



Dear Friend of Cats Aren't Trophies,

Today I want to talk about the most vulnerable wild cats of Colorado.

I am talking about newborn and kittens, in the den, waiting for their mothers to come back and feed them, nurture them, and teach them to hunt for their own survival.

Trophy hunters are their No. 1 threat to survival.

Last season, 47% of all mountain lions killed by trophy hunters were female.

Dr. Rick Hopkins, Ph.D., has been studying the effects of trophy hunting for four decades and says that when you have trophy hunting, you will “undeniably create orphaned kittens.”

Sure as shooting, the entire family group is lost once the mom is slain.

He also points out that female lions breed year-round and that their young will depend on their mothers for up to 18 months before venturing out on their own with the skills they need to survive.

We also know that mother lions will leave the den up to 12 days to go hunting alone.

The state has rules that require trophy hunters to look for tracks of the young and to not kill mothers with young. But that's an unworkable and absurd rule. The enormously high rate of killing females proves the point.

Why should we even need a rule governing something so hideously inhumane and cruel as lion trophy hunting? The whole premise of the hunt is flawed — killing vulnerable, innocent animals just for their heads and beautiful coats.

Don't forget bobcats. Mothers are often lured by bait into traps, where they can remain ensnared for a whole day before fur-seekers bludgeon them to death and take their skin and fur off. Their young are almost always doomed, just so that the fur trapper can sell a pelt for \$80 to the Chinese.

Three decades ago, when citizens approved a ballot measure banning bear hunts, Coloradoans protected bear cubs by prohibiting hunting during spring or summer.

With lions, the orphaning period is year-round so there is no “safe hunt” when it comes to orphaning.

You can help stop the cruelty. The unsporting, high-tech killing. The orphaning. You can do so by helping us pass the Cats Aren't Trophies ballot initiative. You can vote YES to spare the kittens and the entire family group.

Before the vote, however, we need to raise \$3 million to get this message out to the rest of the voting public. It is the only way we can win for the cats.

That's why we need you.

Please donate generously today. The cats are looking to all of us to help them. They cannot speak for themselves.

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

*For the cats,
Samantha Miller
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