



*Dear Friend of Cats Aren't Trophies*

Trophy hunters are backpedaling so far and so fast they might fall off a cliff. Their latest rant is that trophy hunting of wild cats is already illegal in Colorado!

Are there no limits to their lies?

They are trying to sanitize their cruel and unsporting activity. They are trying to wipe clean 100 years of writing, picture-taking, web-based promotions, and awards competitions that highlight their desire to kill for heads, hides, and fur coats.

Colorado does indeed have a wanton waste law, as many states do, forbidding the leaving behind of the carcass (a waste) of the animal. That law is supposed to prevent wildlife shooters from taking away commercially valuable parts of wild animals, such as gall bladders, paws, claws, and other parts of the animal that can be traded on the black market.

The wanton waste law doesn't mention the words "trophy hunting" even once. Their argument is a bait and switch. We've never argued that a trophy hunter is going to sell the head. He wants the head and the hide to mount at home, and that's the main objective of the modern-day cat hunter.

If we concede that a few people want to choke down some cat flesh, that does nothing to erase the truth that lion hunting is principally a trophy hunting exercise.

If a hunter eats an ounce or two of an African lion he shoots in a canned hunting facility in Ohio or Florida, that doesn't mean he's not a canned hunter. If a bear poacher seeking a bear gall bladder eats a morsel of bear meat, that doesn't make him any less of a bear poacher.

Similarly, the logic that eating any animal's flesh negates any conversation surrounding how the animal is cruelly killed for a gratuitous purposes is akin to a "kill-for-any-reason" card.

Everyone under the sun knows killing wild cats is for heads, hides, and fur. Even Colorado Parks and Wildlife in this video, where the agent carves the animal up, and calls it "your trophy" – how to preserve the skin or hide of a mountain lion or a leopard for preparation by a taxidermist. In minute 7:17 he calls it "your trophy."

In short, you can have a statute that requires taking away a good-sized portion of the carcass, but nothing forbids the hunter from feeding the meat to his pack of dogs and taking the head and skin as a trophy. Or dumping most of the carcass at home and sending off the head and hide for a taxidermist to prepare for a mount.

If it's not for the trophy, then why do the trophy hunters have their taxidermists on speed dial?

**A Yes vote stops the November Trophy Hunt and spares 500 mountain lions. It stops the traps from being set to bait our bobcats, indiscriminately, by the hundreds just to sell their prized fur.**

But to win, we must communicate with 4.5 million Colorado voters. And that's expensive. We must raise a minimum of \$3 million to get our message out to TV advertising.

The public must not be bamboozled by phony arguments and bald-faced lies.

Will you spread the word and 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 heads and their beautiful coats.

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

*For the cats,  
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