

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](#).