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LETTER: A vote for Prop 127 is a vote for ethical hunting

Coloradans are smart, ethical, and savvy.

It's a YES on Prop 127.

It's wrong to kill native wildlife as a product for the Chinese fur market.

Fur trappers use [cat food](#) as bait then bludgeon bobcats to death — [965](#) in 2023 — to sell their fur at auction. Some say [shoot 'em in the eye](#), angled down to avoid blood splatter that ruins the Chinese price for fur coats. Copper pipe with a [brass elbow](#) is popular to crack her skull open. [Drowning](#) has been used in Colorado, because "[a wet hide can make the fur slip.](#)" [Large cable ties around the neck](#) pulled tight suffocates the cat who suffers for 3 minutes, [veterinarians say](#).

Another option: [shoot through the ear hole](#).

A YES protects our wild cats and dogs from the [trophy hunting guides](#) paid [\\$8,500 to send out dog packs](#) to contain any mountain lion in a tree. [Some dogs get hurt](#), and [have even been abandoned](#). It's why [119 Colorado veterinarians](#) say YES on Prop 127.

[The client shoots](#), watching the lion fall. This is not fair or fun or hunting.

A YES includes [outspoken CPW Commissioners](#), who make wildlife policy for us. And the only [CPW leader with a PhD in biology](#), plus [dozens of the best mountain lion and bobcat scientists](#) — researchers in the field.

I worked for my wildlife agency, I vote YES.

This is the mere third ballot issue to get us back on track in 30 years. The

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Legislature failed repeatedly to choose extreme special interest Safari Club, which funds the opposition.

Prop 127 is funded by The Wild Animal Sanctuary of Colorado.

We vote yes because we support ethical hunting. And we recognize that apex predators serve the [health and balance of nature](#).

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