

# There is a carnivore crisis, and you are the key to make it stop

Dear Friend of Cats Aren't Trophies,

#### Save the date!

I am talking about April 23, when CATs will host a webinar at noon, mountain time. Virtual. You are invited!

It's our six-month check-in, a State-of-the-State of CATs, if you will.

The last time we all got together was right after the election. Since then, we've continued our work without interruption. Our goal is to stop the needless trophy hunting and commercial trapping of our native wildlife cats.

So many winning efforts take perseverance, and that's what I am seeing with our thousands of supporters across Colorado.

I am heartened that the commitment for stopping cruel, unsporting trophy hunting and commercial trapping practices runs deep.

#### Claws out.

We know that in the months leading up to the November 2024 election, there was a bigmoney campaign of deception and confusion. There were more than a few people who thought they were supposed to vote "NO" in order to end trophy hunting. When they should have voted Yes on 127.

Which takes me back to the webinar next week. Join us. The panel of experts includes Pat Craig, Wayne Pacelle, Katie Dolan, Marlon Reis, Delia Malone, Rebecca Niemiec, Ph.D and Melinda Marquis, Ph.D.

We'll update you on how we animal advocates are participating in Colorado Parks and Wildlife meetings like never before. But also to look ahead.

The webinar is called "A Carnivore Crisis in Colorado" because not only are lions and bobcats being inhumanely baited, trapped, hounded and shot for the glory of the weakest of the human species, but wolves are in the crosshairs too. And there are also problems with how our state is handling its black bears.

### SIGN UP HERE

Please sign up and share the link with friends and family. There will be lots of ways to get involved and help us get to a better place where science, welfare, rationality and reason prevail when it comes to how we stewardship our wildlife and wildlands in Colorado and the West.

Lastly, please take a moment to read my latest related oped in the April 1 Daily Camera: Opinion: Julie Marshall: We must undo the anti-predator paradigm in Colorado

When trophy hunters advocate for killing our most majestic species, we say we must protect them for their own sake and for the vast majority of Coloradans who choose our state precisely because of its wild inhabitants.

They stoke fear; we work to foster respect.

They act out of personal interest, we act because of ironclad moral principles.

They show intolerance, and we recognize that we are not the only species on the planet. Predators are essential actors in our ecoystems, not invaders.

I am hoping you'll participate next week. Please reach out to me and get involved! We need you now more than ever.

## Please donate to protect Colorado's native cats!

For the cats,
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