



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

We did it!

Wednesday morning, the Colorado Secretary of State's office sent the Cats Aren't Trophies campaign the email we were all waiting to read: CATs submitted more than enough verified voter signatures to win a place on the November 2024 ballot!

Your hard work and generous support enabled us to do what many said we could not achieve. Nearly 79% of submitted signatures were deemed valid – a testament to the diligence and care of our volunteer petitioners throughout the state.

So today, we celebrate our hard work together. This was an amazing collective accomplishment. But we also rededicate ourselves to the final and most important phase of the campaign: winning the votes of a majority of 4.5 million registered voters in Colorado, from Durango to Fort Collins and every big city and small town in our great state.

Reaching millions of voters is no small task. And it's no easy task given the fierce opposition of the Safari Club International and state and national and international trophy hunting groups aligned against us.

Our opponents say that a handful of "experts" paid for by the trophy hunting lobby should decide the issue. They think regular Coloradans are not smart enough to make an ethical judgment about chasing down a lion with a pack of dogs, driving the frightened animal up a tree, and shooting him or her off of a tree limb for a head or a fur coat.

We don't think Coloradans are too dumb to decide that issue, as our opponents charge. It was Colorado voters who decided a generation ago to outlaw hounding of bears and orphaning their young. Same cruel method, different species.

We believe Colorado voters are plenty smart enough to decide to render the same sort of judgment when it comes to the treatment of lions and bobcats.

CATs knows that trophy hunting and fur trapping is unjustified and inhumane; it's just for heads and beautiful fur.

CATs knows that this kind of unpopular, fringe hunting is cruel and wasteful, killing untold numbers of kittens every year that die horribly from starvation.

CATs knows that hounding with high-tech gadgets, and catching cats in trees and traps should never be anyone's recreational pleasure in a state that respects nature and the animals who live in our protected habitats.

CATs knows that people randomly shooting trophy lions and skinning bobcats are not "managing" anything. Lions take care of their own populations, as they do in California where they are not hunted for heads and hides. It's the lions, bobcats and lynx that maintain balance of nature, and are key to protecting wildlife and habitat from disease spread.

CATs knows it's weird to say you eat cats, domestic or wild.

Our message is **strong and positive, life-affirming**, while the opposition just wants to kill these majestic animals to possess their body parts for home display or commerce in fur.

No doubt though, they are going to try to create doubt about our plan for humane treatment of wildlife. We do not underestimate their funding or their capacity to trot out misinformation and lies.

But we will work hard to dismantle every excuse to kill. We use the truth backed by science, embedded in Colorado values.

So today please, celebrate. But let's keep the momentum going because the fight has just begun. Now the real fight begins.

As we turn to the decisive and final stage of the campaign, we ask you to invest with your labor and your financial support.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to stop massive cruelty to wild cats of Colorado by passing THIS statewide ballot initiative.

We ask you to dig deeper than for any other cause or campaign because an outcome looms. In less than three months, with your help, we can usher in a new policy to protect native cats in the state from cruelty.

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

[Please donate today!](#)



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