

Dear Friend of Cats Aren't Trophies,

Cats Aren't Trophies is officially Proposition 127!

It is time to get out and tell everyone to

VOTE YES ON 127, Cats Aren't Trophies!

We are now in the throes of this campaign, with just 55 days to Election Day. Voting starts in just 30 days!

Every conversation, every dollar raised, every media interview conducted counts. The bad news is, trophy hunting elites are pouring millions into the campaign against us.

To win, we have to fight. And we have to have the ammunition to counter their lies and their falsehoods.

Only we can lead voters on the path to stop the cruelty of hounding lions and bobcats. The bludgeoning and strangling of bobcats in baited traps. The "guaranteed kills" served up to trophy hunters by guides who lead the shooter to a tree to kill a cornered, terrified cat.

In Prop Ballot Measures, Voters Addressed Hounding and Cruel Traps

In 1992, the voters overwhelmingly voted to ban baiting and hounding of bears because it is plainly wrong and goes against basic ethics of humane treatment of wildlife and fair play and fair chase.

Prop 127 is a continuation of what the citizens already decided. If it's wrong to use hounds on bears, then it's wrong to use hounds on lions or bobcats. If it's wrong to kill bobcats with bodygripping traps, then it's wrong to kill them in cage traps and then strangle them in their cages.

CSU Study Shows We Can Win

Last week, experts in assessing public attitudes at Colorado State University published findings revealing that the vast majority of Coloradans disapprove of using hounds to trophy hunt

mountain lions and that citizens also overwhelmingly disapprove of killing these predators for their hides or fur.

The study, published in the <u>Society for Conservation Biology</u>, shows that among Colorado citizens:

- 77.9% disapprove of hunting mountain lions for trophies
- 80.6% disapprove of hunting mountain lions for a hide or fur
- 88.2% disapprove of hunting mountain lions using dogs

Trophy hunters seeking to kill lions almost always use hounds. That's how 99% of the lions are killed.

This CSU study confirms that the public is with us. But in other ballot measure campaigns and candidate campaigns, you've seen the public bamboozled by massive spending campaigns with confusing ads. That's what we face. We cannot allow the trophy hunters and fur trappers to swamp us with big spending.

Hunting Guides Offer Fee-Paying Trophy Hunters 'Guaranteed Kills'

Here's just how one guide operates in Colorado, describing in detail how hounding works. (Boldface added for emphasis.)

Winter Cougar Hunt '24-25 / Colorado, United States - BookYourHunt.com

This hunt is conducted with trucks, snowmobiles, and other off highway vehicles. We start our days very early driving roads looking for mountain lion tracks. Once we have a track located, we release hounds and **catch your cat**.

Using GPS technology, we track the hounds and precisely locate where they treed your trophy. We then determine the easiest route to take you into your trophy. Hikes can be very short but can also range 1-2 miles and 750+- feet in elevation. Due to the large area the hunt lodging will vary from hunt to hunt. Most hunts will be based out of our home where clients will have their own private bed, bath and living room area. Weeks where we choose to travel to further hunting areas, lodging will be based out of a nice toy hauler RV, or possible motels in the nearest town. Some areas we will stay in a rustic modern cabin with most of the luxuries of home.

Success rate: Near 100% opportunity on mature cat

The public must understand the cruel features of this commercial killing of our native wildlife. Native wild cats who deliver economic and ecological benefits to rural Colorado by cleansing deer and elk populations of the deadly and incurable Chronic Wasting Disease.

The only way to reach mass audiences is through TV advertising.

Will you dig deep to get the message out? This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to help animals. The cats are looking to each one of us to help. We can stop trophy hunters and commercial trappers from terrorizing and killing them for their beautiful coats.

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

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