and carried the deer back?" they inquired.

"A tough call," nodded the hunter.

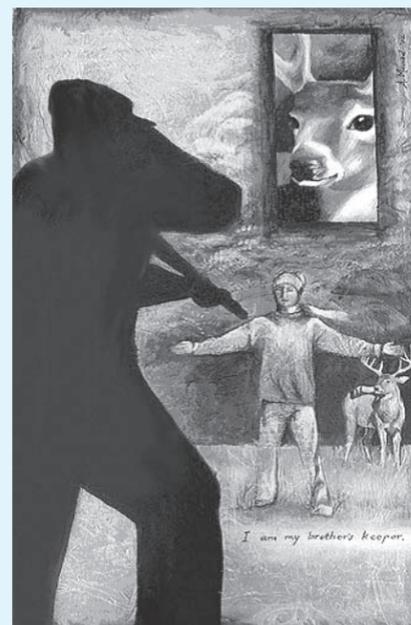
"But I figured no one is going to steal Henry!"



The young man from Mississippi came running into the hunting store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!"

Bubba replied, "Did you see who it was?"

The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number!"



I am my brother's keeper

Beautiful color poster 11 x 17 (Original is oil on canvas) by Amanda Moeckel, a brilliant, young artist. [www.myanimalart.com](http://www.myanimalart.com)  
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GOD'S DOG

We were happy to learn from Hope Ryden that her amazing book, *God's Dog* is back in print. We encourage you to read it and give it to others to read. Ask libraries to order it, and give it to friends for holidays and birthdays. It will be a gift that will last a lifetime, for it will change the readers' perspective of coyotes forever.



God's Dog : A Celebration of the North American Coyote by Hope Ryden

"Full of charm and tenacious inquisitiveness as the appealing animal she pleads is allowed to live."—The Washington Post.  
\$24.95 or \$20.95 members.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

Since the last issue of the Courier went to press, we've written at least 219 letters to 159 different newspapers in 45 states, also USA Today and the Jerusalem Post. (!!!!)

<b>Israel</b> Jerusalem Post	<b>USA Today</b>	<b>AL</b> The Times Daily (Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, Tuscumbr, and Northwest, AL)	<b>AK</b> Juneau Empire	<b>AR</b> North Little Rock Times Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (Little Rock) Northwest Arkansas Times The Courier (Russellville) Arkansas Times DeWitt Era-Enterprise The Log Cabin Democrat (Conway)	<b>CA</b> San Francisco Chronicle San Jose Mercury News Daily Democrat (Woodland) The Californian (Bakersfield) Sacramento Bee Stockton Record	<b>CT</b> The Wilton Bulletin	<b>CO</b> Rocky Mountain News (Denver) Montrose Press Daily Camera (Boulder) Colorado Springs Gazette	<b>DE</b> News Journal (Wilmington)	<b>FL</b> Orlando Sentinel Miami Herald Wakulla.com (Crawfordville) Tallahassee Democrat Pensacola News Journal	<b>GA</b> The Moultrie Observer	<b>HI</b> Pacific Business News (Honolulu)	<b>IA</b> Sioux City Journal Des Moines Register Cedar Rapids Gazette	<b>IL</b> Chicago Daily Herald Chicago Tribune Rockford Register Star Morris Daily Herald Belleville News Democrat	<b>IN</b> Corydon Democrat Journal & Courier (Lafayette/West Lafayette) Evansville Courier & Press Journal Gazette (Fort Wayne)	<b>KS</b> Emporia Gazette	<b>KY</b> The Kentucky Kernel (Lexington)	<b>LA</b> The Banner (Bernice) Daily Comet (Thibodaux)	<b>MA</b> Boston Business Journal	<b>MD</b> Carroll County Times (Westminster)	<b>ME</b> Kennebec Journal	<b>MI</b> Jackson Citizen Patriot News Herald (Southgate) Sentinel-Standard (Ionia) Muskegon Chronicle	<b>MN</b> International Falls Daily Journal Sherburne Tribune (Big Lake) Minneapolis Star Tribune Winona Daily News Park Rapids Enterprise	<b>MO</b> Lake Sun Leader (Camdenton) Springfield News-Leader Kansas City Star The Missourian (Washington)	<b>MS</b> Hattiesburg American	<b>MT</b> Great Falls Tribune Helena Independent Record The Missoulian Billings Gazette	<b>NC</b> Asheville Citizen-Times Salisbury Post Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald	<b>ND</b> Dickinson Press Grand Forks Herald	<b>NE</b> Grand Island Independent North Platte Telegraph Omaha World-Herald Lincoln Journal Star	<b>NJ</b> Daily Record (Parsippany) The Bernardville News The Observer-Tribune (Stirling) The Record (North Jersey)	<b>NM</b> New Mexico Business Weekly (Albuquerque)	<b>NY</b> New York Times Newsday (Long Island) Daily Star (Oneonta) Albany Times-Union The Journal-Register (Medina) Niagara Gazette (Niagara Falls) Buffalo News Cooperstown Crier The Leader (Corning) Ithaca Times Plattsburgh Press-Republican Sullivan County Democrat (Calicoon) Watertown Daily Times North County News (Yorktown Heights) Post-Standard (Syracuse) Buffalo News Suffolk Life (Long Island)	<b>OH</b> Dayton Daily News The Toledo Blade The Advocate (Newark) The Vindicator (Youngstown) Columbus Business First Corvallis Gazette-Times News Journal (Mansfield) Cincinnati Enquirer New Philadelphia Times Reporter Cleveland Plain Dealer	<b>OK</b> The Oklahoman (Oklahoma City)	<b>OR</b> Statesman Journal (Salem) Gazette Times (Corvallis)	<b>PA</b> Pittsburgh Post Gazette Norwin Star (Monroeville) The Intelligencer (Doylestown) Patriot-News (Central PA) New Era (Lancaster)	<b>TN</b> Tribune-Review (Pittsburgh) The Woodland Progress (Chalfant, Churchill, Edgewood, Forest Hills, Turtle Creek, Wilkins Twp.) Daily Review (Towanda) Republican Herald (Pottsville)	<b>RI</b> Providence Journal	<b>SC</b> Spartanburg Herald-Journal The Times and Democrat (Orangeburg)	<b>SD</b> Sioux City Journal	<b>TN</b> Maryville Daily Times Chattanooga Times Free Press	<b>TX</b> Dallas Morning News Lufkin Daily News Houston Chronicle Odessa American Galveston Daily News	<b>UT</b> Salt Lake Tribune
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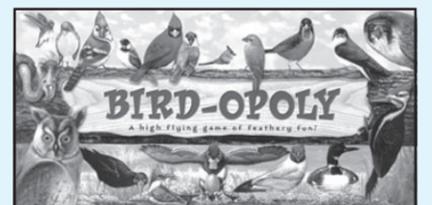
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