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Note from the Director

Following on the heels of our [refreshed mission, vision and tagline](#), Project Coyote is revising our organizational values. It's been a wonderfully engaging process with our team, not only bringing us closer as a pack, but also reaffirming what Project Coyote stands for. We are excited to share our Values Statements with our supporters soon. Similarly, you will see a new format of our Coyote Chronicles newsletter here—reflecting these revised and refined values.

PROTECT COEXIST INSPIRE

These words capture the core areas of our work for the wild ones. In this Coyote Chronicles edition, you'll learn about our ongoing efforts to: PROTECT wolves from persecution across their range and coyotes, foxes and bobcats from wildlife killing contests in Illinois; encourage communities to COEXIST with our wild neighbors through increased in-person and virtual community engagement; and INSPIRE appreciation for wild lives in partnership with the 3,000+ wildlife photographers who have joined our #CaptureCoexistence Campaign. I hope you enjoy these stories about our work for wildlife and feel inspired to take action to support the voiceless in whatever capacity you can.

For Peaceful Coexistence,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Camilla H. Fox". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Camilla Fox
Founder & Executive Director



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Protect

Project Coyote uniquely brings together renowned experts from diverse academic fields to advocate for a caring, responsible and modern approach to carnivore conservation and protection, multispecies coexistence, and biodiversity preservation. We aim to shift federal and state based carnivore policy away from current lethal management policies to a framework centered around human-wildlife coexistence, allowing for the flourishing of both humans and wild carnivores.





Photo of billboard in Illinois

Illinois Billboards

In February, Project Coyote **launched multiple billboards** in Illinois to raise public awareness about unethical and ecologically destructive wildlife killing contests and advocate for the passage of HB2900, which would ban the contests across Illinois. These contests promote the mass killing of species like coyotes, bobcats, foxes, prairie dogs, and more — all for cash and prizes. As public attitudes shift and increasing scientific understanding of wildlife dynamics continues to develop, advocates, state agencies, and legislatures around the country are moving quickly to end these contests. Project Coyote Science & Ethics Manager, Francisco Santiago-Ávila, testified in favor of HB2900 at the Illinois Agriculture & Conservation Committee hearing on March 12th, and submitted **written scientific comments** to the Committee and House representatives. Our Illinois State Representative, Jane McBride, has also been instrumental in pushing this legislation forward. Project Coyote is thrilled to announce that the bill passed out of committee and will next be considered by the General Assembly. To date, ten states (Arizona, California, Colorado, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Vermont and Washington) have enacted prohibitions on killing contests. We hope that Illinois will soon be the eleventh.



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Protecting Predators in National Wildlife Refuges

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) recently proposed a rule to restrict predator management across the vast expanse of the National Wildlife Refuge System, which serves as a habitat for numerous wild carnivores like wolves, bears, mountain lions, bobcats, and foxes. Enacting this regulation would cease the cruel treatment and killing of these animals for the benefit of boosting populations of wild ungulates, a strategy that scientific evidence has shown to be ineffective. In our **public comments** to the USFWS and our **action alert** to our community, we noted that the current regulation is a step in the right direction. However, we suggested the department should go further, and prohibit trapping and killing predators for recreation and “damage control”. Many predator control methods, including trapping, baiting, hounding, and aerial gunning, are proven to be inhumane, indiscriminate, ecologically harmful and therefore contradict the refuge’s purpose of providing a sanctuary for wildlife.

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Volunteer Spotlight



As Project Coyote’s Illinois state representative, **Jane McBride** plays a critical role in our state campaigns. With a background that spans journalism, photography, biology, environmental law, wildlife rehabilitation, and animal advocacy, Jane is driven by a strong desire to make the world a better place for animals and people—and has the expertise to do it!

She helped coordinate the Illinois State Bar Association’s annual Animal Law Conference for several years. In 2019, she invited Project Coyote Executive Director Camilla Fox to the conference to present the film *Killing Games*, which exposed Jane (and the many attendees) to the horrors of wildlife killing contests (WKC’s).

“It hit me hard,” Jane says. “I had worked as an outdoor editor for a number of years preaching about how hunters are ethical. Then I saw that film and it offended me to the core. There is nothing right about those contests.”

Having worked alongside hunters who Jane felt were true sportsmen made her feel even more strongly that these killing contests contradicted the values of ethical hunting and animal welfare. She knew she wanted to help end these brutal events. She started working with Project Coyote’s Science & Ethics Manager Fran Santiago-Ávila to gather support for bill HB2900, which would ban WKC’s in Illinois.

“Fran is phenomenal, we work so well together,” she says. “He even adopted a couple cats from me!”

Jane says it’s been rewarding to see how many nonprofit organizations have joined Project Coyote to move HB2900 forward. The bill recently made it out of committee and the Illinois speaker of the house signed on as a co-sponsor — a huge step toward getting the bill approved by the House and eventually passing the legislation into law. She stresses the importance of presenting well-researched science alongside legal and ethical arguments when meeting with lawmakers, along with the need to listen, understand peoples’ concerns and perspectives, and present information in ways that connect to their lives.

“You have to give people permission to change their values. You’ve got to make it a safe place,” Jane explains. She says that the more you can help people relate to animals as sentient beings, the easier it will be to shift toward ethical wildlife conservation and animal welfare policies.

“I’ve got some tenacity in my blood,” she states. “I think my inspiration comes from the feeling that, if I can contribute and use my knowledge, maybe we can make progress. You never know where the breakthrough or connection will be. That’s one of the important aspects of this work: to have humility and selflessness. You know if you keep your head up, eyes open, and mind in the right place, and persist, you can move things forward.”

ESA and Wolf Advocacy

Our Protect America's Wolves campaign has been diligently working to ensure wolves are afforded proper protections nationwide. In response to numerous petitions filed more than two years ago, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) **announced** on February 2, 2024, that the wolves of the Northern Rockies are "not warranted" for federal protection pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. This decision is deeply disappointing, as it means that USFWS will continue to allow decades of wolf recovery to be undone by shortsighted and egregious state wolf management in Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana. Moreover, it is equally heartbreaking to know that over 4,000 wolves have been killed in the U.S. since 2020, and this decision will only perpetuate the slaughter. With a lack of federal protections for wolves in the Northern Rockies region, our litigation against the state of Montana wages on and is now more critical than ever to protect wolves from aggressive state wolf policies that allow for their continued widespread killing.

The USFWS also announced they will undertake a process to develop the first-ever nationwide gray wolf recovery plan by December 12, 2025. Project Coyote

will monitor the development of this process as it unfolds, and advocate for the full protection of wolves across the country. We are also closely monitoring a new **stakeholder engagement process** initiated by the USFWS that will be **led by a third-party convener**, with the goal of informing the Service's policies and future rulemaking about wolves.

Project Coyote's goal is to ensure that wolves' intrinsic value and rights are adequately considered and represented in these upcoming processes. We have been advocating tirelessly for the inclusion of exclusive, independent and unaffiliated wolf advocate/trustee(s) to be included. Moreover, equitable representation of wolves' well-being should be embedded within deliberation that considers wolves' as well as humans' views and needs, and acknowledge wolves as contributors to nature and our multi-species communities. We've also suggested integrating a mechanism within the process for scientific fact-checking of statements/claims, as any conversation seeking understanding should be based on facts rather than perceptions of wolves.



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2023 Wildlife Services Killing Report



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Each year, just before Tax Day, Wildlife Services—often known as the killing arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)—publishes their [annual program data](#) detailing the number of animals they killed and the methods used. [The numbers](#) are as staggering as always with 1.4 million animals killed nationwide last year. Tragically, these numbers are likely underestimated as program insiders have long reported that Wildlife Services consistently [underreports animals killed](#).

In 2023, wild carnivores were, as usual, among the most heavily targeted species, with the program intentionally killing 68,649 coyotes, 305 wolves, 2 Mexican gray wolves, 237 mountain lions, 437 black bears, 2,246 foxes (including red, gray, and kit species), 482 bobcats, and 6 federally protected grizzly bears. Wildlife Services also gassed over 400 coyote and fox dens killing an unknown number of pups in dens.

Wildlife Services uses M-44 cyanide bombs, neck snares, foothold traps, and aerial gunning in their “lethal arsenal”—methods as cruel as they are indiscriminate. These reckless practices resulted in the unintentional killing of federally protected species including the golden eagle and Mexican gray wolf, as well as many other species including 658 river otters, 443 raccoons, 379 snapping turtles, and 91 gray foxes. Even our companion animals are at risk, with numerous cats and dogs meeting their untimely end from Wildlife Services.

Wildlife Services wasn’t created to serve wildlife. Instead, it kills our wild carnivores largely at the

behest of commercial agriculture in response to livestock conflict, despite decades of science showing that nonlethal coexistence strategies are more effective. Our annual [Wildlife Services Report](#) details the numbers of wild carnivores lost in 2023 and the dangerous and unethical killing methods used to accomplish this killing.

Project Coyote has been working for nearly 16 years to reform and raise awareness about the [USDA’s Wildlife Services program](#). Recently, alongside the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Center for Biological Diversity, the Animal Welfare Institute, and WildEarth Guardians, [we petitioned the USDA](#) to adopt a comprehensive regulatory framework to govern Wildlife Services. We are still awaiting a response to this petition.

In California, Project Coyote and allies have been successfully challenging Wildlife Services activities county by county, persuading [Marin](#), [Mendocino](#), [Sonoma](#), [Shasta](#), and [Siskiyou](#) counties to end their contracts with Wildlife Services. Most recently, [Plumas and Sierra Counties also suspended their Wildlife Services contract](#) after Project Coyote and allies sued in 2022.

We also continue to advocate for the removal of some of the most inhumane and dangerous killing methods used by the program, including [M-44 cyanide bombs](#). Project Coyote is dedicated to ending the use of cruel, indiscriminate killing methods through litigation and grassroots campaigns.

[Read our 2023 Wildlife Services Killing Report here.](#)

Coexist



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We partner with local stakeholders to implement nonlethal approaches to managing and preventing conflicts with wild carnivores, emphasizing coexistence through education, proactive public outreach, agency collaboration, and community empowerment.

Special Issue of the journal *Animals* Will Focus on North American Canids

Project Coyote Science & Ethics Manager Francisco Santiago-Ávila is a guest editor, along with Michelle Lute of Wildlife For All, for an upcoming special issue of the journal *Animals*, entitled **Wild Canids of North America: Policy, Ethics and Science**. They are currently looking for contributions to the special issue focused on North American canids. Original research articles, shorter position pieces, reviews and perspective articles, and even more creative or experimental contributions that seek to address and explore the issue are welcome. The submission deadline is June 30, 2024, and papers will be published on an ongoing basis.

Springtime Carnivore Coexistence — An Active Community Effort

Spring is in the air — and pups are in the den! We are entering peak denning season for coyotes, along with other wild carnivores including wolves, bobcats, and foxes. In April-June, coyotes are often more visible on the landscape than other times during the year because breeding pairs will defend their territory. Coyote moms have litter sizes averaging five to six pups, who emerge out of their den after about a month to begin exploring the world. Coyote pups experience high natural mortality rates — on average, fewer than half will survive their first year. Some pups will stay within their natal territory, while others may disperse in the fall to look for new territories, and eventually mates.

Bobcats are more elusive than coyotes, and are more active at night. Females typically have a litter of about 3 kittens in late spring to early summer, and will move them between several well-hidden dens throughout their territory to keep them safe. Meanwhile, foxes sometimes den under people's porches or in their yards. Fox kits emerge from the den four or five weeks after birth, and at nine weeks, they will begin to hunt with their parents. If you want to discourage future denning, be sure to remove any attractants from your yard (i.e. pet food, unsecure garbage bins or compost, fallen fruit). Whichever wild animals live near you it's helpful to be aware and give them space, especially while they are raising young.

As coyote pups emerge from their dens over the next couple of months, it's especially important to be mindful when recreating in wild nature and urban green spaces, and to give wildlife room to raise their young, free from human disturbance or that of off-leash dogs. It's also a great time to raise public awareness and promote peaceful coexistence in your neighborhood! One easy and simple way is to post and distribute our Coyote Coexistence materials. Project Coyote provides a plethora of **free downloadable resources** on our website, our fact-based **Be Coyote Aware** and **Don't Feed Wildlife signs** can be inexpensively laminated and posted to increase community awareness. Posting links to our science-based resources on platforms like Nextdoor can also be a great way to dispel myths, reduce fear, and educate your community about peaceful coexistence with our wild neighbors.



Photos: Sarah Killingsworth, Project Coyote Advisory Board Member and #CaptureCoexistence Ambassador, distributing door hangers (top) and Camilla Fox, Founder and Executive Director, installing Be Coyote Aware signs (bottom) in Strawberry Village in Mill Valley—a community that has become a hotspot for coyote sightings and concerns.

Inspire

#CaptureCoexistence

Project Coyote collaborates with artists and educators to raise awareness about and appreciation for wild carnivores, including their importance to ecosystem health, and ways to live peacefully alongside wildlife.

The [#CaptureCoexistence Campaign](#) recently celebrated its one year anniversary on March 3, 2024 — World Wildlife Day! This campaign unites nature photographers and videographers to [join our efforts](#) to end cruel and senseless Wildlife Killing Contests nationwide. Through art and activism, our Capture Coexistence Contributors spread awareness about wildlife killing contests and provide a powerful alternative to consumptive wildlife recreation practices (like hunting) by inspiring appreciation for wild lives through the camera lens.



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Campaign Celebrates 1 Year Anniversary!

These artists help reveal the secretive lives of wild carnivores by capturing intimate moments, daily habits and the family relationships wild carnivores share, which most humans miss while going about their daily lives.

The first year of this campaign has been wildly successful with over 3,000 photographers and videographers joining our [sign-on letter](#) and over 60 talented individuals becoming Contributors — lending their collective voices and over 500 images and videos to the campaign. These visuals, shared through our weekly #CaptureCoexistence social media posts and campaign efforts (like billboards, fact sheets for

legislators, and ads), highlight what we lose during each killing contest and inspire wonder for wild nature among new audiences who may not have the opportunity to spend time observing wildlife in the context of larger ecosystems. This campaign has been instrumental in bolstering support for legislation to end wildlife killing contests, helping us successfully ban this bloodsport in [New York](#) and [Oregon](#) in the last year.

With the support of wildlife photographers and videographers across the nation, we are building a future where wildlife is celebrated, respected for its inherent value, and protected.



© Photos by #CaptureCoexistence contributor Jennifer Warner (left top), Bill Lea (left bottom) & Doris Potter (right).



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Capture Coexistence Featured Contributor: Larry Taylor



We are continually blown away by the talent and dedication of our Capture Coexistence Contributors, and Larry Taylor is no exception. A biology professor at Helena College University of Montana, Larry spends nearly every weekend photographing wildlife in Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. He has come to know many individual animals and follow them throughout their lives, documenting some incredible moments through his photos—some of which are featured in this edition. For our latest **Notes From The Field blog**, we spoke with Larry about his photography and why he was inspired to join Project Coyote’s #CaptureCoexistence campaign. Here’s a sneak peek:



How has being a biologist influenced your photography (or vice versa)?

Being a biologist has helped me be very meticulous with my notes about what I see, where and when I see it, and what was happening at the time, all of which has made me a better photographer. I've gotten used to tracking animals and their movement and patterns so I know where to find animals and to anticipate their behaviors. However, studying biology also meant that I spent years thinking of animals at the species and population levels. When I first came to Yellowstone I had kind of lost sight of the individuals. But then I watched them so much that I came to know each of them, and it felt weird to keep a distance, because it was robbing the animals of their unique personalities. Being objective is important in science, but when I'm photographing I'm not actively being a scientist. I can see the animals as individuals.

What inspired you to join the Capture Coexistence Campaign?

Coyotes are incredibly underappreciated. They combine the delicate finesse and beauty of a fox with a size closer to a wolf. They are so smart and adaptable and persistent, it blows my mind. Coyotes are an animal you can't help but respect — we kill something like a half million of them a year and yet they keep thriving. I do not want future Americans to grow up in a place where we are ethically okay with killing animals for fun. And that's what Wildlife Killing Contests are — killing things just to kill them. Millions of Americans don't even know that killing contests exist, or the massive amounts of animals killed every year on public lands. I'm thrilled that I can participate in #CaptureCoexistence, because I have so much respect for what Project Coyote has been working toward over the last several years, and the progress they've made.

[Read the full interview here.](#)



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FILM RELEASE:

KILLING GAMES — Wildlife In The Crosshairs

This month, Project Coyote **announced the full public release** of our documentary **KILLING GAMES – Wildlife In The Crosshairs**, directed and produced by Project Coyote Founder & Executive Director Camilla Fox. The film made waves across the country in recent years, winning numerous awards, reaching thousands of people at film festivals and public screenings, and helping to galvanize grassroots support for ending the barbaric practice of wildlife killing contests in targeted states. We are thrilled to now be able to freely share the film in its entirety (as well as the **10 minute version**) with the public for free on our **YouTube channel**.

Since KILLING GAMES originally launched, Project Coyote co-founded the National Coalition to End Wildlife Killing Contests, which includes more than 60 national and state organizations working together to end the practice nationwide. Together, the coalition has successfully banned wildlife killing contests in 10 states with several additional states currently considering bans. In addition, the coalition has worked with federal lawmakers to introduce legislation to ban killing contests on federal lands. We hope you'll share this film with your friends and family, screen it in your community, and help us end Wildlife Killing Contests across the United States.

Building a New Volunteer Educator Program

Project Coyote is thrilled to announce exciting developments in our Keeping It Wild program, particularly in our efforts to empower youth and cultivate the next generation of conservation champions. We have spent the last several months enhancing our education volunteer program, developing standardized slide decks tailored to different grade levels (K-2, 3-5, and 6-8) aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards. These resources aim to make our educational initiatives more accessible and impactful, ensuring that students receive age-appropriate content that fosters a deeper understanding of conservation principles.

Furthermore, we're delighted to share that we'll be conducting a comprehensive volunteer training later this year that will equip volunteers with the necessary skills and knowledge to deliver our educational programs in schools and community settings. Alongside this training, we're introducing a new **Education Volunteer job description**, inviting passionate individuals to join us in this meaningful endeavor. Whether you're a seasoned educator or simply have a passion for inspiring young minds, this role offers a rewarding opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of future conservation advocates. Together, we can ignite the spark of curiosity and respect for nature in the hearts of our youth, shaping a brighter, more sustainable future for generations to come.



COYOTE AWARENESS WEEK

MARCH 17 - 23



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First Annual Coyote Awareness Week: A Wild Success

Project Coyote recently launched the first annual **Coyote Awareness Week** (March 17-23) leading up to **National Coyote Day** on March 23rd. Our goal was to raise awareness about the intense persecution and misunderstanding coyotes face. We were thrilled to see such positive engagement with our social media posts throughout the week. Thanks to everyone who showed support for coyotes and helped spread awareness about the importance of compassionate coexistence with this amazing species!

Coyotes represent the pinnacle of unethical and unscientific wildlife “management”; one coyote is killed every minute in the United States. They receive virtually no protections, allowing them to be killed in unlimited numbers, 365 days of the year in most states, through unregulated recreational killing — sometimes incentivized through bounties and killing contests. This unconscionable killing serves no purpose, as it doesn’t reduce conflicts or coyote populations and damages ecosystems by removing critical members of our multispecies communities.

“We believe that if we can change hearts and minds about coyotes, the world will be a more compassionate place for all wildlife. That is **why coyotes are our flagship species** at Project Coyote. And that is why we launched the first annual Coyote Awareness Week,” says Camilla Fox, Project Coyote Founder & Executive Director.

Each day of Coyote Awareness Week, we shared informative and inspiring coyote-centered content on our social media pages. Many of our coalition partners and contributing #CaptureCoexistence photographers created and shared posts with the #CoyoteAwarenessWeek hashtag, encouraging their followers to join our efforts to coexist with coyotes. During this exciting week, we reached 1.1 million people on Facebook and 13.3 thousand people on Instagram!

We’re so excited to continue growing this holiday each year through new partnerships and collaborations. Together, we can create a more just future for coyotes and all wild carnivores.



Our Pack Is Growing!

New Advisory Board Member Sarah Killingsworth

Many of you already know [Sarah Killingsworth](#); she has been actively engaged with Project Coyote for years, most recently as our Keeping It Wild Youth Education & Outreach Coordinator. We are proud to announce that Sarah has now joined our Advisory Board, where she will help guide the future direction of Project Coyote's education and outreach work as the Keeping It Wild Program Chair. Sarah has an impressive skill set — she is an award-winning wildlife conservation photographer and filmmaker, an environmental educator, and an attorney and mediator. We are grateful for her deepening involvement in our work.





New Michigan State Representative Carol Misseldine

We are thrilled to welcome **Carol Misseldine** as our new Michigan State Representative, who will play a leadership role in our program and campaign work in Michigan. Carol brings an impressive background in animal advocacy, policy, and nonprofit leadership to the position. Most recently, she served as Senior Director of Grassroots & Engagement for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) until she retired in January 2023. She was awarded her B.S. and M.S. in Natural Resources from Michigan State University.



New Colorado State Representative Mark Surls

Mark Surls has been sharing his amazing wildlife photos with Project Coyote as a Contributor to our Capture Coexistence Campaign. We are excited that he will now also provide program and campaign support in Colorado, where he has been active in wildlife advocacy and policy reform. He is now coordinating volunteer signature gathering for the ballot initiative, Cats Aren't Trophies, which will end trophy hunting of mountain lions and trapping of bobcats in Colorado. Read more about Mark's wildlife work in **his Notes From The Field blog**.



Left to right: Cassidy Zehnder, Budd Berkman, Dan Flores, Joe Newman, & Dave Parsons

Funding Compassionate Coexistence

A lone coyote crosses through some brush as the morning sun makes its debut, coloring the sky with pastels and promises of hope. Is he going home to give a muzzle greeting to his family? Is he exploring this early so he can feel the dew between his toes? Is he simply existing, showing off his beauty to an unperceived audience? Or is he a mirage, forcing the human eye to blink twice? No, he was real: a good omen on a very special Saturday in Albuquerque.

Budd Berkman, a new volunteer, hosted a private fundraising event for Project Coyote at his home for New Mexico supporters on National Coyote Day (March 23, 2024). The morning of, Budd and his partner Kris saw the aforementioned, majestic coyote outside their kitchen window, foreshadowing a lovely day filled with a sense of community and joy.

Guests arrived to a warm reception: greetings from Cassidy Zehnder, Project Coyote Development Operations Coordinator; tables filled with vegetarian and vegan foods; wine and sparkling water; a moving reading from **Dan Flores**, Project Coyote Ambassador and author of *Coyote America: A Natural and Supernatural History*; candid photography by **Joe Newman**, Project Coyote Creative Associate; and great conversation with Project Coyote founding Science and Ethics Advisory Board Member **Dave Parsons**.

Everyone gathered to watch **Ecosystem Allies**, standing in solidarity with one another to witness the critical importance of wild carnivores to our ecosystems, and the collective strength it will require to protect these species for future generations.

We are so grateful to Budd and Kris for hosting this incredible event.

While we can't promise a coyote appearance, if you are interested in hosting your own home fundraiser, please reach out to me (czechnder@projectcoyote.org) to identify what kind of support we can offer to ensure a successful event.



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Voices for the Wild

Recent Notes from the Field blogs:



Sarah Gorline:
[Storytelling and Bridge-Building in Support of Wild Carnivores in Vermont](#)



Christopher Lile:
[Radicalizing Compassion for Coyotes to Create a Just Future for ALL Wildlife](#)



Larry Taylor:
[Biologist and Wildlife Photographer Larry Taylor: Synthesizing Science and Sentience](#)



Project Coyote Makes the Case for Our Native Song Dog on Radio Show

Project Coyote Founder and Executive Director, Camilla Fox, recently guest starred on KPFA 94.1 environmental radio show [Terra Verde](#) to discuss the life cycle of coyotes and sustainable solutions to coexist with our wild neighbors. Drawing on Project Coyote's longtime work to protect North America's wild carnivores, Camilla offered her perspective on radicalizing compassion for our native Song Dog and respecting the inherent value of coyotes in California's ecosystems.

[Listen to the episode.](#)

Publications, Presentations, & Press:



Sarah Gorsline

Modernizing wildlife governance with Bill S.258 would benefit all Vermonters

Op-Ed in Bennington Banner.
February 19, 2024.

In support of S.258, Op-Ed in Vermont Daily Chronicle. February 19, 2024.

Modernizing wildlife governance has benefits for all Vermonters, Op-Ed in VTDigger in support of Vermont wildlife governance reform bill S.258.
February 27, 2024.



Renee Seacor

Walk on the Wild Side: Blurring the Boundaries Between Farm and Nature. Panel presentation with Spencer Fennimen and Diane Frances for the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York Annual Winter Conference.
January 21, 2024.

No more prizes for killing 'nuisance' animals under these hunting contest bans. Quoted in Stateline article.

January 30, 2024.

Killing Games: The fight to ban wildlife killing contests. Presentation at Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Eugene, Oregon.
March 1, 2024.

Do wolves roam New York state? New legislation seeks answers, data from hunters. Quoted in Star Gazette article.
April 2, 2024.

Coyotes, wolves, or hybrids? Challenging the status quo of public perception and traditional wildlife protection. Panel at the Northeast Natural History Conference (Albany, NY).
April 21, 2024



Sarah Killingsworth

Coexistence with Coyotes. Presentation to 6th grade students at San Domenico School, Marin County, CA.
March 5, 2024.



Jane McBride

Campaign to Stop Wildlife Killing Contests in Illinois. Presentation for Shawnee Sierra Club Group co-led with Francisco J. Santiago-Ávila, Illinois.
April 11, 2024.



Francisco J. Santiago-Ávila

Coexisting with Urban Coyotes. Online presentation for Kanza Sierra Club Group.
January 9, 2024.

Coyotes, coexistence and killing contests in IL. Presentation at Lucha Cantina, Rockford, IL. February.
February 6, 2024.

Carnivore Conservation and Compassionate Coexistence. Presentation for Tufts University Storytelling for Conservation and Animal Advocacy masters course.
March 18, 2024.



Chris Schadler

"Becoming Wolf: Eastern Coyotes in New Hampshire". Presentations on March 5 at Hollis Public Library, March 20 at Eastman Cross Country Center, March 21 at Laconia Public Library

The return of the wolf: Are we ready for wolf recovery in NH?" March 24, Dunbarton Public Library

Protecting Wild Carnivores, Fostering Thriving Ecosystems

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Scan to grow our
impact in 2024
and beyond.

