

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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IT DOESN'T GET MUCH MORE "MORONIC" THAN "SPORT" HUNTING

BY JIM ROBERTSON

By every act that glorifies or even tolerates such moronic delight in killing we set back the progress of humanity. – Rachel Carson

I'm sure I must have said it many times before, but allow me to reiterate: "sport" hunting is not even close to being sportsmanlike—i.e., fair. It's more like legalized and culturally smiled-upon sadism (defined as: n. 1. the getting of pleasure from mistreatment of others 2. any enjoyment in being cruel 3. extreme cruelty).

Soccer, football, baseball, basketball and ice hockey are sports. Bicycle racing, marathon running, pole vaulting and shot putting are other examples. My personal favorite, downhill skiing, is both an outdoor activity and a sport. It tests one's skill and promotes quick reactions and good balance. Skiers can challenge themselves by going faster, taking steeper runs or skiing heavier, untracked snow (referred to as powder, crud or concrete, depending on moisture content). Of course, cross-country skiing (another of my favorite pastimes) is no doubt a sport. **Boxing, karate, and tennis all qualify as sports; each of them pitting two people—perhaps not equally matched, but equally willing—in a friendly contest of skill or chance that's not intended to result in the death of one's "opponent."**

No one can argue that the human hunter without weapons is not as equally suited for predation as any

non-human predator. I mean really, how did humans come up with this notion that they are the mightiest predator on Earth? Take away their guns and they are feeble. Every last squirrel, rabbit or mallard would laugh at the efforts of—and easily run rings around—an *unarmed* human hunter.

To compensate for being the obvious underdog, "sport" hunters are the most ruthless, cunning, conniving and—especially in the case of bow hunters or trappers—the most barbaric and monstrous creatures to ever walk the earth. Sure, today's hunters who want a challenge can opt for lower-tech, less accurate equipment like bows and arrows or black powder rifles, but that just increases the chance that their living targets will get away only wounded, rather than killed outright. If they want to call it a sport, hunters should arm the animals to at least allow them a fighting chance.

The key element clearly lacking in the so-called "sport" of hunting is that both sides are certainly not equally willing. Serial killers may consider stalking and killing *their* victims a sport, but any sane member of society would have to disagree.

It's high time we sane members of society take a firm stand for the

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Letter from the President

Greetings C.A.S.H. members, supporters and/or casual readers who may be C.A.S.H.-curious, but hesitate to go against the mainstream when it comes to animal versus human issues. Our goal is to help you see through the lies that we're bombarded with daily in the mainstream media and bring you into the fold for the animals. Goodness knows, our besieged four-legged, finned and feathered friends can use all the allies they can get! This time of year, it's like a one-sided war is being waged against them and they are vastly outnumbered...

You may have noticed I didn't start this letter out with "Season's Greetings" this time. As I write this, we're right smack in the middle of deer hunting "season" out West, so it doesn't feel like the time of year for festive celebrations. Of course I love the Autumn for its colored leaves and crisp, cool air, but I'm more than a bit tired of seeing the hordes in their camouflage garb and hunter orange driving up and down the highways displaying dead deer in the beds of their brand new pickups (as if deer were just meaningless objects and climate change was just some kind of a hoax dreamed up to spoil their fun).

Thankfully though, this year—in spite of global warming or perhaps, because of its wobbly effect on the jet stream—we're currently seeing an "atmospheric river" dropping a deluge of rain over the hunters' perceived playgrounds and unleashing "bomb cyclones" (as well as dumping snow in the mountain passes) while they scurry back to wherever the heck they came from and lick their wounds. As we speak, they've likely planted themselves on the sofa to watch the ball games on their big, flat screen TV's while they secretly breathe a sigh of relief that they are safe at home—rather than still out there in the wildlife's scary wild natural habitats.

But, followers of the C.A.S.H. daily blog: <https://committeetoabolishsport hunting.wordpress.com/> or visitors to the Hunting Accidents page of our Website: <http://abolishsport hunting.org/hunting-accidents/> know that not all hunters made it back home safe and sound this year (sorry to report).



Again, there's been a steady stream (practically a deluge) of hunters falling out of tree stands, shooting themselves, their hunting partners or an occasional innocent bystander. While that's always sad, the saddest story so far this year came out of Cody, Wyoming, on the Eastern edge of Yellowstone National Park, where

a mother grizzly bear protecting her two cubs was shot to death by a couple of elk hunters she encountered.

Unfortunately for everyone involved, those hunters didn't get rained out and decide to stay home that day. But, as they had already killed one elk the day before (who had no doubt wandered out of the park's invisible boundary), they were there to retrieve that trophy carcass (and probably hoped to fill some more elk tags while they were at it—since there were a total of four hunters in their "party"). As if the killing of the endangered grizzly bear wasn't enough of a crime against Nature, "game" "managers" later rode in and shot the cowering cubs, who had stayed by the side of their lifeless mother.

Presumably not wanting to upset their gentle readers (and draw attention away from the plight of an injured human hunter), the local papers printed only that the cubs were "euthanized" (a benign, more palatable synonym of "eradicated"). But in a phone call from C.A.S.H., the game department admitted that the cubs were shot. Never mind that there are probably several rehab centers nearby in the park's surrounding states who would gladly take in the orphaned, endangered grizzly cubs, 'that's not how they do things in Wyoming,' or some such sh...

Sorry about the unhappy ending to this letter. Hopefully as the season progresses, there won't be anymore hunting accidents (or hunter "success" stories at-the-expense-of-animals for that matter).

Until then, stay tuned; I'll talk to you next time,

Jim

Jim Robertson

President, the Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting

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non-human victims of hunting and demand an end to killing in the name of sport.

In light of the rise in violent crime, many have pondered the question: “How do I know if my neighbor is a psychopathic serial killer?” Well, unfortunately, it’s not easy. Unless of course you happen to live in any number of rural areas across the country where hunters are required to wear blaze orange—then the psychopathic serial killers stand out like a bunch of sore thumbs.

Okay, so perhaps it’s a bit hyperbolic to compare hunters to serial killers. Yes, they both obsess on and stalk their victims, whom they objectify and depersonalize in their single-minded quest to boost their self-esteem, and the kills made by both hunters and serial killers are followed by a cooling off period (such as a closed season on a given species).

But maybe a better comparison would be to mass murderers—the inadequate type who snipes with a hunting rifle at innocent passers-by from a clock tower, or fires an AR-15 at cars from an embankment alongside a freeway.

And either way, the plain fact is cruelty to animals often leads to the killing of people. The perpetrators of the Columbine mass school shooting in Colorado honed their slaying skills by practicing on woodpeckers with their hunting rifles. David Berkowitz, the self-proclaimed “Son of Sam” serial killer, who habitually took “sport” in shooting lovers in parked cars along the streets of New York City, began his criminal career by shooting his neighbor’s dog.

How can some people torment and kill animals and call it a “sport?” They must have the same merciless attitude as Canadian pig farmer, hands-on home-butcher and serial killer, Willy Pickton, who cut his victims’ bodies into strips of flesh and sold them as pork.

Not convinced that hunters are sociopaths? Consider these quotes from “diehard” bow hunter and NRA spokesman “terrible” Ted Nugent, about his favorite “sport”: “If you want to save a species, simply decide to eat it. Then it will be managed – like chickens, like turkeys, like deer, like Canadian geese.” and “I get a full predator spiritual erection from hunting bear, lions, coons, housecats, escaped chimps, small children, scared women and everything else that can be chased and/or hunted.” Now, if that guy’s not a sociopath, Willy Pickton’s just a pig farmer.

Why does the public put up with these people in their midst?

The mainstream media downplays the behavior of serial animal killers as though hunting was just another “event” to report on; like they were covering some Boy Scout Jamboree. They repeat by rote hunter “game” department jargon like the animals were inanimate objects, using emotionally void terms such as “crop” for deer, or “wolf harvest” for the unnecessary torture and murder of sentient beings vastly more admirable than their pursuers. Worse yet are the noxious spread of anything-goes anti predator/anti-wildlife websites and chat rooms now widespread in social media.

While we’re exploring the similarities between serial killers and sport hunters, another thing they both have in common is that they feel most alive when they’re out killing. A serial killer can’t be satisfied with a quiet walk in the night air any more than a hunter can take a hike on a trail without a weapon.

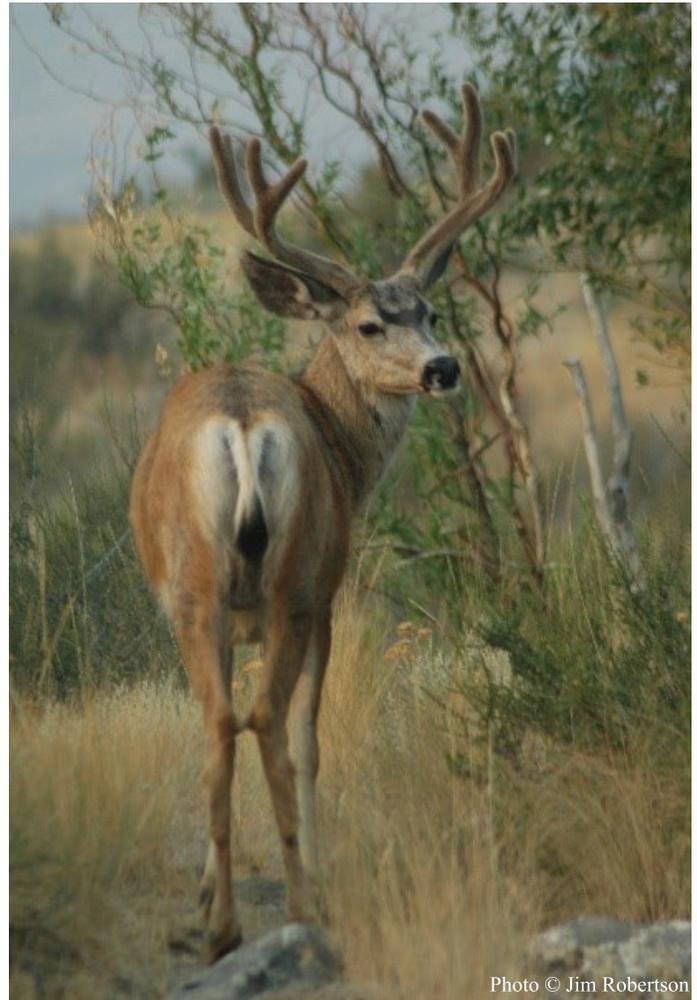


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That might explain why there’s no closed season on prairie dogs or coyotes in states that “manage” them for

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“recreational shooting opportunities.” “Game” managers must be able to relate to their hunter constituents well enough to know that killing just once a year isn’t enough for many of them. Like serial killers, sport hunters have a cooling off period between kills which doesn’t always last throughout the winter, spring and summer until the next autumn hunting season.

Prairie dogs and coyotes are two species that are heavily hunted, but never for food. Their killers can’t claim a need for sustenance; they’re just out for a bit of “fun.” **One thrill-killer describes his sport this way: “Prairie dog hunting is a blast, on both private and public lands. I like to start by clearing everything within 50 yards with an AR-15, then switch to my .223 Remington for anything out to about 150 and finally trade up to the bull barrel .22-250 for the longer shots.” Clearly, it’s the act of killing that really gets their blood up.**



Not to be outdone, trapping is notorious for the amount of bykill it’s responsible for.

According to the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Department, trappers out for wolves in 2011-2012 inadvertently captured 147 non-target animals, including white-tailed deer, elk, moose, mountain lions, skunks and ravens—in addition

to the 123 wolves they killed. They admitted that 69 of those animals died as a result. Trappers reported capturing 45 deer. Twelve of those died. They also captured 18 elk and four moose. The same number of coyotes ended up in traps as deer. 38 of the deer were killed. Nine mountain lions were captured in wolf traps—six of them died. “There are a heck of a lot of people out there trapping furbearers,” said the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks wildlife management chief. “And there also are a lot of people trapping coyotes, which aren’t even regulated.”

A while back I wrote a blog post called “Who’s the *Real* Anti?” wherein I pointed out that hunters are anti-wildlife, anti-wilderness, anti-nature and anti-competition, i.e., they’re anti-cougar, anti-coyote and unquestionably anti-wolf. At the same time, they’re pro-killing, pro-death, and when it comes right down to it, pro-animal cruelty. But after watching the inexplicable rise in popularity of hunting as demonstrated by the rapidly-growing number of ridiculous “reality” T.V. shows, like “Duck Dynasty,” “Swamp People,” “Chasing Tail” or God-only-knows what else, not to mention articles glorifying hunting in every paper or periodical across the country, I’m ready to admit that I’m an all-out anti—especially when it comes to activities like hunting.

As I wrote in my book, *Exposing the Big Game: Living Targets of a Dying Sport*: Not only am I anti-hunting, I’m avidly anti-trapping, anti-seal clubbing and anti-whaling. For that matter, I’m anti any form of bullying that goes on against the innocents—including humans. I am not an apologist for the wanton inhumanity of hunting in the name

of sport, pseudo-subsistence or conservation-by-killing. I’m anti-hate, as well as anti-greed, anti-ignorance, anti-apathy; I’m anti-objectification, anti-manipulation, anti-exploitation, anti-domination, anti-brutality; I’m anti-thoughtlessness, anti-selfishness, anti-unkindness, anti-egotism, anti-cruelty and anti those individuals who regularly exhibit any of these behaviors or embrace these traits. Let’s face it, you can’t kill an animal without being cruel; and therein lies the real reason I’m anti-hunting.

Most of all, I’m pro-wildlife, pro-nature and pro-animal. If you’re a member of C.A.S.H., you probably feel the same way. But according to hunters, we’re the “antis.” Hunters like to stereotype us all with a negative brush stroke, yet they are the *real* “antis.”

Ever since hominids first climbed down out of the trees and started clubbing their fellow animals, they have been on a mission to claim the planet as their own. No other species could ever live up to man’s over-inflated self-image; therefore they became meat. Or if not meat, a servant or slave in one way or another. If their flesh isn’t considered tasty, they’re put to use as beasts of burden, hunted for trophies, held captive for amusement or as literal guinea pigs to test drugs and torturous procedures for the perpetual prolongation of *human* life. Those who don’t prove themselves useful are deemed “pests” and slated for eradication. Because, for whatever rationale, the human species sees itself as the top dog—all others: their underlings.

Any society that looks the other way when people slay animals for fun does so at its peril.

WHAT DOES “EUTHANIZE” MEAN TO “GAME” DEPARTMENTS?

by Anne Muller

Veterinarians use the term “euthanize” to mean putting a dog or cat to death humanely by lethal injection.

But, on October 5th the Wyoming Game and Fish Department reported the following:

*The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Wyoming Game and Fish Department are currently investigating a **grizzly bear attack**. On Saturday morning, a man was injured by a grizzly bear while elk hunting west of Cody, Wyoming. The man rode out to the trailhead and was flown by helicopter to an area hospital where he is receiving treatment for what was initially reported as **non-life threatening injuries**.*

*Upon notification of the incident, Game and Fish immediately responded to the scene. Their initial investigation indicates **the hunter was attacked after a sudden encounter at close range with an adult female grizzly bear with two cubs. The female grizzly was killed by the hunter and his hunting partner, and Game and Fish, in coordination with the Service, euthanized her two cubs.***

The investigation is ongoing and is under the direction of the Service.

<https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Regional-Offices/Cody-Region/Cody-Region-News/Hunter-injured-in-Wyoming-grizzly-bear-attack>

'The safety of outdoor recreationists [hunters] is always at the forefront of our minds. Our thoughts are with the individual who was injured and we wish him a full and speedy recovery.' said Cody Regional Wildlife Supervisor Dan Smith for Wyoming Game and Fish.



Photo © Jim Robertson

They euthanized the little cubs despite the fact that Grizzly bears in Wyoming and the lower 48 states are protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.

C.A.S.H. called Dan Smith at Wyoming Game and Fish to ask just how the babies were euthanized. Dan confirmed our suspicion that the cubs were “euthanized” with a firearm!!!

We asked why they weren't turned over to a rehabber and he said they only have bird rehabbers in WY. That is likely by design. There is one mammal rehabber in the entire state, and when we called her, she said she only rehabs small mammals like chipmunks, squirrels, etc.

Killing the mother is atrocious enough, but shooting the cubs is as sick as it gets. The cubs were from the spring and perhaps smaller and younger than the little cub in the photo.

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Marine biologist, Rachel Carson, author of *Silent Spring*, had this to say about the growing problem:

“Until we have the courage to recognize cruelty for what it is—whether its victim is human or animal—we cannot expect things to be much better in this world.

We cannot have peace among men whose hearts delight in killing any living creature.

By every act that glorifies or even tolerates such moronic delight in killing we set back the progress of humanity.”

Portions of this article were excerpted from the book, *Exposing the Big Game: Living Targets of a Dying Sport*

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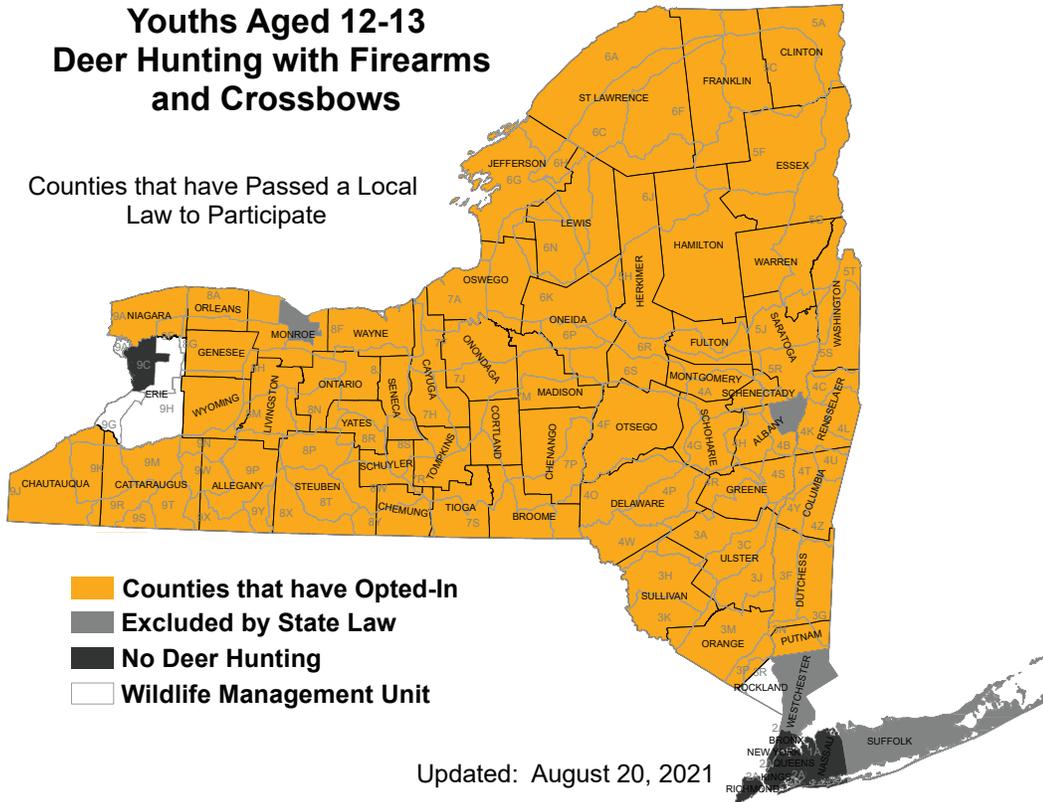
IT LOOKS DISMAL, BUT THERE ARE CHINKS IN THEIR ARMOR

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Lao Tsu

As much as C.A.S.H. was hoping that counties would deny the DEC push to lower the deer hunting age to twelve and allow 12-year-olds to kill deer with crossbows, you can see that almost all of the counties eligible to opt in did so. Only two said, “NO.”

Youths Aged 12-13 Deer Hunting with Firearms and Crossbows

Counties that have Passed a Local Law to Participate



We congratulate both Rockland and Erie Counties! Rockland simply ignored the opt-in offer by not bringing it up for a vote. The Erie County Legislature had actually voted it in by a narrow margin, but thanks to a group of citizens who boldly spoke out against opting-in, and thanks to the legislators who voted against opting in, the County Executive, Mark C. Poloncarz vetoed opting-in. The legislators who voted against opting in, although in the minority in the legislature, were

enough to deny a supermajority from overruling the County Executive’s decision. **The best news is that all of the dissenting legislators won reelection!!!**

See this excellent letter published in the Buffalo News:

The proposed law for Erie County to allow 12 and 13-year-old kids to hunt deer with firearms and crossbows is more than an animal rights issue – it’s also a safety issue. Hunting-related shooting incidents in New York increased nearly double last season from the previous year. Shooting incidents involved not only longtime experienced hunters but young people who are currently permitted to shoot small game. The reason for more incidents can be attributed to more hunters in the field due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Although the Department of Environmental Conservation maintains the rate of incidents is decreasing, the fact remains: More hunters in the woods results in more shooting and crossbow tragedies.

The sheriff of Lewis County, an avid gun rights advocate put it succinctly: “I don’t think they’re ready for it. I don’t think they’re ready emotionally, and I don’t think they’re ready physically. Some of them aren’t going to be strong enough to hold that firearm.” Although Lewis County elected to opt-in, this is Erie County’s opportunity to show New York State that we value the safety and protection of our young people by voting no to this proposal.

Gloria Jenkins
Amherst

WHAT *DOE* WE DO ABOUT THE DEER? WE *BUCK* THE FIREARMS INDUSTRY AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BUREAUS!

By Anne Muller

In a NY Daily News article titled: *What doe we do about the deer – The gentle animals are actually a sizeable threat*, the author complains about the threat overpopulated deer pose to humans. The author complains that dead deer on the roads are “unpleasant and dangerous.” He further complains about a health threat, car-deer collisions, crop loss, deforestation, climate change, and the lack of natural predators. **He then draws the conclusion that deer must be hunted!**

This author wants to see increased season lengths, a lower hunting age, longer hours for hunting during the day or night.

It’s interesting that the timing of the article coincided with the controversy over lowering the hunting age for deer in NYS to twelve, and new regulations extending hunting seasons and times. We wonder just how much this author has been talking to the Bureau of Wildlife from where he likely gets his suggestions.

Hunting is not the cure for any overpopulation of wildlife, rather, overpopulation is created for the benefit of hunting! If we truly want to reduce deer populations, then management of wildlife for the sake of the firearms industry’s profit has to stop!

State wildlife managers see the “outdoors” as an incubator and containment area for a continuous supply of victims for hunters. **The real question is why hunters carry so much weight in New York and elsewhere when they are a small percentage of the population? We have to follow the money and look at the sales of weapons, such as**

revolvers, rifles (including “modified” AK-47s and AR-15s), ammunition, bows & arrows, and crossbows and bolts!

Here is just a small sampling of “sporting” weapons you’ll see for sale on the Internet. Notice that their ads rev up the urge to go for it:



There’s no shortage of AR-15s to choose from. But if you’re operating in the northwest, it might not be enough gun for the largest game or for fighting it out with a Kodiak bruin. However, across most of America it’ll do just about anything you need to do, which is why so many of them have sold and why it’s known as America’s Rifle. The Sig Sauer M400 Tread is rock-solid reliable, comes with a threaded muzzle, and has a full family of Tread accessories available for it. It also has ambidextrous controls.

\$949; sigsauer.com



For some, the AK-47 ranks as the greatest battle rifle ever conceived. Others look at AKs like they’re relics of a bygone era that should be junked. For most of the military surplus versions, the latter consensus

is closer to the truth. However, in the world of the modern AK, not only can it serve as a functional battle rifle, when paired with the right 7.62x39mm ammunition it can serve a hunter too. This rifle features a left-side charging handle, full-length Picatinny top rail, side-folding adjustable stock, and fully adjustable Tritium iron sights. Of course, all of this goodness does not come cheap.

\$1,899; iwi.us



Chambered in the potent 10mm Auto cartridge, the semi-automatic Glock 20 is very popular among hunters who use hounds. Though it is most commonly used on hogs, more than a few bayed-up cougars and black bears have fallen to the Glock 20.

This semi-auto handgun offers a balance between power, large magazine capacity, the ability to take a rapid follow-up shot, and being easy to handle and carry. All of these characteristics are important to hound hunters, who may need to follow their prey on foot for several miles before taking a (usually) relatively close range shot on a dangerous animal.

About \$650

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Bows and Arrows

”Killer Instinct”



*Offering incredible velocities of up to 405 fps, the Killer Instinct® Lethal 405 Crossbow Package is rugged, lightweight, and quiet. The lightweight composite frame features an over molded grip and adjustable X-Lok forearm piece for maximum comfort and control, while the included 4x32 scope extends your overall range. Integrated rubber suppressors boast quiet, stealthy performance and lightweight carbon bolts offer improved accuracy. Plus, a lightweight, consistent trigger ensures reduced anticipation and steady control. This crossbow package includes a rope cocker, 3-bolt quiver, string suppressors, 3 **Killer Instinct HYPR Lite Carbon Crossbolts** with field tips, and rail lubricant, ensuring you’re ready for target practice, right out of the box! **\$250 includes 3 bolts.***

Adding to the income are the bolts and the broadheads.



Additional bolts
6 for \$49.99.



”Rage” crossbow
broadheads
3 for \$49.99.

**Can you now start to
see the flow of money?**

THE GOVERNMENT CONNECTION

Here’s a summary of how it works and why we say the government is in the firearms business:

With the exception of firearms for the military and police, all other **firearms carry an excise tax**, collected at the point of manufacture or import, **that goes to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).**

The FWS keeps 8% for their administrative costs to apportion the excise tax collected to the wildlife management divisions of states so they can ensure more use of firearms and ammo via hunting.

A state’s portion of the federal excise tax is determined in part by the NUMBER OF HUNTING PERMITS IT SELLS and the size of the state. The formula allows a state like Montana that has a lot of land but a low absolute population (though a high percentage of hunters) to still get a sizeable portion of the excise tax.

See this chart:

New York is 54,556 square miles; Total population about 20 million; <3% of the population hunts (600,000); their 2020 P-R apportionment was about \$15,500,000

Montana is 147,040 square miles; Total population about 1 million; >63% of the population hunts (630,000); their 2020 P-R apportionment was about \$15,500,000

California is 163,696 square miles; Total population about 40 million; <1% of the population hunts (400,000); their 2020 P-R apportionment was about \$27,500,000

Texas is 268,597 square miles; Total population about 29 million; <4% of the population hunts (1,600,000); their 2020 P-R apportionment is \$27,500,000.

A state like NY with a high population but not so much land can also get a substantial portion of the tax. Visit the link for the 2020 listing of what the states took in from the Pittman-Robertson tax of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration. <https://www.fws.gov/wsfrprograms/Subpages/GrantPrograms/WR/WRFinalApportionment2020.pdf>

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With a name like “*Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration,*” Please don’t think that they are restoring endangered or threatened species, they are instead restoring the populations of animals that have been decimated during the hunting season, so that the carnage can continue year after year.

In fact, wildlife management for hunting is likely the cause of endangered and threatened species. There is no focus put on those species and no economic incentive to help them.

Such an economic scheme motivates state wildlife management divisions or bureaus to push for laws like lowering the hunting age, which obviously leads to the purchase of more firearms and ammunition, bows and arrows, and crossbows and bolts!

Many people think of hunting as a necessary evil to keep animal populations “under control.” That’s the propaganda put out via outdoor programs such as “Adventure NY.” **But it’s truly the wildlife management division’s connection to the firearms industry that should be the focus of concern.** Yet this is a seemingly politically untouchable area. **If firearms are ever going to be brought under control, we must focus on divisions of our government that are connected to the profits of the firearms industry.**

Deer management is about ensuring a sizeable population of wildlife for hunters who are purchasers of weapons.



Photo © Jim Robertson

Wildlife management is a balancing act full of design that involves habitat manipulation, setting killing seasons, artificially skewing sex ratios, acquiring land, and working with “partners” to the end of supplying victims for hunters who benefit firearms manufacturers.

The repercussions of this partnership between the government and firearms manufacturers and importers should be broadly understood:

Every person who is killed in the city with a firearm, whether the weapon is a handgun, AK-47 or AR-15, and whether or not the user has a hunting permit, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and state wildlife bureaus financially prosper. In NY, the state beneficiary is the Bureau of Wildlife within the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)! **Additionally, let’s not forget state and county taxes on firearms.**

The wildlife economy that is driving weapons usage via hunting needs to change. We can’t have the government claim to be working against the firearms industry while they are both working hand in glove.

An alternative to hunting is wildlife watching. In a wildlife watching economy, wild animals would not be intentionally manipulated so they can be killed for the sake of the firearms industry.

Our appeal to federal, state, and local government is to sever economic ties with the firearms industry.

THE HUNTING/FIREARMS DIVISION OF OUR GOVERNMENT HIDES BEHIND SMOKE SCREENS AND EUPHEMISMS

THE REALITY IS BRUTALITY AGAINST ANIMALS AND PEOPLE,

While wild animals are the intended victims of wildlife management for hunting, **the people who’ve died by firearms are mere collateral damage** so that hunters can continue to stimulate the firearms economy. **The unholy alliance between the firearms industry and their government partners (wildlife management divisions) must be severed for the sake of our society and wildlife.**

The NY Daily News writer has it wrong, **GOVERNMENT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AGENCIES ARE OUT OF CONTROL, NOT DEER!**

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CINCINNATI URBAN DEER ADVOCATES

By Millie Schafer

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- Wear Reflective & Bright Colors
- Dogs on Leash

Bow hunting this year started September 26, 2021. Just how comfortable does the big orange sign warning you about dangerous bow hunting make you feel while you're trying to relax and experience the healing, therapeutic power of nature. I no longer feel safe visiting our parks - but I won't let it stop me!

Cincinnati Parks, to counter CUDA's well-documented objections, are now promoting their false claims using a video presentation. You can see their propaganda with jazzy music in the background here: <https://www.facebook.com/CincyParks/videos/633672270673101/> **But don't believe it!**

CUDA FOUND AN AMAZING VIDEO BY A VETERINARIAN ON THE HORRORS OF BOW HUNTING and have now posted it on our Cincinnati Urban Deer Advocates Facebook. It disputes the myths about quick bow hunting kills. The title of the video is: "A Veterinarian Perspective on Bowhunting".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgA1iD0dhvg> Please send to others.

So long as the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources's (ODNR) funding is linked to excise taxes on firearms and ammunition, and bows and arrows, so long as they influence decisions, hunting will never be brought under control or stopped.

In 2020, CUDA met with the new park board president, Jim Goetz. He assured us he would move our proposal to stop hunting in Cincinnati parks to the ODNR via the park board, and requested we get at least one community to officially sign on via their park advisory group or their council. **WE DID THAT! - Stanbery Park Advisory Group stepped up. They had been working for four years on the deer issue and wanted the bow hunting gone!!** In 2021, after hearing nothing for a long time, and after pushing for a meeting, Goetz said he didn't have enough support from the park board! We further learned that the park pro-kill employees were waging a political effort against us - and no doubt had influenced the park board. **As we have the science on our side, the park people have resorted to dirty politics.**

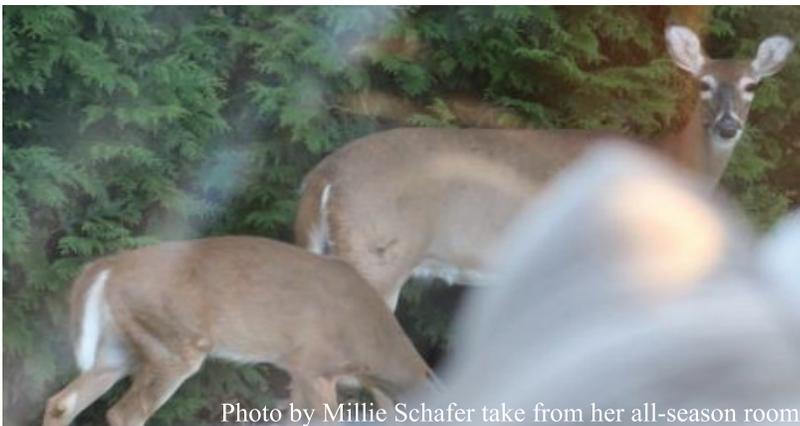


Photo by Millie Schafer take from her all-season room

THIS HURTS PERSONALLY

Three days after hunting began, I watched this small fawn follow his mom. She showed him how to find bird seed on the ground at the bird feeders and then led him to the bird bath to get a drink of water - she drank first and then the fawn did. The fawn is completely dependent on his mom - and is now learning how to find food and water. **If that mom is killed by a bow hunter, this fawn's survival will be in peril.**

I repeat that deer are sentient beings. They feel pain. They have a social structure; they're a matriarchal society. Fawns stay with their moms for one to two years, and sadly many of the fawns see their mothers killed. **Hunting is not wanted in the city!**

HUNTERS DON'T OBEY THE LAW

Although barely a week into the deer killing season, I was walking in Drake Park picking up beer cans, whiskey bottles, etc. and stepped inside a No Hunting area. Just about 10 feet in, I found an arrow lying there! A bow hunter was seen in the area and he was also seen coming out of a residential/wooded area across from Drake Park (also a No Hunting area).

I filed a complaint with Cincinnati Parks - but expect another "cover up."

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WATCHING WORMS

By Lauren Wesp

Growing up, I loved searching for worms. I felt fascinated watching their squiggly little selves and exhilarated upon finally spotting one. I could spend hours digging through mud looking for my little buddies. As a friend, though, it was my responsibility to engage respectfully and gently while saying hello. My experiences with worms highlighted that they mattered too. My worm "hunt," therefore, instilled values antithetical to real hunting.

Humans are especially social animals. While not very capable alone, we survive by banding together with other humans and animals. Within these communities, we have to relate with one another to form sufficiently cohesive groups capable of cooperating. Rather than being born with an exact prescription for interaction, this is something that must be learned. Biologically speaking, we're neurologically plastic, which means our neurons can wire and rewire together in different ways. **Our minds are especially malleable during youth, adapting to the circumstances in which we find ourselves.** Socially speaking, humans also have a great deal of flexibility. While interacting, we gather cues about acceptable norms and values, which serve as guides for constructing our self-identities and societies. So, we're shaped by experiences in our social environment, for better or worse.

Based on our experiences, we create understandings of other human and nonhuman animals, informing how we relate with one another. As Dr. Melanie Joy's book, *Powerarchy*, explains, there's two divergent ways to relate: power-over vs. power-with relationships. **When some individuals are seen as superior in moral worth, power-over dynamics tend to form and tactics of domination become permissible means for securing interests.**



Photo by Lauren Wesp

Conversely, when everyone's viewed as equal in moral value, human or otherwise, power-with relationships tend to emerge. In using our power to try to benefit everyone, we seek to coexist without domination. This is a more pro-social way of relating based upon respect and acknowledgment of everyone's inherent worth.

Research has linked attitudes in favor of dominating nonhuman animals with high scores on a sociological scale known as social dominance orientation. More simply put, when humans believe in dominating other animals, the likelihood increases of supporting other forms of domination. Human supremacists tend to engage in other forms of supremacy, including within the categories of gender, race, class, sexual orientation, etc. So, the power-over dynamic of dominating non-human animals sets the foundation for oppressive relationships of all kinds.

Recently, pro-hunting organizations have been pushing to expand children's access to hunting. In Buffalo, NY, our county (Erie) has so far been the only eligible county in NY State to decide against opting-in to a program allowing 12 and 13-year-olds to hunt deer with guns. The legislature narrowly voted to opt-in but that was overturned thanks to a veto by County Executive Mark Poloncarz. With such a close result, pro-hunting groups have already threatened vigilance in continuing to push for Erie County to opt-in. Pro-hunting organizations have been mounting similar campaigns throughout the country.

While incremental changes to laws about hunting ages might seem like small moves, there's a very big reason hunters have their crosshairs set on children: because of their vulnerability.

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Using language of “tradition,” hunters argue that they need the opportunity to pass down hunting traditions to the next generation. Traditions, however, can be passed on at any age.

The tradition of marriage, for example, is almost universally seen as one that shouldn’t be entered into before adulthood. The tradition of hunting, however, is unique. Despite the unfortunate capacity for human violence, most humans are actually averse to hurting others, especially the innocent. In WW2, for example, many soldiers shot to miss, not wanting to kill even sworn adversaries. Many humans also have a strong affinity for animals as seen by the deep bonds formed with those we adopt as family. So to keep this tradition of killing alive, hunters have to override aversions toward inflicting violence and our affection towards other animals. **Hunters are targeting the youth at such a vulnerable age to prey on their susceptibility to**

being desensitized to violence while creating prodomination attitudes, molding them into adults with traits necessary for hunting. This can have broad ramifications as these children grow into adults who have learned that domination and violence are not only tolerable but appropriate. Unsurprisingly, childhood violence against animals proves to be a good predictor of adulthood violence.

Our flexibility in development provides reasons for concern as well as hope. **We can foster domination and violence, or alternatively, compassion and kindness. The choices we are making now are building our future relationships with other humans and our fellow animals.**

My worm “hunts” helped provide the foundation for caring deeply



about all animals, human and nonhuman.

In adulthood, I now leave the worms where they are, for the most part. Although on rainy days, I still say a friendly hello while gently relocating my squiggly little buddies from hazardous side-walks to the safety of some mud (although, I might be a bit extra at

times in mumbling a lecture to them about staying safe). If I’d grown up with a different experience around hunting, I don’t doubt that I’d be a very different person.

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THE DEDICATED WORK OF CUDA CINCINNATI URBAN DEER ADVOCATES



Arrow found in a no-hunting zone

Photo by Millie Shafer

In short, hunters are using the No Hunting zones as well. (The hunter, if identified, will simply claim he was cutting through the area to get to a hunting area).

More people need to speak out if only for their own safety. If you would like to contact us, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/CincinnatiUrbanDeerAdvocates/>

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ASK UNCLE JOE



BY JOE MIELE

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Hey guys! Did you miss me? No, don't answer that. Anyhow, Uncle Joe is back for a guest column and as I've done in the past, I'd like to address some comments that still come my way from wildlife friends and foes.

So let's have at it!

Dear CASH,

I hope you're happy now that you antis got governor Murphy's puppet DEP commissioner to stop the bear hunt. That hunt was the only thing keeping our community safe from the real threats that bears pose. Have you ever come face to face with a hungry sow looking for food for her cubs? New Jersey has the densest population of both bears and people and that is a recipe for disaster. When a camper is pulled from their tent and mauled, and yes, it is a matter of time before it happens, what will you antis say? What will Murphy say to the family of the victim? Stop mixing politics with science.

*E. Larson,
Wantage, NJ*

Dear E.

Math is a science, correct? Statistics = science. Right? Let's apply some science: how many residents and visitors frequent NJ's state parks each year? Don't worry about looking it up – here's your answer according to the NJ Division of Parks and Forestry: 17.8 million. After doing more science, this means that there have been around 178 million visits to NJ's state parks over the

past ten years. Now let's tally the number of people killed by bears in the most densely populated state with the most dense bear population: One. Yes, one. That means you have a 1:178,000,000 chance of being killed by a bear over the course of 10 years spent visiting NJ's parks. So stop with the histrionics, ok? Killing hundreds of bears who are living in the woods and minding their own business doesn't protect the public in any way. All it does is allow hunters to exercise their desire to be needlessly violent against helpless victims. If science were honest about this it would categorize bear hunters as mentally ill. But in the end I agree with you – we shouldn't mix politics with science. The 0.8% of New Jersey's population that hunts (those pesky statistics again) shouldn't be dictating policy for the 99.2% who are either non-hunters or anti-hunters.

**Regards,
Uncle Joe**

Dear Uncle Joe,

I don't look like the kind of person people think of when they imagine the "typical" hunter. I'm short, thin, clean shaven, and I have a master's degree in early childhood education. Why do I hunt if I don't check any of the stereotypical boxes? Sure, it's for conservation and the solitude one can experience only after hiking for an hour and sitting in a tree at sunrise, but for the most part I hunt because the feeling I get when hunting is one of connection.

The rush of adrenaline upon seeing the buck that cannot see me. The thrill of being taken back to my childhood and of pulling the trigger the first time with my grandfather by my side. The knowledge that I've done something incredibly difficult; I've used my skill to gain an advantage over an animal whose senses are far more developed than my own. My hunts have arisen from a deep respect and love of nature and an understanding that man is a part of it and not somehow above it all. Each hunt ties me to those who have preceded me and it is an awesome feeling that only a hunter can understand. It is clear that you do not understand the mind and heart of the hunter, but you can be educated by talking to us while keeping your mind open to learning from someone with hunting in their soul. Realize too that hunters don't fit a mold; we are everyone.

*David C.
Colonie, NY*

Dear David,

Thanks for your comments. You might be surprised to learn that our understanding of hunters and hunting has indeed come from speaking with hunters and listening to them talk among themselves when they are comfortable enough to let their hair down among their peers. We've attended hunter education classes and have sat in on more game agency meetings than you can imagine and we've heard hunters laugh at stories that I guess only a hunter could find humorous.

We were told of a mortally wounded deer who ran headfirst into a stone wall while running for her life – and hunters laughed. We’ve seen car-struck deer with arrows stuck in them and we wonder why this hunter wasn’t charged with causing an accident. We’ve seen a racoon mounted to make her look she was walking a squirrel on a leash, and a deer mounted sitting at a table playing cards with other dead deer. The decades of disrespect toward wildlife that we’ve seen and the stories that we’ve heard, coupled with the complete lack of comments from “ethical” hunters who claim they “respect” wildlife, leads us to believe that you all put on a public face that is far different from who you actually are. So be honest with yourself David – who are you *really* and why do you hunt? What’s the real answer – not just the answer you want us to believe?

We’re onto your game,
Uncle Joe

CASH,

You know why hunting season is my favorite time of year? Because deer spread deer ticks which cause Lyme disease. My sister suffered from Lyme disease and she had half her face paralyzed and still has severe Lyme related headaches.

We thought she had a stroke or aneurism and it took a while for the doctors to properly diagnose her condition as Lyme.

Terrifying watching it happen to your little sister. When deer season comes around I’m thrilled to buy a tag and do my part to stop the spread of this terrible disease. Less deer means less ticks and that means less suffering people.

Jennifer,
Allentown, PA

Dear Jennifer,
I’m sorry about your sister’s condition, but point your browser over to the Center for Disease Control website and search for information on Lyme disease. Next, mosey on over to the section called “Preventing Tick Bites on People.” Notice how the prevention advice is basic common sense – use insect repellent, stay on established trails, and check yourself for ticks when you get home or back to camp. Nowhere is hunting mentioned as a way to reduce the incidence of Lyme disease. A can of Deep Woods Off will do more to prevent Lyme disease than anything you can do as a hunter. So instead of patting yourself on the back for being a great sister, realize that you’re really doing absolutely nothing to help.

Regards,
Uncle Joe

Dear CASH,
I worry so much about wildlife over the winter that it makes me depressed. Is there anything I can do to help them get through the season without making them completely dependent on my handouts?

Louise,
Laconia, NH

Dear Louise,
Thank you for being concerned about wildlife and their struggles through the winter season. I’d like to tell you what I do for wildlife here in Las Cruces. The first thing I do is have fresh water set out for them. If possible, use a heated water bowl and refresh the water several times a day. We have a few feral cats who live on our property and they love our heated water bowls. The water doesn’t get warm at all – it stays just above freezing so there is little risk of evaporation. We also toss birdseed around several areas of our property. Any mix of wild bird seed should do the job just fine. As a bonus you can mix in some dried fruit. Nuts and seeds (unsalted) are good for squirrels too. Always remember to feed wildlife at a distance and not get them too used to coming around your home because they need to be able to survive on their own when the weather conditions become more friendly.

Regards,
Uncle Joe

MORE WORRIES FOR LANDOWNERS DUE TO HUNTING

This time of year, some insurance companies put out information regarding the need for having “hunting insurance” in case a hunter has an accident on your property.

They say, Although it is just an accident, people may seek compensation. If the compensation is not what they expected, a lawsuit may follow. It is important that you have the right protection so you and your family are not at risk.

C.A.S.H. members would never allow hunters on their property, but would a trespasser be able to bring a lawsuit if s/he is injured? C.A.S.H. called the NYS DEC to find out and the short answer is “YES.” We were told that the property would have to be posted. However, not only is posting expensive but hunters have been known to simply rip the posters down!

Posting laws have to change. If property is not posted welcoming hunters, then it is off limits!

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PETER'S HUMOR?

C.A.S.H. apologizes if you are not amused

Johnny was in logic class and was asked by his teacher, "Johnny, hunters like to call hunting a "sport," but what is the difference between sport hunting and other sports?" Without hesitating, Johnny shouted out, "In other sports both teams are aware they are playing."



Then, in Biology class, Johnny was asked by his teacher, "Johnny, what has 4 feet, 1 brain, and no heart?" Without any hesitation, Johnny blurted out, "A pair of hunters."



Q: What did the hunter do when he heard that 90% of accidents occur around the home?

A: He moved.



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

A hunter just got back to town from a whole day of walking around in the woods without finding anything to shoot at. He hadn't eaten all day. He stopped at the first pizza shop he saw and ordered a "whole pizza with everything." The waiter asked him if he wanted it cut into eight slices or twelve. He had to think for a while; finally he decided and informed the waiter "You better make it eight slices I could never finish twelve."

If you have hunter jokes to share for possible publication, please email Wildwatch@verizon.net and put "Humor" in the subject line.



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