



Dear *{{FirstName or "Friend of Cats Aren't Trophies"}}*,

When it comes to mountain lion trophy hunting in Colorado, more than 97% of the kills are achieved with the aid of packs of dogs.

We are talking about dogs trained to pursue and attack their quarry. Dogs fitted with high-tech GPS locators on the animals' collars. Dogs who will attack the lion if they overtake him or her.

When the tracking signal comes from a set location, the trophy hunter knows the dog has fled into a tree. The hunter then walks to the base of the tree and shoots the lion from a tree limb.

That's not a hunt. That's a search-and-destroy mission.

This issue was on the ballot a generation ago. Colorado voters approved Amendment 10 to ban the use of hounds in hunting bears. Seventy percent (70%) of voters favored the reform.

If it's wrong to hunt bears with packs of dogs, it's wrong to hunt lions or bobcats with them.

But hounding is even more diabolical than meets the eye.

Most of the packs of dogs are owned and trained by professional guides. **These commercial hunters charge upwards of \$8,000 for a "guaranteed kill" of a trophy lion.**

It's that much of a sure thing that they are willing to forego any pay until the cat is killed.

Like I said, "a search and destroy mission."

They shoot "trophy males." They shoot females, too. And when they do the latter, they orphan kittens. State data shows that 47% of mountain lions killed last season were female. Because the kittens and juveniles stay with their moms for as long as 18 months, the hunt is a prescription for orphaning.

Our team has reviewed state data and it reveals that of nearly 500 mountain lions trophy hunted during the most recent reported year for self-reported methods (2021-2022), 97.3% of those were killed using hounding. The percentage could be higher, because there were 13 lions hunted, without the method reported at all by the shooters.

Can you imagine a hunt so inhumane and so unsporting? Dogs terrorize the cats. They may overtake them and attack the cat. The frightened animal then climbs a tree to get away. But the escape is illusory.

The cat is shot with a broadhead arrow or hot metal and then crashes to the ground. The dogs then tear into animal, often still alive.

Will you please help us stop this horror show?

We will face millions in spending by the national trophy hunting lobby.

The wild cats deserve our most vigorous defense.

Please donate generously today. And forward this email to alert other voters about the horrors of hound hunting and shooting inedible lions out of trees.

This is bare-bones cruelty to animals in Colorado. Together, we can stop it.

Will you donate today to help our organization fight for bobcats, mountain lions and other animals?

Please donate today!



For the cats,
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Cats Aren't Trophies, Campaign Manager