



Cats Aren't Trophies

Protecting Colorado's mountain lions, bobcats & lynx

CATs is a diverse statewide coalition seeking a ballot measure to ban trophy hunting of mountain lions and fur trapping of bobcats in Colorado. Lynx are included as a rare wild cat species of Colorado because they can get injured and killed in baited bobcat traps.

Trophy hunting of mountain lions and bobcats is cruel and unsporting – a highly commercial, high-tech head-hunting exercise that doesn't produce edible meat or sound wildlife management outcomes, but only orphaned cubs and social chaos among the surviving big cats.

Greetings from the frontlines of the CATs campaign!

We are thrilled to share that CATs can officially receive donations through our brand-new [donation button!](#)

Our ability to [accept financial support](#) for our campaign to ban mountain lion and bobcat trophy hunting and trapping comes just as we enter Colorado's mountain lion trophy hunting season. With your help, we can prevent this cruel and unsporting season from happening again.

A donation today helps us in the fight to stop future cruel and inhumane mountain lion hunts at the ballot box next year! [Please consider a donation today.](#)

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Featured CATs News Article

[Opinion: Colorado's big cats aren't trophies and shouldn't be for sale.](#) Written by CATs members Pat Craig of The Wild Animal Sanctuary, Christine Capaldo, a veterinarian in Southwest Colorado, and Dave Ruane, a fair-chase hunter. The piece was published statewide in Denver, Greeley, Longmont, Fort Morgan, Boulder, Erie, and Lafayette.

[Go here](#) to see more stories about the Cats Aren't Trophies campaign.

Social Media Update

CATs has a social media presence on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). We encourage you to share, follow and support our posts across the state, the country, and with friends and family.

One of our most popular posts juxtaposed a mountain lion trophy hunter with the carcass of Cecil, the beloved African lion who was mercilessly shot by a dentist to the fury of the American public.



African or American lion... it's all for the trophy



Endorsements Grow 50-plus; Sign-up Form is Now Online

Even before we announced it publicly, the CATs campaign was securing dozens of endorsements from leading wildlife, environmental and many other highly reputable organizations doing good work for animals, habitats, and humans.

Our [endorsement page](#) is one of the most visited pages on the site. If you work for an organization or have connections to one that aligns with your values, this page has a form to sign up, so please do.

Volunteer with CATs

We are offering multiple ways to engage in volunteer training for people who would like to join the ranks of our signature gathering rock stars!

1

In-person Training

November 30th at 6:30 p.m. and December 1st at 1 p.m. We are hosting two in-person trainings for those interested in volunteering as circulators in Boulder. Please [contact Sam](#) if you would like to attend one of these gatherings.

2

Welcome webinar and introduction

December 6th at 6:00 p.m. Welcome webinar and introduction to the campaign for interested volunteers. Invitation to follow.

3

Circulator training video

Available in December from *Humane Voters Colorado*, Keep an eye out for a link in the future.

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Voices from CATs An essay from Randall Updike, Ph.D.

This is indeed a magnificent morning. Fresh snow fell during the night, and the trees are literally glittering with their new coats. The air is so sharp, clear, and bright. I need to venture out of our home to find a bit of nourishment for my little one. Though our den is so comfy, it does not provide the small critters that we need to nourish ourselves to be strong and healthy.

As I step out from the entrance, I hear a far-off roar... not part of my peaceful valley. The roar becomes louder, and now I hear native howls that strike my native instinct as DANGER. The howls are becoming intense, and I must move away from the den to protect my little one from harm. The snow is deep as I leap in bounds across the drifts to the shelter of the big trees.

The roar is now very close, and I see it is not a natural animal but something unknown upon which sits an animal I once before saw. That time, there were three of these animals, walking quietly beneath the trees in which I was hiding. For a moment those three looked up at me, stared, and I heard one of them make a gentle sound toward me; then they quietly moved on.

Now, this time, there is no gentle sound but instead a combination of the roars, growls, and a high-pitched yell from the two-legged animal. I climb to the topmost branches of my tree and await their passing away, so I can recover peace.... but they do not pass. The howling animals are jumping at me, the roaring thing stops below me and becomes silent.

The two-footed animal steps into the snow, with a long, grey stick in his paw, which he points at me. I snarl in warning, hear a faint click in reply, goodbye my little one and.....

Share your CAT Stories

CATs wants to hear about your positive personal stories about mountain lions, bobcats and lynx, as well as see your photographs and videos. We would also love to share them with others on our website and on social media. So please visit the website where you can engage with us!

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