

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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MONETIZING ANIMAL PROTECTION

BY PETER MULLER

A common obstacle to passing pending legislation that would implement animal protection is that opponents to our proposals have a monetary interest in not having the measure enacted, while our interest is "merely" ethical. In our society's decision-making process, it seems, money trumps ethics every time.

Let's look at a few examples: We have been trying to outlaw the production of foie gras in New York State. Foie gras is produced by cruelly force-feeding ducks or geese huge amounts of corn using a gavage (a funnel with an attached tube) until their liver enlarges to many times its normal size. This feeding method and the confined housing of the animals is cruel and results in great discomfort and diseased vital organs.

Making the case that foie gras production is cruel is straight-forward and acknowledged by most objective legislators. However, when pitted against the position that shutting down the foie gras production facility would have a negative financial impact on the economy of the area, putting 55 people out of work, the argument from cruelty is not persuasive.

Another case in point is the attempt



to shut down horse-drawn carriage rides in New York City. Horse-drawn carriages in New York City traffic are frequently involved in accidents resulting in both human and animal injuries, and sometimes fatalities. The cruelty of forcing horses to draw carriages through congested, noisy NYC traffic is obvious. But shutting down a small industry and putting 165 people out of work, will motivate the New York City Council to vote against banning this form of animal cruelty.

I am proposing that we explore the idea of monetizing our goals. Can we establish enterprises which are profitable and provide employment which equal or surpass those of the enterprises that torment and kill animals to earn income?

I think there are such situations. Let me offer an obvious example:

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Joe's Journal 5/30/13



Traveling is a pleasure for some, a chore for others, and a necessary part of the job for many people. For me, hopping on a plane allows me to talk about C.A.S.H. all over the country to pretty much anyone I run into. As you can imagine, I'm a bit of an evangelist for wildlife protection and when engaged in casual conversation with strangers I will find a way to bring up the topic. I am certain the guy with the "Cabela's" camo cap sitting next to me on my flight to the Burbank, CA airport didn't expect what I had to say when he politely asked "So what is it that you do?"

"I work for wildlife protection," I said - wanting to draw him deeper into the conversation than I could have had I replied with something like "I fight against hunting day and night."

He smiled. "I volunteer at California Fish and Game," he said. "I assist one of the biologists with harvest data."

"Harvest data? You mean the number of animals hunters killed?"

"Harvest," he tried to correct me. "It's an important part of wildlife management. Without knowing the data that comes from the harvest, Fish and Game would not be able to manage wildlife populations and the herd would cause problems for themselves and people too."

I asked him if wounding rates were compiled in the "harvest" data that he collected.

Elmer Fudd eyed me with a puzzled look. "Wounding rates? We don't keep track of them, but it's not that important. Since the animal was not harvested it would not have an effect on what the biologist needs to know."

"So you don't know how many animals are killed and not retrieved? Shouldn't hunters need to report this?"

"No - we do not. There's really no need for them to report it since those numbers would not be a part of the harvest data."

"Did you know that bow hunting has a wounding rate of over 50% and that most of the animals suffer and die from infection?"

"So you're an anti." Elmer said. And with that, he turned to his magazine.

"You don't want to talk any more about what you do? I'm interested in learning," I asked.

"No you're not - you'll probably put our conversation on a website to fuel the other anti's."

It didn't go on the website, but it went into the Courier!

It's important to make it known where you stand on hunting and the exploitation and destruction of wildlife. Simple conversations can change minds and hearts, and while it is unlikely that Mr. Fudd will change, you never know when you will engage someone in conversation who genuinely wants to learn and even do something to help.

The spring and, so far, the summer has been a busy time for C.A.S.H. We've **tabled at Las Cruces Earth Day** and we've **brought our wildlife-**

friendly program on Trap/Neuter/Return programs for feral cats to the small town of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. We've taught people how to help reduce the impact feral cats have on the local wildlife population and how "TNR" helps the cats themselves. At the time of writing this article, we are preparing for what will likely be our most popular **tabling** of the year **at Southern New Mexico Pride.** At the end of June **C.A.S.H. gave a presentation on small game hunting and hunting contests at the Symposium for Animal Liberation in Tempe, AZ. Joe Miele was a guest speaker.**

Our office in New Paltz is just as busy as you can see below.

We know how you feel about wildlife because we feel just as you do. We're busy, because of your support and your desire to help us continue the work that needs to be done. When you support C.A.S.H. you support our uncompromising and unyielding stand on wildlife and how nature should be respected.

Please support our work with your generous contribution. Consider becoming a sustainer by sending a monthly contribution. It is only because of you and your support that we can continue our very unique work.

For wildlife everywhere,

Joe

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

- Wildlife Watch and LOHV actively and successfully lobbied against bills that would have permitted the trapping of snapping turtles, and another that would have permitted snare trapping in NYS.
- LOHV and C.A.S.H. presented at the AR 2013 Conference: "How to Get Animal Protective Bills Enacted" and the other was "Monetizing Our Goals"
- Peter Muller organized and led NYS Lobby Day 2013 jointly with IDA and FOA in Albany, NY
- Peter organized and facilitated the 2013 NYS Legislative Breakfast
- Presented non-lethal solutions to resolve human-Canada goose conflicts in several New York communities.
- C.A.S.H. continues to support Jan Haagensen's legal battle against the PA Hunter Harassment Statute
- Wildlife Watch fielded close to one thousand calls for help with orphaned and injured wildlife from across the country and Canada.

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Any attempt to limit or totally ban hunting in a region will bring the “fiscally concerned” citizens out in full force. Allowing hunting supposedly stimulates the economy. But let’s look at some alternatives.

The table shows the amount of expenditures and the number of participants of hunters and wildlife watchers in the United States.

	All Numbers in Thousands					
	Wildlife Watching		Hunting		Difference	
	Expenditure	Participants	Expenditure	Participants	Expenditure	Participants
Total, all items	\$54,890,272	55,980	\$33,702,017	13,364	\$21,188,255	42,616
Total trip-related	\$17,274,675	19,905	\$10,421,189	11,914	\$ 6,853,486	7,991
Food and lodging, total	\$ 9,349,439	17,017	\$ 3,881,304	10,289	\$ 5,468,135	6,728
Food	\$ 5,465,019	16,740	\$ 3,217,859	10,253	\$ 2,247,160	6,487
Lodging	\$ 3,884,420	6,851	\$ 663,444	1,881	\$ 3,220,976	4,970
Transportation	\$ 6,006,860	18,647	\$ 4,767,915	10,990	\$ 1,238,945	7,657
Other trip costs	\$ 1,918,376	9,359	\$ 1,771,970	4,581	\$ 146,406	4,778

We are using the latest data furnished by the US Government publication “2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.” We showed in the last issue of the C.A.S.H. Courier that the numbers of hunters claimed in that survey is overstated.

<http://www.all-creatures.org/cash/cc2013-wi-cooking.html>

We are using their numbers nevertheless since we can make our point in this case very easily, even with their exaggerated numbers in favor of hunting.

In all categories wildlife watchers outnumber and outspend hunters by millions of participants and billions of dollars.

Our strategy should be to encourage state legislatures as well as Congress to “Wake up and smell the roses.”

There is more revenue to be derived from accommodating wildlife watchers and discouraging hunting.

The two options, wildlife watching vs. hunting are not compatible. Wildlife watchers would not be attracted to an area where animals are blasted to smithereens while they are training their binoculars on them.

Expanding the opportunities for wildlife watching and concomitantly decreasing hunting opportunities will satisfy more constituents and generate more income to businesses, as well as generate more taxes to local governments.

Let’s promote wildlife watching and find or formulate other animal-friendly money-making enterprises to help

legislators understand that the monetary advantage is not with allowing animal cruelty to continue.

If you would like to form a think-tank/action group for this purpose, please contact C.A.S.H. at cash@abolishsporthunting.org

Peter Muller is VP of C.A.S.H.



Is There a Wildlife Watching Venture that Could be Established?

Our lead article in this newsletter is Monetizing Animal Protection. Stalktech is one example of how hunter activity is monetized. When we think of "recreational spotlighting" (please see Merle Wilson’s letter on page 9) we don't think about businesses surrounding it, but here you go:

Stalktech specializes in spotlights for night hunting: www.stalktech.com "Designed and engineered by hunters for hunters"

Designed to fit on various weapons and to bring "targets" into

view up to 250 yards away. I ask you, why can't this be done as a wildlife watching venture that could be established for the purpose of watching wildlife at night? Of course, the logo would be much more pleasant.



Watching Wildlife Products

REI, the company founded and presided over by our new **Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell**, has an on-line catalog www.rei.com/outlet of outdoor wear and equipment that is good-looking, practical, and without the mandatory, pseudo-macho, "camo" look that REI's competitors feel is needed to accommodate their hermaphroditically insecure clients.



Needed: A New Golden Rule

Anyone who cares about wildlife will see the connections to our articles about dogs. If our closest animal companion, the domestic dog, can be perceived as "equipment," or brutalized beyond comprehension by dog fighters, you can imagine what happens to animals within the privacy of the forests by people who are acting within the law. We must ensure that a new ethic prevails at all levels of government.

Jim Robertson, author of *Exposing the Big Game: Living Targets of a Dying Sport*, expresses that need so well, he writes:

New Rule

Children the world over are taught a version of the golden rule, roughly along the lines of, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Kids are generally told that this directive applies to everyone, from their parents and teachers to their siblings and friends—not just to members of their in-group. And a lot of parents wouldn't hesitate to invoke the golden rule to stop a child from hurting the family pet. Yet for many people, the bias of speciesism is so entrenched that they can't seem to recognize a wild animal as a deserving other. But biases and isms are not written in stone. If humanity keeps evolving along a compassion continuum, we will inevitably apply the same rules of consideration to all creatures who have the ability to think and feel.

Perhaps it's time to update and clarify the golden rule to read: "Do

unto other sentient beings as they would have you do unto them."

If we live by a golden rule that includes all of the animal kingdom, we will never keep anyone captive, trap, poison or snare them or use them as living targets in a bloody, imbalanced game.

The preceding was an excerpt from Jim Robertson's book, *Exposing the Big Game: Living Targets of a Dying Sport*.



Honoring and Caring for Our Noble Canine Soldiers

Humans have involved horses, dogs, and even elephants in their land wars for millennia, and in recent times have made use of dolphins and sea lions to detect underwater mines. These non-human animals are at risk of injury and death while performing their duties, even though they had no part in the commencement of hostilities, and, presumably, little interest in the outcome. War horses and elephants carried riders to their mutual doom, and dogs who accompany soldiers on perilous missions are often killed right along with their men.

An intimate comradeship often develops between dogs and the soldiers they train and serve with; no doubt part of the age-old symbiotic connection between our two species.

Frequently, around patriotic holidays, heart-warming stories appear about this wonderful relationship between soldiers and "Man's best friend." The courage of military service dogs is lauded, and thrilling tales are told of a service dog's derring-do and sacrifice for a beloved master.



Courtesy of Dept. of Defense

One common scenario is that of the devoted dog refusing to leave his fallen human colleague. These touching vignettes highlight the traditional man-dog bond that we like to think is the norm.

In a perfect world, all dogs would live pleasant lives with loving families, since most breeds are domesticated beyond the capacity for living wild. However, if we continue to exploit dogs' intelligence, loyalty,

love of activity and routine, and sheer physical abilities in a combat setting, the least we can do is honor their contributions enough to give them the best of care if they are injured, and a comfortable "retirement" afterwards. Sadly, this is not always the case.

We looked into a report that the U. S. Department of Defense classifies military working dogs (MWDs) as "equipment." That designation, when they are in service abroad, can make it difficult to bring them home. Worse, being considered a thing instead of a living being, can block them from government-paid veterinary care.

A bill introduced in the House last Spring, HR 4103, seems to substantiate the claim that dogs are considered equipment. Part of the bill summary states: "Canine Members of the Armed Forces Act - Directs the Secretary of Defense (DoD) to classify military working dogs as canine members of the Armed Forces.

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Requires that such dogs no longer be classified as equipment."

We asked Captain Nick Plante, USAF, Secretary of the Air Force, Public Affairs Office, about this. Captain Plante asserted, "While Military Working Dogs (MWDs) are requisitioned through the DoD supply system, they are not referred to or treated as equipment."

Further, "Each MWD is tracked by their given name and a tattoo number, much like our Service members are identified by their given name and social security number. National Stock Numbers are also assigned to identify the specific capability (i.e., explosive detection, drug detection, etc.) needed at an installation, much like we assign specialty codes or special experience identifiers for military personnel in the Air Force."

This sounds as if dogs are treated similarly to their human counterparts. So we asked what the DoD's position is on the proposed legislation.

The official reply: "As the MWD Executive Agent, AF/A7S recognizes the significant contributions of MWDs; however, we oppose the proposed legislation.

"The proposed legislation would elevate the status of MWDs to canine service members, propose canine rights to transportation for adoption and health care after adoption, and complicate supply channels for requisitioning replacement MWDs. There are provisions in existing statutes for the retirement from service and adoption of MWDs. Public perception conveyed to Congress that retired MWDs need assistance on medical care can be accomplished by private non-profit entities without involvement by the DoD." "Additionally, the



Courtesy of U. S. Army

cost associated with the proposed requirement to contract with private organizations for veterinary health care after MWD retirement is neither prudent, nor necessary, in the present fiscal environment."

The phrase, "elevate the status of MWDs to canine service members," implies that dogs need elevating from some current, inferior status. Are they equipment or are they service members? And surely, the "present fiscal environment" should have no bearing on the treatment of any veteran.

Comparing the summary of HR Bill 4103 with the wording of the DoD's opposition to it, there seems little real conflict between the two.

HR 4103 summary:

Canine Members of the Armed Forces Act - Directs the Secretary of Defense (DoD) to classify military working dogs as canine members of the Armed Forces. Requires that such dogs no longer be classified as equipment.

Provides that if a dog should be retired, and no suitable adoption is available at the military facility where the dog is located, the dog may transferred to the 341st Training Squadron or to another location for adoption. Authorizes the acceptance of the donation of frequent traveler miles to facilitate the adoption of a dog.

Directs the Secretary to establish and maintain a system to provide for the lifetime veterinary care of retired, adopted dogs. Requires the Secretary to administer the system under a contract awarded by the Secretary to a private non-profit entity. Requires such care to meet standards that the Secretary shall establish and periodically update. Requires any costs of the operation and administration of the system and of any veterinary care provided under the system to be covered by such combination of the following as the Secretary and the non-profit entity jointly consider appropri-

ate: (1) contributions from the non-profit entity, (2) payments for such care by owners or guardians of such dogs, and (3) other appropriate non-federal sources of funds. Prohibits the use of federal funds to provide care or operate the system, except for funds used to establish or administer the system, establish standards of care, or prescribe related regulations.

Directs the Secretary to create a decoration or other appropriate recognition to recognize dogs that are killed in action or perform an exceptionally meritorious or courageous act in service to the United States. <http://tinyurl.com/os69gfe>

This seems a responsible way to deal with our canine military personnel, so it's a shame the bill is currently in limbo.

Regarding the adoption of retired military dogs, we're happy to learn that their current companion is given the first option to adopt. Capt. Plante: "Normally, when an MWD is retired it is first offered for adoption to either the current or previous handler, then to other handlers in the assigned kennel prior to being offered to others on the installation where the dog is assigned."

Still, given the abstruse wording of the DoD response, we think the welfare of our hard-working military dogs ought to be permanently ensured by legislation. We recommend that people contact their federal representatives, urging them to pass the bill. Just as with human veterans who give so much on behalf of their country, our canine veterans deserve equal respect and compassion.



Courtesy of U. S. Army

GAME AGENCIES NEED TO BE REVAMPED

BRUTALIZING WILDLIFE IS FINE!

According to a Causes petition of April 16, 2013....

This exhausted and wounded coyote ran into a plaza in Rochester, New York, looking for refuge from a vicious hunter and his pack of dogs who had attacked him (note injuries front and back legs). Surrounded by media, curious onlookers, and officers from the Department of Environmental Conservation, the coyote was then dragged with a catch pole and loaded into the hunter's



truck with his dogs. Terrified, the coyote was then taken to a wooded area to

be finished off by the dogs. This atrocity was witnessed and controlled by DEC officers in New York; allowing the arrogant hunter to act like he owned the wild coyote and had the right have him ripped apart by dogs!

Please contact the DEC and express your outrage and disgust over the inhumane and callous stand the officers took in this case.

Contact:

<http://links.causes.com/s/clJ58Y?r=C0Wa>.

Prejudice and Abuse

In another instance of the prejudice and abuse that coyotes are subjected to:

Amber was brought to Indiana Coyote Rescue Center (ICRC) too socialized for possible release as a confiscated pet in 2001. She was friendly and outgoing to staff and visitors. It was a shock when she suffered a gunshot wound to the head by a trespasser in the winter of 2005 while inside her enclosure. Rushed in for emergency veterinary care in the middle of the night, Amber surprisingly pulled through, forfeiting her left eye, but showing the world the true resilience of a coyote. While she exhibits fear of flashlights and sudden noises, she has otherwise made a complete recovery and enjoys "meeting" new people.



PLEASE VISIT THE NEW WEBSITE OF THE INDIANA COYOTE RESCUE CENTER (ICRC)

... and support their great work. **Founded by Ceann Lambert**, who was greatly influenced by **Hope Ryden's** book **God's Dog**, the Center offered refuge to coyotes. With Ceann's untimely death, the center went through several changes and it is presently in the hands of **Jami Hammer**. You can see the latest about them at their website:

www.coyoterescue.org

HOORAY FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA!



This county officially views coyotes as a worthy part of the environment! They wisely advise the public to take simple steps that will reduce or eliminate any possible conflict. We applaud their common sense and compassionate approach to this much maligned animal.

Pinellas County should be a model for every county in the U.S.

Please visit their website at

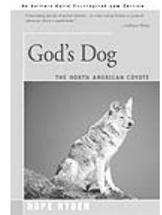
http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/coyotes/deter_coyotes.html

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 reader's perspective of coyotes forever.

"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.



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

Combating the Brutality of Dog Fighting

INTERVIEW WITH GREG NORRED

The scourge of dog fighting is still running rampant in the U.S. The appalling fact is that heartless people train dogs of various breeds to fight, maim, and kill each other as a sickening form of “sport.” The “trainers” exploit the dogs’ physical prowess and innate need to please their “masters.” Usually, the “training” involves brutal treatment, torture, even starving the dogs, in order to goad them to fight.

This incredibly cruel activity is motivated mostly by money, but there is clearly a blood lust element, too, for how else could people stand by and watch - and “enjoy” - the horror of two innocent dogs tearing each other apart? This is entertainment?!

Law enforcement officials are usually stretched too thin to be able to seek out and arrest the heinous individuals who promote and profit from dog fighting. Fortunately, some of the slack has been taken up by a valiant group of people from a company based in Atlanta, Georgia, who investigate suspected cases of dog fighting. They have been providing evidence on perpetrators that helps police get solid convictions. **And the company does it pro bono, even offering a \$5000 reward for information leading to an arrest.**

This altruistic operation was begun in 2008 by **Greg Norred, Founder and CEO of Norred & Associates, Inc.**, a well respected corporate security firm that provides uniformed safety officers, security consulting, and investigates business fraud.

When asked how he had decided to combat the illegal exploitation of dogs, Greg Norred told us that the notorious Michael Vick case had been a catalyst. (Vick, a professional football player, was convicted in 2007 of animal cruelty for running a dog-fighting ring.)

Norred’s firm has long had a corporate tip line that allows conscientious

employees to report incidents of dishonesty anonymously, so he suggested applying that to animal cruelty issues. He helped a national animal rescue organization set up their own tip line.

In January of 2008, Norred decided to set up his own independent tip line to help save dogs from the brutality of this activity that goes largely unreported because, in many cases, well-intentioned people fear reprisals. As the largest and oldest locally owned corporate security firm in Atlanta, Norred & Associates has decades of experience both with investigative techniques and legal considerations. Plus, they are used to dealing cooperatively with law enforcement agencies, so their skills are a good fit for this sensitive, multifaceted endeavor.

The Norred tip line was in Georgia only at first, but they got busy very quickly.

“We were inundated,” Norred said. “There were so many calls, and we realized we had to screen for the genuine ones.”

The screening was effective, and resulted in carrying out raids on dog fighting facilities on an average of one per month.

Norred says he did not know a lot about animal rescue at first, but he did know how to pursue criminal cases. In his corporate security work, he had built good relationships with law enforcement agencies. The campaign against dog fighting is a careful process. Norred & Associates conducts the investigation, coordinating with police; then 2–3 investigators and law officers attend each raid, and once the dogs are seized they are handed over to the Atlanta Humane Society.

“We go out and validate the tip and then go to law enforcement and get a search warrant. We either do a raid at the time of the fight, to catch them in the act, or execute a search warrant and make a case of circumstantial evi-



Photo of Greg and another team member, with a three-legged female pit bull rescued from a fighting yard. (Along with 98 more) She had lost her leg in a fight and had been turned into a breeder. They pulled all her teeth. The good news is she was adopted and she now spends her days on a couch watching “Animal Planet.”

dence.”

Evidence can include finding dogs living in terrible situations, badly scarred, starving, and so on.

Norred explained that, as awful as the actual contests between dogs are, their living conditions can be even worse than the fight itself. The dogs generally live in muddy enclosures, and their collars are so tight they have grown painfully into their flesh. In many cases they are emaciated because the men prefer that they fight in a lighter weight class. Often, their owners put the dogs to death in a horrific manner.

“The culture these guys live by is that if your dog refuses to fight or doesn’t do a good enough job in the ring, the owner loses face unless he tortures and kills the dog in front of the other guys.”

Facing the reality of this savagery on a regular basis and fighting to put an end to it is not for the faint of heart. Most of the investigators work for Norred & Associates, so they are highly experienced professionals. **All the same, there is a big difference between exposing business shenanigans**

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gans and saving live animals from intense suffering at the hands of dangerous individuals, so the dedication of these people is inspiring.

Although begun locally, the success of the Norred Team has been considerable, and now they accept tips nationwide. The team will travel wherever they can to take on the illegal fights.

However, "If we get a tip in upstate NY or Oregon," Norred said, "unless we know it's viable we can't go, so we sometimes hire a local agency and ask them to do preliminary surveillance." This work is not inexpensive, so it is essential to keep costs manageable.

Asked if they accept sponsorship, Norred said no, they do not take money from any outside source. They are completely independent.

Cooperation from police departments is essential. In most cases, law enforcement has been willing to assist Norred. **If a less-enlightened officer occasionally says something like, "They're only dogs," Greg goes to the local District Attorney. In one instance, when still nothing happened, he went to CNN with his story, and then action was taken.**

"Most of the time law enforcement are great," Norred declared. "But if they are reluctant, we can show them how we have made 36 raids so far, and in all the cases, we found involvement with other crimes."

In every case, dog fighting participants have been into drugs, pornography, or other crimes. This is an added motivation to local police to take an interest.

"These are just bad people," Norred stated. "They are into all sorts of things besides the illegal dog fighting."

Norred cites his lifelong love of dogs and other animals as his own driving force. As dreadful as the other criminal aspects of the perpetra-

tors may be, "We try to stay focussed on the dog fighting. We stick with the criminal aspect as that is our expertise."

Their expertise has paid off with 77 arrests, and 950 dogs rescued so far. Sadly, a few were so severely damaged they had to be euthanized. But all the puppies are adopted out and they go quickly. Rehabilitated dogs are shown on TV in an effort to get them adopted, too, but it is difficult. Many people are nervous about former fighting dogs, which is understandable. The tragedy is that these dogs could have and should have had a happy life with a family if they had not been treated so savagely. But, as Norred says, "We are in this to shut down dog fighting and that is all we can do."

Education is an important part of the mission. The Norred Team is training law enforcement agencies on how to conduct dog fighting raids, and also working to get legislation passed. Publicity helps get the word out to other states. For example, they were invited recently by a District Attorney to make a raid in Florence, Alabama. The Sheriff's office was not sure what to look for at first, but after working with the team they now know what the signs are in these situations and can aggressively and more effectively pursue future cases.

Norred was happy to report that they also have training sessions set up for Florida and Texas. "We educate them about the other crimes these guys are involved with, such as pedophilia, porn, and drugs. It really opens their eyes."

Additionally, they are partnering with the Atlanta Humane Society (no connection to HSUS). The AHS helps with veterinarians and transporting the rescued dogs. A veterinarian accompanies every raid. Thus, when people who are eager to help the brave Norred Investigators ask about donating money, Norred says, "We tell people to send donations to the AHS. I want someone who helps animals to get the

money." [Please earmark contributions for dog fight rescue.]

There is a lot of work still to be done. As Norred told us, "We could make many more raids than we do if there was some type infrastructure set up to care for the dogs afterwards. The problem is, we make a raid and seize the dogs. The dogs are then evidence and cannot be dealt with until they are released by the court, voluntarily released, or at the conclusion of the court case. There is no place to house them. The shelters are full or don't want to deal with fighting dogs. Thus, fewer raids because we can't find temporary housing for up to a year or two."

As for our readers, the best way we can help is by spreading the word about the evil that is dog fighting, and urging elected representatives to pass stronger legislation with stronger penalties against it. Training and money is needed to fight animal abuse in general. Please visit this website and see what you can do to help stop the cruel mistreatment of these precious dogs:

www.helpstopdogfighting.com

Please post their **Tip Line** as widely as possible: **1-877-215-2250**. All calls are absolutely confidential, so anyone who might suspect this atrocity is going on but is afraid to call can report here anonymously.

Ever since they were domesticated millennia ago, dogs have been devoted companions and helpmates to man. They want only to love and be loved. We owe it to them to do whatever we can to save them from the brutality that is dog fighting.



Ambush Killing

BY FRANK HOFFMAN

We have been following the horrible killings in Webster, New York, where a man killed his sister, and set fire to his house with her body in it, the day before Christmas.

In the note that he left, he said he wanted to see how much of the neighborhood he could burn down, and then he would do what he loved best: kill people. So, while the fire raged, he hid in ambush with his hunting rifle, and shot the first four volunteer firemen who arrived on the scene, killing two of them, and critically wounding the

other two. This stopped the firefighting efforts, and allowed the fire to spread to other dwellings.

These were evil and violent acts, but really not much different than what most "sport" hunters do every year. They shoot deer and other large animals from blinds and tree stands, or they shoot ducks and geese from blinds and camouflaged boats. This man was hunting for firemen, in the same manner that "sport" hunters use to kill animals; they kill from ambush.

All of these acts are evil and against

God's creation intent and heavenly will.

For many other articles, please visit www.all-creatures.org.



Rural Iowa Landowners Need a "Written-Permission" Law

Merle Wilson reports from Iowa that there must be a law requiring written permission by a landowner for hunters to hunt or trap. Further, spotlighting of deer should be a crime in and of itself, rather than considered "recreational spotlighting." He is urging the IA legislature to put more law enforcement on duty. Right now there is only ONE officer in a 5-county area!!! In March of this year, Merle wrote:

To Senator Schoenjahn:

In 1998, Senator Kitty Rehberg introduced Senate File 2027 requiring written permission by a landowner for individuals engaged in hunting, trapping, etc. The chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee would not give it any consideration.

Poachers and trespassers statewide are using spotlights because Iowa has the most asinine spotlight law in the country. Hunters have coined the phrase "recreational spotlighting". This means if they are stopped while using a light, but have no weapon in their vehicle, the DNR cannot cite them, and all the time the DNR has spent trying to catch them and make a

case has been wasted. In the fall, weather permitting, game wardens work together with a State Patrol pilot in northeast Iowa to try and stop the poaching by spotlight. These people spend hundred of hours and thousands of dollars each fall and are worn out by the time serious deer hunting begins. The spotlight law needs to be changed.

Rural Iowa landowners need the Written-Permission law. We need more DNR law enforcement officers on duty during the shotgun and black-powder seasons. During those seasons, quite often, there is no DNR officer on duty in this area. I called in a report of illegal deer hunters in December and could only reach an officer who, at the time, was in another county. He told me he was the only warden out in a five-county area. The law-breaking hunters know there is no one out there to catch them, so it goes on year after year.

I would like you and Rep. Beringer to consider bringing this written permission law before your respective Natural Resource committees in the fall. Thank you.

If you are in Iowa, please support Merle's efforts.
You can contact Merle through C.A.S.H.

AVA Seeks Land and Wildlife Help

ACTION VOLUNTEERS FOR ANIMALS (AVA) is looking for help to protect land from development for the sake of the wildlife. The sanctuary is near South Bend, IN (80 miles east of Chicago).

Contact AVA and include your phone number. **AVA, 1446 W. Argyle, Chicago, IL 60640**

Sandhill Cranes Still Under Threat



In spite of opposition from many residents of Tennessee and other states, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is considering opening a hunting season on the harmless, beautiful Sandhill Cranes who migrate through the state.

To comment on Sandhill Crane hunting, e-mail: TWRA.Comment@tn.gov with "Sandhill Crane" in subject line. You can mail comments through 8/10/13 to **Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Attn: Sandhill Crane Hunt, P.O. Box 40747, Nashville, TN, 37204.**

EYE ON THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED

SALLY JEWELL, SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR!



[It's great to be done with the camouflage, firearms, and cowboy hats!!!!]

When **Sally Jewell**, the President and CEO of REI, a major retailer of outdoor recreation goods, was appointed the new **Secretary of the Interior** recently, many wildlife advocates and environmental groups were pleased.

Part of what wildlife advocates like about Jewell is the fact that her sporting goods company does not sell hunting supplies – a rare thing in today's cutthroat market. Jewell has said that she herself does not hunt. Singing her praises, The Wildlife Conservation Society said that Jewell “combined her business acumen and her love of nature to build a company devoted to environmental stewardship.”

And Defenders of Wildlife President Jamie Clark said: Many of the gains we have made over the past decades for our wildlife.....are at risk.....Given her past accom-

plishments..... Sally Jewell has the commitment and experience. We congratulate her on her nomination and look forward to working with her.”

<http://www.defenders.org/press-release/defenders-wildlife-welcomes-sally-jewell-nomination-interior-secretary>

We hope we may count on the Secretary to speak up for wildlife on such issues as keeping wolves on the Endangered Species List and stopping the outrageous slaughter of bison, to name but two of hundreds of preservation matters.

However, there may be some cause for concern over Secretary Jewell's position on hydraulic fracturing. This extreme method of gas extraction is having a devastating effect on wildlife. Fracking should be banned, plain and simple.

Call and write letters to the Secretary, expressing your strong feelings about wildlife protection, wildlife watching, and how it may best be achieved.

Contact info for Secretary Jewell:

Secretary Sally Jewell, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington DC 20240, 202-208-3100



WHO WOULD BELIEVE? ELENA KAGAN – SUPREME COURT JUSTICE IS GONNA BAG HERSELF AN ANTELOPE

Supreme Court **Justices Elena Kagan** and **Antonin Scalia** like to hunt together.

Kagan amused an audience

Friday at the University of Tennessee College of Law in Knoxville with stories of how the conservative Scalia taught her to shoot fowl.

She said Scalia told her in the spring, “It's time to move on to the big game.”

She said the two will go hunting in Wyoming this weekend and she hopes to bag an antelope.

Report from Huffington Post and photo from: <http://www.biography.com/people/elena-kagan-560228>

CHARLES SCHUMER ENCOURAGES HUNTING



Sen. Charles Schumer has joined with colleagues from Arkansas, Idaho, Arizona and Wyoming to **introduce bipartisan federal legislation** that would give more incentive to hunters to support venison donation programs.

The plan would allow any hunter who pays for venison processing — and donates the flesh — to deduct the cost from his or her federal taxable income, provided the meat was donated.

Further, any processor that is paid by a nonprofit

donation program would not have to pay tax on that money. The expectation is that the processor would charge a lower fee, helping an organization like the Venison Donation Coalition, which works with 100 processors in 50 counties.

[There is no inspection of flesh from a wild animal that is killed by hunters. Lead is likely present, along with hair, bacteria, possible CWD, and parasites. What an awful and unethical way to treat the poor. Please let Senator Schumer know that you are not impressed by his catering to the killers of our wildlife and providing them with further pretexts to kill wildlife while they poison the poor, and drain our tax coffers even more!]

www.schumer.senate.gov/Public/contact.htm

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20130630/SPORTS103306300039/deer-hunting-venison-donations-tax-break>

BRUTAL MURDER OF A YOUNG TURTLE PROTECTOR

RESEARCHED BY E.M. FAY

Jairo Mora Sandoval, a 26-year-old biology student and wildlife conservationist, had dedicated himself to the cause of saving the critically endangered leatherback turtles of his homeland, Costa Rica. Tragically, his valiant work to stop the theft of turtle eggs by gangs of criminals resulted in his own death at the hands of the same people he was fighting on behalf of the turtles.

In April, Jairo posted a poignant and urgent message on his Facebook page, imploring his friends to send the police to Moin beach, on the Caribbean side of Costa Rica, an area that had been repeatedly plundered by “hueveros,” or egg thieves. Part of what he wrote: “60 turtles are lost – there wasn’t even a nest left. We need help and soon.” He said the police must come armed and be brave, as this was a serious situation with dangerous people involved.

Jairo’s message was read by at least 135 persons, and was part of his attempt to bring attention to the plight of the largest of living turtles, whose eggs are constantly under threat from local people who loot the nests, then sell the eggs to drug traffickers.

Shortly after his Facebook post, Jairo wrote in *La Nacion* that delinquents were “stamping out” the sea turtle, and environmentalists like himself were being harassed by a “mafia” of hueveros. As an employee of the state-run animal rescue organization, Paradero Eco-Tour, as well as the Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network, Jairo was well known to be passionate about his conservation work. He and a network of volunteers patrolled the beaches, and reported suspicious activity to the authorities. Unfortunately, his personal visibility may have made him a prime target of the unscrupulous hueveros.

On Friday, May 31st, as he was coming back from a night-long patrol on a turtle nesting beach near Limon, Jairo was abducted by “unknown assailants,” beaten, robbed, and murdered. He was found bound, naked, and shot in the head. Four volunteer



colleagues, all female and foreign-born, had been shoved into a car as they were on patrol. They later gave evidence to the police.

This was not the first crime against humans who are trying to save the turtles in Costa Rica. Last year, a gang of men with AK-47s burst into a turtle nursery on the same beach, bound and gagged the volunteers who were tending to the young leatherbacks, and stole 1,520 eggs from the 19 protected nests.

Human predation on turtle eggs is nothing new, but poaching has greatly increased in recent years. It is especially prevalent near the Caribbean city of Limon. Costa Rica officially outlawed it in 1966, and the Marine Turtle Population Law of 2002 creates a three-year prison sentence for anyone who “kills, hunts, captures, decapitates, or disturbs marine turtles.” However, the authorities seem to speak out of both sides of their mouth on this issue, for the Costa Rican government officially sanctions the “harvesting” of sea turtle eggs – cruelly, right in front of the mothers who have just laid them in the sand. This is allowed allegedly as part of an economic program for poor natives. But does the bereft mother know or care about the difference? Whether it is government-sponsored theft or theft by criminal gangs, her babies are lost forever, and the turtle population is declining precipitously.

<http://www.wildwatch.org/Binocular/bino22/index.htm>

The government says they are “managing” the harvesting of eggs with an eye to conservation, but whether this is true or not, the fact is that on the Caribbean coast the eggs are now a kind of currency and are routinely exchanged for drugs. Part of the blame for this goes to Southeast Asia, where people consider leatherback eggs a del-

icacy worth paying for.

There is no doubt about the suffering and potential extinction of the leatherbacks caused by this wanton trafficking. Additionally, ecologists warn that their decimation is resulting in an inevitable increase in the population of stinging jellyfish, whose numbers the leatherbacks used to keep in check. At 6 feet long and up to 900 lbs., the turtles are an essential part of the eco-system.

Costa Rican President, Laura Chinchilla Miranda, expressed her shock at the murder of Jairo Mora Sandoval, and called on all authorities to work together to solve this “abominable murder.” However, the Chief of Police in Limon stated that the number of officers assigned to protecting turtle nests and environmentalists was insufficient.

Certainly, without such noble souls as Jairo, this world is a sadder place indeed.

**FARE THEE WELL, JAIRO,
PROTECTOR OF THE
ANCIENT MARINER.**

PLEASE DEMAND THAT THE POLICE OF COSTA RICA PROTECT THE SEA TURTLES AND THEIR PROTECTORS. WE APPLAUD COSTA RICA AND PRESIDENT CHINCHILLA-MIRANDA FOR ABOLISHING SPORT HUNTING, AND URGE THE PROTECTION OF THE BELOVED SEA TURTLES.

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*Photo of
baby
leatherback
sea turtle
from NOAA.*

REMEMBERING WARREN DOYNO AND A PRECIOUS MOMENT FOR C.A.S.H.

April 2, 1947 - February 18, 2011

How I wish I still had the photograph of the day **Warren Doyno**, **Luke Dommer**, **Peter Muller**, and I posed triumphantly on our newly acquired land, bought to be posted and patrolled to keep the dreaded hunters off forever. It was and still is 66 acres on the side of a mountain in the Catskills. Thanks to Luke, many people came together to buy the land in order to protect the deer. Luke, Warren, Peter and I took our tents, hopped into a car and drove 4 hours from NYC to claim our property, and post it. It was a big moment for Luke's Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting. We held the sign high and gave victory signs for the camera. The sign was meant to baffle and confuse:

NRA - NATIONAL REFUGES OF AMERICA

No hunting, trapping, trespassing.

We thought it would be first of many parcels.

I remember Warren yelling all the way up, "Shoot yourselves, you lousy hunters!" He must have said



that 100 times, and I can still hear him today. He always addressed Peter and me as one: PeterAnne. "Isn't that right, PeterAnne?" We were happy to be with people who shared what passionately touched us more than any other animal abuse: hunting. I would occasionally see Warren over the years in NYC as we protested fur or other atrocities, and it seemed he never changed, never

aged, never lost his intensity. He remained passionate, always letting people know what he knew to be right and ethical. It's not easy to be so sensitive to animals, and I thank God for my insensitivities, for they keep me sane. Warren seemed not to be able to shield himself from the constant pain of knowing that animals were suffering. To make matters worse, he worked in an environment where bosses and fellow-employees taunted him for his beliefs. I often thought about Warren, privately wishing him well, and praying for his emotional safety.

That memory in the Catskills is one of the strongest I have, and one of the most pleasant. We will always remember Warren, and when I go there again, PeterAnne will say a prayer for him -- and the deer -- on the site of Warren's tent that special day in the 1980s. Fare thee well, precious soul. You will always be part of that land and our hearts.

Sadly,
PeterAnne

Think The Game Agencies Are Doing A Fine Job On Behalf Of Wildlife? Think Again!

It was reported in Stamford, CT, that landscapers were chasing the fawn in this photo, who ran head-first into a trailer, then into a pond or lake. They dragged the fawn out, hog-tied her, and were getting ready to beat her with a shovel when someone intervened. The fawn arrived at a rehabber's who reported that the fawn was about a month old, was "wet, winded and stressed out." Her front legs were



zip-tied together and the hind legs were zip-tied together. Then they were duct-taped. Then they were tied with twine. Then the front legs were tied to the hind legs with some type of belt. The zip-ties were so tight the rehabber could hardly remove them.

The fawn refused to eat and his pupils were dilated due to either extreme stress or head trauma.

Unbelievably, the Wildlife Division of the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection determined that it was not a cruelty case.

You can write the governor and demand that game agencies be overhauled.

Pray That Pope Francis Helps the Animals

C.A.S.H. member **Vic Urbaitis** sent the following:

Not to hurt our humble brethren is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough.

We have a higher mission—to be of service to them wherever they require it.

St. Francis of Assisi.

We hope the new Pope lives up to his chosen name. Just think about the extraordinary changes he can make for the animals.



ASK UNCLE JOE



BY JOE MIELE

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

**ASK UNCLE JOE,
P.O. Box 13815, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO 88013**

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.

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Dear Uncle Joe - 5-16-13

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the first Uncle Joe column in a loooooong time to not feature incoherent hate mail. I've done this intentionally since the hate mail that has been coming in lately has not been very creative. While this column will not be so entertaining, I hope it will be informative.

Dear Uncle Joe:

It seems that every spring people ask me what to do when they find a baby bird who has fallen out of the nest. I pretty much tell them that they should put the bird back in the nest if they can see it since the mother cannot be too far away. Is this the right thing to do or should I be giving them other advice?

Rebecca,
Sonoma, CA

Dear Rebecca:

What a great question! Yes, putting the baby bird in the nest is the best thing to do if s/he is a nestling. People often worry that if they pick up a young bird the mother will smell some putrid human scent on the baby and reject her. This is a myth that has no basis in fact since birds have a very poor sense of smell. If the baby is a fledgling it is best to leave her alone. She's learning to fly, and unless she's in immediate danger it's best to let her get in all the practice time that she needs. If you find a baby blue jay or mockingbird on the ground, leave her alone or be prepared to be attacked by her mother who is undoubtedly nearby and keeping a close eye on her baby.

There are exceptions to this - if the fledgling is on a sidewalk where she can be stepped on, by all means remove her to the closest tree. If the bird is in your yard and is at risk of being attacked by your dog or cat (please keep your cat inside!) she should go back in the nearest tree and your dog should be brought in. Unless she's in immediate danger, the simple solution is usually the best.

Of course, keep an eye on the baby to be sure that the parents are coming to feed her. If not, she should go to a wildlife rehabilitator. You can call the Wildlife Watch Hotline at 877-WILDHEL(P).

Peace,
Uncle Joe

The following was a phone call that has been put in "letter" form:

Dear Uncle Joe:

My daughter Kayla is a fourth-grade student who is so passionate about animal protection that she's gotten her father and me to start eating vegan meals with her. She wanted to ask a question but

is too shy to call you herself. Her friend's father is a trophy hunter who travels to Africa twice a year to hunt exotic animals, and his daughter has told Kayla that such hunting is necessary because without the help of hunters, wildlife would overrun the villages and the local people could not survive. I told her that this sounds like nonsense to me but since she's a big supporter of C.A.S.H. she wanted to ask you about it. Thank you for all you do.

Merilee,
Arlington, TX

Dear Merilee:

Thanks for your call - it was nice to speak with you and with Kayla. In many African countries there are active programs that protect people and farms from the natural movements of wildlife herds. In Cameroon for example, some members of elephant herds have been fitted with collars so their movements can be monitored. When the herd makes its way toward a village or farm, rangers are deployed to divert the herd away from crops or human homes. In other countries, crops such as taro that are not palatable to elephants are grown and the animals show very little interest in checking them out as a food source. Solar-powered electric fences have been used successfully to keep wildlife away from farms and human settlements. As is the case with all situations involving wildlife, education and information is key to prevent avoidable human/wildlife conflicts from taking place.

While C.A.S.H. cannot be considered to be a leading resource in the protection of African wildlife, there are commonalities between all human/wildlife interactions. Likewise, slaughtering wildlife for recreation is intolerable no matter where it's done. Hunters love to give their dastardly deeds a noble spin. See how the US Senator, Chuck Schumer, is helping them by making donations of deer and other wild animal flesh tax deductible. That, in spite of the potential human illness from lead, parasites, CWD, and other health and human-caused conditions that the individual animal may have.

Peace,
Uncle Joe

Dear Uncle Joe:

Peter Muller's article in the last issue of the Courier entitled "Cooking the Numbers" was real eye-opener. I had long suspected that hunters were fewer than they claim to be but I had no way of knowing if was actually true. When the USFWS announced earlier in the year that the number of hunters had increased I knew it had to be a lie

because I know their population had been decreasing every year. Why do you think the USFWS would falsify the data to make it appear that there are more hunters? Aren't they going to generate the same amount of revenue regardless of what they publish?

Penny,
Millstone, NJ

Dear Penny:

For readers who have not seen the article you're referring to, it's in the winter 2013 issue of the CASH Courier. You can find it online here: <http://www.all-creatures.org/cash/cc2013-wi-cooking.html>. In the article, super-sleuth Peter Muller uncovers that the systems used for collecting data were different than those in years past, so there is no way to draw any conclusions at all about the number of hunters in the USA as they relate to the numbers from years past.

Why the change? One can only guess that the sport of recreational hunting is in such a terrible state that had they used the same recording methods the data would show the number of active hunters to be lower than ever before. Given human nature as it is, when people find out that something is not popular they tend to not want to be involved. So yes, while the amount of money flowing into state hunting agencies is the same regardless of what the USFWS reports, being honest about the demise of hunting is not good for future business.

Interesting note: How many times have you heard a hunter tell you that "hunting and poaching are different things" and that poachers should be prosecuted? Well, it seems that in an effort to give the impression that hunting has increased in popularity, the USFWS is now counting "people who hunted without a license, even though a license was required" as hunters.

Hunting agencies are in the business of recruiting hunters into their violent and bloody sport, and do you think that someone who enjoys blasting harmless birds out of the sky would refrain from exaggeration and practicing poor scientific methodology if doing so could make you think that the hunting cartel has more clients than before? They are bloodthirsty killers, and, as the article showed, they are also liars.

Peace,
Uncle Joe

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ASK UNCLE JOE

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Dear Uncle Joe:

I'm a hunter, but at my age I no longer find it pleasurable to get up at 4:00 am and be in a tree stand in the damp weather waiting for the season to begin. And quite honestly, I've lost the desire to bring down and field dress game before dragging it back to the car for the trip home. But much like the NRA member whose gun you can pry from his cold, dead hands, you will never get me to stop supporting the sport and the heritage that has given me a lifetime of memories and nourishment. Hunting has allowed me to build lifelong friendships with people I've so much in common with. I met my wife of forty-three years through the sport. The books I've written have supplemented my income. Since I began hunting with my father on my 9th birthday the sport has given me more than I could ever imagine. Though I no longer hunt I will always be a hunter. Please publish this in your newsletter.

Richard,
Lancaster, OH

Dear Richard:

Thanks for sharing your opinion with us and for telling us that you're no longer hunting - we're always happy when we hear news like this. Hunting can be many things for many people, but let's strip away the fellowship and the memories and look at the other things you've done in your time as an active hunter. You have spent a lifetime feeding the machine of wildlife management that has killed billions of helpless animals and has trampled upon the rights of those of us who wish for wildlife to live as nature has intended. You've fueled an industry that has made it illegal for someone to talk to a hunter from the edge of their own property. You've contributed to an industry that is responsible for the deaths and injuries of thousands of people every year. You've made some money

and some lasting friendships, but what has hunting done to your heart? It's made you insensitive to the needless suffering of others. It's given you the false notion of "might makes right" and has given you a false sense of superiority over those who are helpless against your aggression. It seems to have eliminated your capacity for critical thought and has caused you to erroneously believe that because something makes you happy, it must be good. We feel sorry that you seem unwilling to change, but we mostly feel sorry for the animals you've killed and those you've wounded. In the end, you've made the world a more violent and bloody place and that is inexcusable. We're glad that you're no longer hunting; now we want you to develop a sense of compassion and empathy for those other than yourself.

Regards,
Uncle Joe

How Do You Teach Children to be Humane?

The following was written by **Karen Schumaker** in response to an "Uncle Joe" inquiry that appeared in our last

newsletter. You may recall that a father asked how to teach his child to be humane. Karen had the following great suggestions:

"Reply to John" in Traverse City:

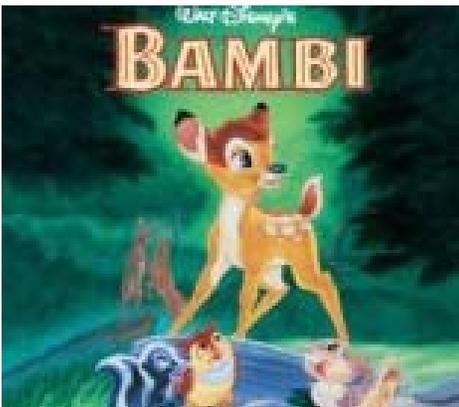
1. Get hold of a copy of "Bambi," the Disney original which includes the death of Bambi's mother, and have a quiet, respectful showing with a mix of adults and young children for guests.

2. Name any wildlife who come to the yard, and feed small animals such as birds and squirrels. In talking about them with the child, use the animal's name, while discussing the animal's needs, feelings, family, and children.

Some of the animals are easily taught to feed from a human hand. Always give them fresh, raw, unsalted, natural seeds or nuts.

3. Take the child to visit any nearby wildlife sanctuaries (not zoos); the people operating these sanctuaries will be those who both speak and feel respect for our brothers and sisters -in feathers and in fur.

Karen writes a small but mighty newsletter that she mails out for a small donation. To find out more, please write to **Karen Schumaker, Newhaven Private Wildlife Sanctuary, P.O. Box 217, Deary, ID 83823-0217.**



LET CATALOG PUBLISHERS KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THEIR PRODUCTS!



I'm sure you are as inundated with catalogs as we are. If you skim through them, you will see numerous offensive products. Well, **Elizabeth Joshi**, a longtime member of **C.A.S.H.**, shares her important letter to a catalog company that sells certain products that are harmful to animals and people. She shares the address and her letter:

To: CEO Carol Wright Gifts, 100 Nixon lane, P.O. Box 7823, Edison, NJ 08818-7823

Dear CEO,

I wrote Harriet Carter in August 2012 after I ordered the Squirrel Chasers, and read the ingredients of hazardous waste products according to our Putnam County Hazardous Waste Department. These ingredients have no place either at the house or anywhere else for that matter. The fumes are extremely irritating to the mucous membranes and respi-

ratory system. I think the manufacturer of the Squirrel Chasers has really tried to be deceptive saying there is a natural scent that will repel the squirrels - mothballs are not natural, they are made with poisonous chemicals.

Kindly remove these from your catalog and substitute something worthwhile that is non-hazardous to one's health. Children love to investigate things. Imagine if they should open one of these bags and try to sample the product - what then?

C.A.S.H. CATALOG

A Voice in the Wilderness

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

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



Luke Dommer

CASH HAT

Neon Orange, one size fits all. \$7.50



C.A.S.H. T-SHIRT,

X-LARGE,
BRIGHT ORANGE—\$12.00



Front of shirt

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√ Become a member
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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

Q: Why do Hunters wear blaze-orange hats?

A: To hide the Air Valve!

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A hunter was traveling by airplane for the first time in his life. He was planning to attend a gun show in New York. He sat down in an empty first class seat instead of his assigned seat farther back. When a flight attendant saw this, she asked him to go to the back and take his assigned seat. The hunter was adamant. "I paid for my ticket like everybody else, I got here first, and I'll sit here if I want to." The flight attendant brought over other flight attendants to try and move him but he continued to be obstinate. Finally, one flight attendant got the captain. He came back, whispered something in the hunter's ear; he immediately got up and went to his assigned seat. The flight attendants were impressed; they asked the captain what he said to the hunter to get him to move. He shrugged, "I just told him that first class was going directly to Afghanistan without stopping in New York."

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A hunter goes to the barber shop for a haircut. The barber asks him to take the headphones off his head so he can cut his hair. The hunter refuses. The barber explains very patiently that he must remove his headphones or there is simply no way he can cut his hair. The hunter insists that it is vitally important for him to always keep his headphones on. The barber becomes so incensed that he forcefully rips his head-phones off

whereupon the hunter collapses on the floor and dies. The barber picks up the headphones curious what the hunter's life-sustaining message was. He hears: "Breathe in, breathe out, breathe in, breathe out."

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An environmentalist, a hiker and a hunter were working together on a project to map out a large wooded area. They were bringing their lunch with them so they could keep going. A few days into the second week the environmentalist opens his lunch box and exclaims "Steamed broccoli!!!!. If my wife packs me one more lunch of just steamed broccoli - I'll throw it out and just eat the wild flowers around here."

The hiker opened his lunch box and exclaimed, "Nuts and raisins again! If I get nuts and raisins one more time for lunch I'll just throw it out and go without lunch."

The hunter opened his lunch and said, "Bologna again. If I get a bologna sandwich one more time I'll shoot myself!"

The next day the environmentalist opened his lunchbox and sees steamed broccoli; he throws it out and starts to eat the wildflowers in the area. The hiker opens his lunch box and sees nuts and raisins; he just throws them out in disgust. The hunter opens his lunchbox and sees bologna so he shoots himself.

The hiker shakes his head "How could his wife do this to him? The environmentalist explains sadly "He wasn't married; he makes his own lunch!"



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