

Board of Supervisors,

I want to go on record as strongly supporting the replacement of the present lethal wildlife management program by a much more humane program of non-lethal treatment that can be run locally. The use of guns, traps and poisons may seem to be more expedient in some ways but often miss their target animals, can be cruel and unnecessary, and may attract and injure domestic animals in the process. I have seen several examples of guard animals being used with herds as opposed to any form of lethal treatment. I have a niece that has a llama as a guardian animal for her horses and sheep. It has worked out quite well over the last few years. Another example is from a friend in Laytonville who raises sheep and uses Great Pyrenees living within the herd of sheep that act as a very effective deterrent against predators. These are just two cases of a more humane approach that is presently being used. Why can't we go in that direction? One that will support nature's plan instead of rupturing it to satisfy our own needs over those of our wildlife!! Please help our county accomplish this goal.

Thank you for your consideration, Kathi Shipley