

Subject: Wildlife Services Contract

To the Mendocino Board of Supervisors;

As a full-time resident of Yorkville who has lived in the hills here for 20 years, I would like my opinion heard on the matter of a County contract with the USDA's Wildlife Services program.

My husband and I are ADAMANTLY OPPOSED to our beautiful county using this program.

We support animal advocacy groups like Project Coyote and believe their position on this matter is credible and should provide a model for our county to follow as a road map to future conservation issues.

In 2015 my husband G.B. Wepsala and I spent money to have survey post cards printed and pre-stamped, (handing them out for people to fill- in and mail to the Board), so that our community covering all districts might have an opportunity to voice individual opinions on this long-running controversial issue.

1100 cards were printed and stamped and handed-out within the county by volunteers.

We learned in canvassing various neighborhoods and giving people postcards to send to the Board of Supervisors, that there was overwhelming support within our county for ending the contract with Wildlife Services. The reasons are MANY MANY and we have all heard them.

Now it is time for YOU, our Supervisors, to act in a responsible way and cut all ties to this outdated and cruel program which damages the balance of local ecosystems and in doing so, contributes to a more-ravaged planet.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely
Anne West