

Dear Supervisors,

You should have terminated the County's contract with USDA Wildlife Services long ago. It is inhumane, damaging to ecosystems and non-targeted species, expensive, and doesn't do what it is supposed to do very well. Have you heard of a "trophic cascade" it is a phenomenon well documented by wildlife biologists that removing top predators from an environment negatively impacts the health of whole ecosystems. We should substitute for this barbaric "service" a non-lethal system that is set up locally and locally controlled.

Sincerely,

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