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USDA'S 2024 Wildlife Services Killing Report

Wildlife Services claims that its goal is to ensure that people and wildlife can coexist, but nothing could be further from the truth. Instead, they use public taxpayer dollars to kill millions of wild animals.

WILD CARNIVORES THE PROGRAM KILLED IN 2024:

2,099	378	57,999	317	232	348	6
Foxes	Bobcats	Coyotes	Wolves	Mountain Lions	Black Bears	Grizzly Bears

1.9 million animals were killed nationwide, including 23,694 beavers!

Dangerous and Unethical Killing Methods

Cyanide Bombs

M-44's also known as cyanide bombs are one of the most inhumane and dangerous killing methods deployed by Wildlife Services. These devices, filled with deadly sodium cyanide spray, are spring-loaded and, once triggered, blast clouds of poisonous gas five feet into the air. The poisonous gas attacks the cardiovascular, pulmonary, and central nervous systems before resulting in death. These devices are indiscriminate, attracting countless non-target species, including endangered species and family pets. M-44s have also injured several people, including children. In 2024, M-44s killed at least 4,462 coyotes, 154 gray foxes, 27 red foxes, 15 raccoons, and 3 dogs.

Aerial Gunning

Wildlife Services uses "aerial gunning" as a method to kill coyotes, wolves, bobcats, foxes and numerous other species. This method of shooting wildlife from aircraft is inherently inhumane. It causes extreme stress to all wildlife in an area due to noise from the aircraft and from gunfire, which harms multiple species. This method also forces animals to expend critical energy reserves to escape, which may affect survival and reproduction. In addition, target animals are often not killed by the first shot, which prolongs suffering and can allow maimed or "crippled" animals to escape. Finally, there is a significant likelihood that dependent young will be orphaned because these operations often coincide with the peak birthing period for many species. In 2024, Wildlife Services used aerial gunning to kill over 80,000 animals, including 34,421 coyotes, 34 foxes, 8 bobcats, and 51 gray wolves.

Trapping/Snaring

Neck snares and various types of traps (i.e., body-gripping, foothold) are routinely used by Wildlife Services to capture and kill coyotes and other wild carnivores, despite these methods being brutally inhumane. Snares inflict extreme cruelty on animals caught, regardless of the intention of the snare set (i.e., killing or restraining) or the type of snare in use. Body gripping traps are intended to quickly crush animals caught inside, but in reality they cause r slow and painful deaths. Leg-hold traps are another common, inhumane method used by Wildlife Services —causing pain, distress, and physical injuries. In 2024, Wildlife Services used traps and snares to kill 17,615coyotes, 1,129 foxes, 248 wolves, 320 bobcats, 105 mountain lions, and 147 black bears.