



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

I've been selected, along with several other CATs members and coalition partners, to be at the table of a fur trapping stakeholder group set up by CPW and we meet this week.

What this means is we have a real chance to end fur trapping, especially for bobcats of Colorado.

Right after the election, we have been focused on working with CPW and commissioners to end fur trapping of bobcats. Because the voters said to end it, but work through the system, first.

I am hopeful. Because the right people are at the table.

We will show the policymakers the truth:

A fur trapper uses [cat food](#) as bait. Bobcats trapped are cold, wet and terrorized by packs of dogs sicced on them.

After capture, bobcats are [bludgeoned](#) or strangled to death in Colorado. There are even videos that show you how to use a chokestick.

Trappers buy choke sticks: from [Trapping Bobcats for Fur in the U.S. is Going Strong — And It's Grisly](#)

And of [965](#) killed in 2023, **93% of bobcats in Colorado were killed to sell their fur at auction, or for taxidermy.**

CPW has no idea about how many bobcats live in our state. Allow for commercial trapping is not wildlife management; it's chaotic, unlimited killing for commerce. 700 bobcat trappers create this terror for bobcats.

There's much excitement over how to kill. Some say [shoot 'em in the eye](#), but angled down into the throat to [avoid blood splatter](#) that ruins the Chinese market price for fur coats.

Others say hit her, the bobcat trapped, over the head. [Copper pipe](#) with a [brass elbow](#) is popular to crack her skull open. Or [shoot her through the ear hole](#).

[Drowning](#) has been [used in Colorado](#), despite [AVMA guidelines](#), because "[a wet hide can make the fur slip](#)." So has [acetone, injected into the heart](#), for [bobcats](#) deemed a nuisance life.

[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](#).

The problem: Fur trapping violates the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation in every way. It's disgusting, torturing and selling native wildlife, says [Mark Elbroch, PhD](#), today's leading lion scientist.

Prop 127 was grassroots, borne of need, where a politically appointed agency pushed aside a petition signed by [208,000 citizens to end bobcat trapping](#).

Now it must end.

CPW needs to know that if this horror continues, the public will not stand for it. We know this, because the [new study by Colorado State University's Animal-Human Policy Center](#) reveals a ballot measure today that bans fur trapping of bobcats would absolutely, positively win, hands down.

We have the facts, the ethical argument, and the political leverage to make this happen.

I will report back, please know that your work and voices will be heard, as we speak for the bobcats.



For the cats,
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