

# Nationwide Survey Reveals Strong Support for Wildlife Policy Reform



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**A 2024 national survey conducted by Colorado State University’s Animal Human Policy Center, in collaboration with Project Coyote, explored U.S. public perspectives on a range of animal protection issues.** The survey examined support for key animal welfare policies that are currently being discussed by policy-makers and stakeholders nationwide, including multiple issues related to wildlife and wild carnivore killing. A summary of key findings are included below as well as a link to the full report.

For all case studies examined, the majority of respondents somewhat or strongly agreed with all potential proposed state or federal policies to reduce human-caused animal suffering.

More than 75% of respondents somewhat or strongly supported most proposed state or federal policies supporting animal welfare, and support for related state policies was typically slightly higher than for federal policies.

## Public Support for the Following Proposed Federal & State Policies:

85%

support for a federal law specifying **cruelty towards wildlife is a criminal violation**

80%

support for banning purposefully **running over wild carnivores with vehicles**

81%

support for a state law **banning wildlife killing contests**

81%

support for state law **restricting hunting season length for wild carnivores**



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**Full survey results can be accessed [here](#).**