



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

Cats Aren't Trophies got a big boost by objective and leading researchers at Colorado State University studying public attitudes toward wildlife. The study, published in a peer-reviewed journal, reveals that there is overwhelming public support for banning killing of mountain lions for trophies.

The study is titled Public Perspectives on Hunting Mountain Lions and Black Bears in Colorado, by authors [Benjamin Ghasemi](#), [Rebecca Niemiec](#), and [Kevin R. Crooks](#), and was published Aug. 22, 2024, in the [Society for Conservation Biology](#).

The report shows that among Colorado citizens:

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

Just before this publication, CATs discovered that Colorado Parks and Wildlife's public data show that of the nearly 500 mountain lions (the yearly average) killed by trophy hunters in the season ending in 2022, **97.3%** were killed with the aid of packs of dogs fitted with GPS transmitting signals on their collars.

Data is based on self-reporting of lion trophy hunters in Colorado. The percentage could actually be even higher, as there were 13 lions hunted with a blank left on the section of the report for methods used.

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The hunting guides tell the story themselves in their promotional materials. Here's content from this promotional page:

[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 we 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."

Remember, our opponents are denying that they hunt for trophies. They try to say they do it for the meat. What a joke.

And we know that they've been trying to purge their websites of their trophy-hunting rhetoric and promises of "guaranteed kills" of lions. But many of the guides haven't gotten the memo, and their promotions tell the story better than we can.

We know trophy hunters and their guides kill lions and bobcats for their heads and beautiful coats. And now we have one more public-attitude survey showing that Coloradans detest this kind of mistreatment of animals.

That makes our task simple: tell voters the ugly truth about the trophy hunting and commercial trapping of mountain lions and bobcats and let them follow their instincts.

But to reach 4.5 million voters, we need resources to remind them of the details of these high-tech, cruel, and unsporting hound hunts. That's why we need you.

Please donate generously today. The cats are looking to you for help. You are their only chance to avoid this cruelty starting in late November and that will persist for years unless we seize this opportunity and win the vote on the first Tuesday in November.

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