



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

We've come so far over these last few months. We've gathered nearly 170,000 signatures, but unfortunately, some of them are going to be deemed invalid by state authorities. Perhaps they are illegible, duplicates, or from an individual not registered to vote in Colorado.

We have just seven days, including one weekend, before we turn in our signed petitions on July 3.

By our estimates, we need 1,400 signatures a day over these next seven days if we expect to qualify.

Let me tell you the stakes for animals.

If we hit our signature goal, then all 4.5 million Colorado-registered voters get to decide if our state continues to sanction the inhumane, unsporting, and unneeded practices of trophy hunting of mountain lions and commercial trapping of bobcats.

The state will have a robust debate over the moral boundaries of killing native big cats for their heads and their fur. The ballot measure will be national news, elevating the debate in our nation over whether it's acceptable to commit acts of cruelty against wildlife.

By creating a new law — like our laws against general cruelty to animals or animal fighting — we can stop trophy hunters and commercial trappers from slaying as many as 2,500 native cats a year in Colorado.

We are fighting not to stop that cruelty and torment just next year, but for the next decade, even the next century. Take a 10-year horizon and it's 25,000 big cats.

But if we come up short with our signatures, the status quo prevails. Hound hunters will continue to chase lions with packs of dogs. The lions will turn and fight the dogs and a bloody outcome will result. In the end, if the lion survives the attack by the dogs, she'll run up a tree. The trophy hunter will shoot her off of a tree limb.

She is unlikely to be the only victim.

Her two or three of her kittens will also perish. They need their mom to survive. They cannot live without her tender care.

Nearly half of the big cats that trophy hunters slay are females, many of them with dependent young.

We know that these cats bring ecological services, keeping deer and elk populations in check, reducing wildlife-auto strikes, cleansing the populations of the deadly zoonotic plague of Chronic Wasting Disease.

Bobcats keep rodents and other small mammal populations in check.

So let me level with you: We need you. Not next week, or next month. But right now.

Please, reach me at (970) 531-6720 and let us work with you to collect signatures. Whether it's 40, 100 or 200 signatures. Every single valid signature counts.

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Can you believe how much is at stake this week alone?

So many people ask me, what more can I do to help animals?

Well, here's the immediate answer: pick up a pen and grab a petition and talk to Colorado voters and ask them to sign the *Cats Aren't Trophies* ballot measure.

Please, let me hear from you today.

I also hope you'll donate to CATs so we can organize the state and get the job done for mountain lions, bobcats, and lynx.

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Sincerely,
Samantha Miller
Cats Aren't Trophies, Campaign Manager

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