

Citizen Resolution # 130422

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Ban Captive Hounding of Mammals

Wisconsin licenses (no charge) but does not monitor captive hounding enclosures. These are fenced enclosures where rabbits, foxes, and coyotes can be run by up to three dogs per animal in the enclosure 16 hours a day. Rabbits can be run by dogs on half an acre with no time minimum or maximum 24 hours a day. The supposedly required quarterly reports are not made. I went in to check them and they were non-existent. I was handed a shoebox of fur farm random reports and told I was the only person to look at those. Enclosures can be any size from 15 acres (grandfathered in) to 75 acres. Coyotes and foxes can be put into these enclosures as young as 9 months old. Tom Solin, now retired, was head of special investigations for the DNR in 2000. He fought having coyotes in these enclosures because they are the same size as dogs so coyotes cannot be given a place to hide from the dogs. Since they cannot climb trees, and cannot escape the fence, they get torn apart on the ground. He told me he had seen that happen and it was a horrifying ordeal. It is dog-fighting just like running dogs on wild coyotes and wolves is dog-fighting. It has no place in a civilized society. Since coyotes can be live-trapped in the wild in Wisconsin (if they are "nuisance" animals – which hunters, trappers and the DNR consider any coyote), and put into these enclosures to be tormented and torn apart, this is abuse of the wildlife that the DNR is charged with protecting for all citizens. This is cruelty for private profit. This resolution directs the DNR to work with the legislature to represent the majority humane citizens in Wisconsin and close down captive hounding facilities in Wisconsin and ban them altogether

Will the DNR with the legislature to represent the majority of humane citizens in Wisconsin and close down captive hounding facilities in Wisconsin and ban them altogether?

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