



Predator Defense
Helping people & wildlife coexist since 1990

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Dear Friends of Predator Defense,

We're closing out 2016 a little differently. Instead of a newsletter recapping the year, I'm sending just this personal message and plea for support. This is in part because you've likely already seen our newsletters and social media posts throughout the year, explaining what we're up to. But it is also because we want to get right to the point: This is a time like no other, and we need to know you will continue to be with us.

We started this organization in 1990 with the aim of being a powerful advocate for native predators—wolves, coyotes, cougars, bears, and beyond. Over the last 26 years we have taken on hundreds of battles to defend these vital agents of nature's balance, whom we consider to be fellow travelers. The battles have taken us into the field, where we've released animals from illegally set traps and helped people deal with the loss of their pets to traps and poisons. The battles have also taken us into courtrooms to stop our government's shameful, misguided predator control programs. And they've taken us to the halls of the U.S. Congress to make our elected officials aware of this secret, tax-funded war.

We are tireless defenders of wildlife—not by name, but by action. We have carried the torch longer than any other group on this issue and we have done it on a shoestring budget. We have always been grassroots. We don't have staff making six-figure salaries. We have always been driven by the belief that individual animals matter and that no animal should have to suffer or die because of fear or misguided beliefs that predators are to be loathed and eradicated. We have waged this battle with science and compassion as our guiding principles. No other organization has done more to highlight America's war on wildlife, and we're pleased to note that public consciousness against it has shifted our direction. BUT...

As we are all well aware, old prejudices and special interests die-hard. Never has this been more evident than with the presidential victory of the anti-environmentalist named Donald Trump. We are now up against the biggest challenge we've ever faced. The specter of an administration so ill-informed, greedy and cruel that it is seriously considering Sarah Palin and Trump's trophy-hunting sons for Secretary of the Interior is truly terrifying.

And now that we've gotten over the shock of how this unthinkable election has happened, it's time to dig in and fight! Trump did not win with a mandate. He lost the popular vote by over two million ballots. We know full well the majority of people are with us when it comes to ending America's war on wildlife. Public attitudes have changed en masse in recent decades.

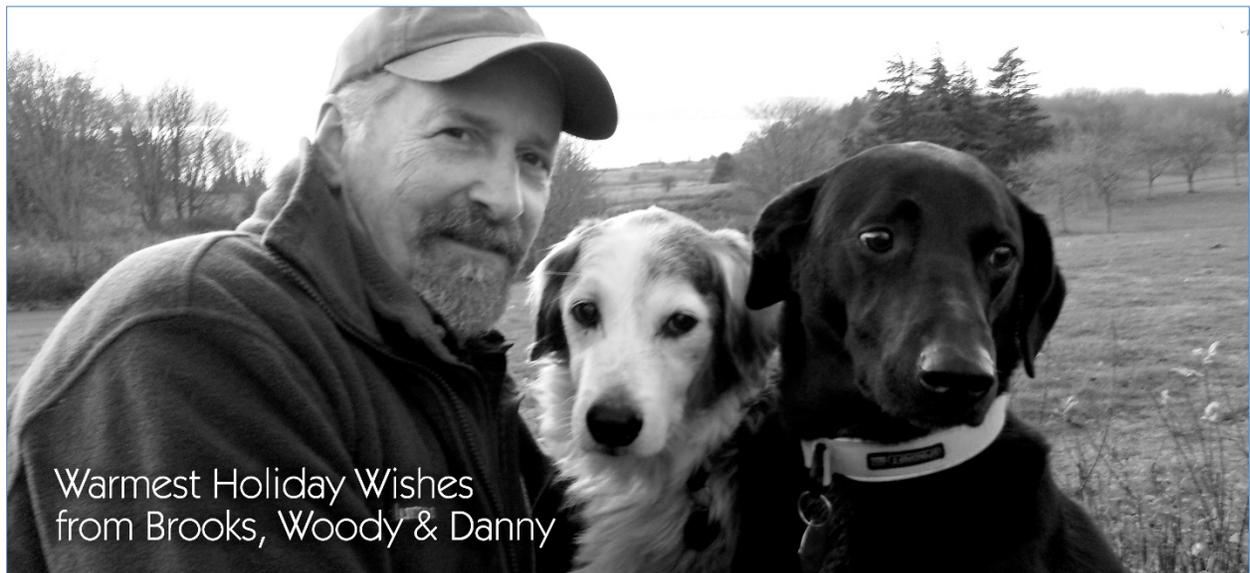
Our fight to change the paradigm will continue unabated. We have already laid plans for more lawsuits and roadblocks to stop the USDA Wildlife Services' lethal predator control program from expanding its brutal and unnecessary war on wildlife. We will continue to take on states that "manage" predators like wolves as "resources" to be exploited for human gain and pleasure. We continue to produce hard-hitting films on the issues, and have two scheduled to come out in 2017. These films will continue to educate and inspire people worldwide to bring about reform.

I am asking that you continue to stand strong with us, speak out, and support our efforts. We're counting on you now more than ever to be the force for common sense, kindness, and science. And the animals are counting on you. Please make a generous year-end donation to keep Predator Defense at the forefront of the movement to end America's shameful war on wildlife.

For all that is wild and free,



Brooks Fahy
Executive Director



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