



These are the last few days! Please donate and help us get out the YES vote

Dear Friend of Cats Aren't Trophies,

Today we must take stock of who supports wildlife with a YES on Prop 127, and who is dead wrong — scientifically, ethically, morally, and financially, as well as politically.

On the right side of wildlife and Colorado sits:

- A majority among the outspoken CPW current and sitting Wildlife Commissioners and the only one with an actual wildlife biology science degree, and it's a PhD. Our opposition says to follow the science. Well, we have it. And the wildlife policymakers to boot.
- 22 expert wildlife biologists and PhD scientists who actually study lions and bobcats in Colorado say YES, including the former chief biologist, who is a Durango resident, for our National Park Service, along with 119 local veterinarians, who all say pitting domestic animals to fight wildlife is not in our nature, and we must protect dogs and cats. Add to this a world-class group the former director of U.S. Fish and Wildlife and former career USDA veterinarian and infectious disease expert Jim Keen, PhD, who reports we must stop killing lions as they are the key to stop spread of epidemic-level Chronic Wasting Disease in our state. And there's Dr. Tom Pool, former commander of the U.S. Army Veterinary Command and a professional scientist who explains further that trophy hunting is not only environmentally reckless, but immoral from a hunter's and rancher's perspective.
- More than 100 organizations with proven expertise and lifelong dedication to wildlife are saying vote YES, including The Wild Animal Sanctuary, founded by hometown hero, Pat Craig, who is our largest funder. Add here the state chapter of the Sierra Club, six Audubon Societies, rural and urban humane societies, and more.

Prop 127 has united Rs and Ds and everyone in between: Former Colorado S. Congressman and Sen. Mark Udall, a Democrat, along with former Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo, a Republican, both say YES. We are supported by hunters and ranchers and there was a terrific article in The Denver Post this week by Dr. Tom Pool, a retired U.S. Army colonel. Both rural and less rural newspapers agree. The Boulder Daily Camera said YES, and the Grand Junction Sentinel editorial board wrote that unethical and unscientific trophy hunting and fur trapping need to go dark, along with their money.

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And now the dark side, get ready to boo loudly, right after Halloween:

- Dark money exists only on the opponents' side. As of Oct. 28, the opposition received two donations totaling \$870,937 from Building America's Future, a national political nonprofit organization based in Washington D.C. An October New York Times article linked the group to Republican donors behind campaign ads attacking presidential candidate Kamala Harris.
- They got another \$600,000 from a second conservative organization with no ties to wildlife conservation. And they got \$200,000 yesterday from globe-trotting trophy hunter Paul Tudor Jones, who decorates his homes with the feet and tusks of African elephants he's slain in their native habitats in Africa.
- Opponents have received \$350,000 from Safari Club International, a national trophy hunting organization that promotes competitive killing even of threatened species. Multiple chapters of this group have also donated to Colorado's Wildlife Deserve Better campaign against the measure, which is led by a fur trapper, who is trying to confuse voters with massive signs that tell voters who want to vote YES, to do otherwise.
- Dark money is tied to a Facebook page that was created on Oct. 15 and features trophy-hunting enthusiast Dan Prenzlöw, a former director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, who touts a ridiculous anti-predator flier showing a lion as crazy as it menaces attacking children. Shame on him. Wild cats are not demons, they are the cleansers of environmental disease of the forest; they are the overseers to keep our deer, elk and ecosystems healthy and alive. Prenzlöw and his ilk don't respect wildlife; they want to kill wildlife for fun and justify their exploitation of these ecosystem engineers by demonizing them.

The YES vote counts on you. We need you to spread the word about the ethical and scientific case for Prop 127. Please share our e-postcard. And we need a final infusion of dollars to match their ads.

Will you dig deep one more time today to allow us to match their ads dollar for dollar?

This is the time, now, to push 127 far over into the win category. And leave these bozos in the dust where they belong.

Prop 127 for Colorado. It is for wildlife and it is our future. Don't let these jerks win. There truly is not a minute to waste. We need your help.

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For the cats,
Julie Marshall
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