



celebrating  
25

years  
thanks to people  
like you

April 2015

Dear Friend of Predator Defense,

We invite you to take a few minutes to join us in celebrating 25 years of existence. Since our origins in 1990 as a hospital and care center for injured and orphaned predators, to our current role as a national wildlife advocacy organization, our focus has always been protecting native predators and helping people learn to coexist with wildlife. Our efforts have taken us into the field, onto America's public lands, to Congress, and into courtrooms. It has only been possible because of supporters like you, and we are deeply grateful.

Jane Goodall wants millions to see "EXPOSED." So do we.

We are pleased to report we have now screened our film, "EXPOSED: USDA's Secret War on Wildlife," in multiple locations, and to exceedingly receptive audiences. We have also entered it in film festivals, where it has received several "best" awards. It is being called a powerful film. It is raising Americans' awareness of wildlife atrocities. And it won a stellar endorsement from Jane Goodall. (See story on pg. 4). So this year SHOULD be the tipping point in our fight against Wildlife Services and their barbaric lethal predator control program...that is IF we can raise the funding to make it so.

But we are struggling financially. And we need your help.

Believe it or not, we are struggling with funding. This couldn't come at a worse time, as we finally have traction with the positive response we've received from "EXPOSED" and need funds to screen it in more locations, take it to more festivals, and present it to decision-makers.

A key reason we are having a hard time raising money is because we are competing with large organizations, posing as wildlife advocacy groups, that have taken over the environmental movement. They make you believe they are defending wildlife, but they are not against the hunting and trapping of predators. They just cleverly word their material to make you think they are. They market wolves and other wildlife on calendars, jewelry, clothes, and other gimmicks to garner donations. But they take no stand against "Big Ag" and sport hunting groups. And they have been remarkably efficient at siphoning the funds away from real wildlife advocacy groups.

As you know, we are absolutely unique in that we don't just say we are defending wildlife, we actually do it. We are on the ground 365 days a year. We earn no lucrative salaries. We help people and we help wildlife, hands on. And we are more determined than ever to create enlightened wildlife policies in our country and restore predators to their rightful place. But we need a serious infusion of support to compete against the big organizations.

Please donate anything you can today, and spread the word to anyone who might be able to make a significant donation that will sustain and expand our efforts and make the past 25 years really pay off.

For all that is wild and free,

*Brooks Fahy*

Brooks Fahy, Executive Director



### Who We Are

Predator Defense is a national nonprofit advocacy organization working to protect native predators and help people learn to coexist with wildlife. Our efforts take us into the field, onto America's public lands, to Congress, and into courtrooms.

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Helping people and wildlife coexist since 1990

# Celebrating 25 years

Highlights from our work to protect people and animals, stop America's ill-advised and tragic war on wildlife, and create enlightened wildlife management policies



1996  
Stopped aerial gunning of coyotes at Hart Mountain & lethal control at Portland International Airport



2002  
Provided legal support for families who lost pets to wildlife traps and poisons.

2006-present

Increased presence in Washington, D.C., educating Congress about documented accidental M-44 poisonings by Wildlife Services throughout the West.



2013-14  
Placed billboards near entrances to Yellowstone National Park to alert tourists to wolf slaughter underway.

1990

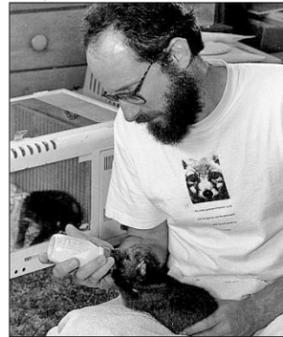
1995

2000

2005

2010

2015



1994-present  
Successfully advocated in Oregon to prevent cougars and bears from being hunted with dogs and black bears from being baited.



1995  
Embarked on new path, focused on protecting predator species more broadly.



1998  
Stopped livestock protection collars made with wildlife poison Compound 1080 from being introduced in Oregon.

2003  
Convened town meetings and media blitz in Oxford, Alabama, home of Tull Chemical, the only company in the world that produces Compound 1080.

Stopped proposed coyote sport hunting at Hart Mountain.

2004  
Placed 2,000 "Tip Line" posters at remote trailheads in Idaho, letting people know poison baits had been put out, ostensibly to kill wolves, but dogs and other non-target animals suffered. Shortly thereafter, the poisoning stopped.



2005  
Driving force behind bill to outlaw Compound 1080, introduced by Congressman Peter Defazio.

2007 & 2010  
Spearheaded bill to eliminate both Compound 1080 and M-44s, introduced by Congressman Peter Defazio.



2011-13  
Wildlife traps and poisons featured on CNN, CBS, FOX News, and other media.

2012  
Primary source for in-depth expose by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Tom Knusdon published in *Sacramento Bee*; leads to call for Congressional investigation of USDA Wildlife Services' out-of-control "predator control" program.



2014-15  
Released whistle-blowing, award-winning film, "EXPOSED: USDA's Secret War on Wildlife."

1990-1995

Initially called Cascade Wildlife Rescue, Brooks Fahy began the organization in 1990 as a hospital and care center for injured and orphaned native predators, including bears, bobcats, cougars, coyotes, and foxes. In 1992, Cheri Briggs joined him. Together, they filled a critical need for predator rehabilitation and were an active voice for species protection.

But finding suitable release sites for rehabilitated animals became increasingly difficult. Wildlife management policies were failing to protect predators and their habitat. Rampant use of predator control methods like leg-hold traps, poisons, snares, aerial gunning, bounties, and hunting were profoundly impacting existing populations and undermining second chances for rehabilitated animals. A change of course was imperative.



1994  
Helped woman whose dog was killed by M-44 sodium cyanide device set on family farm near Harrisburg, Oregon. This woman also suffered secondary poisoning while trying to resuscitate her dog.

History shows we blame predators for problems humans have caused. Help right this wrong. Support our work at [predatordefense.org](http://predatordefense.org).

## Why We're Different

- We've been in the trenches since 1990, dealing with the most brutal and shocking wildlife atrocities.
- We're proactive. No other organization has done what we've done to expose America's secret war on wildlife.
- We're not one of the corporate pack.
- We don't sell our membership list.
- We don't spend money on marketing gimmicks.
- We produce hard-hitting, award-winning documentaries.
- We're changing hearts and minds to make a better world for all wildlife.

## What We Believe

- The idea that we need to kill predators to control their population is a myth.
- Predators should not be hunted or trapped.
- Individual animals matter. No animal should suffer.
- Family values matter. It is not OK to rip family units apart.
- Predators cause insignificant livestock losses for ranchers. Most losses are caused by poor animal husbandry.
- Private ranching should not be allowed on public lands.
- Government agencies manage wildlife cruelly, to maximize sport-killing opportunities, and to support "Big Ag." They do not manage wildlife for the sake of biodiversity.
- Wildlife agencies desperately need reform, starting with USDA Wildlife Services' lethal predator control program.

## Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge: A Big Experiment that Stands the Test of Time



*Pronghorn antelope are the fastest land mammal in North America at sustained distances. They can run over 50 miles an hour, leaving pursuing coyotes and wolves in the dust. They are extremely vulnerable to fencing and habitat degradation.*

A 278,000 acre refuge in Oregon became a natural living laboratory that shows how a high desert ecosystem can recover from a century of cattle grazing. Thanks to our efforts from 1995-present, it also became one of the few sizeable places in the American west where predators and prey thrive, even though no lethal predator controls have been used there since the late 1960s.

For close to a century Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge (HMNAR) was severely impacted by open-range cattle grazing. It is the nation's only refuge for pronghorn antelope, which are extremely vulnerable to fencing and the habitat degradation caused by ranching. So after cattle were removed from the refuge in the early 1990s, hundreds of miles of fences were also removed.

But in spring 1995 pronghorn fawn survival fell to about zero, due to severe weather. The refuge responded by writing an environmental assessment that called for aerial gunning of coyotes for three years. They claimed that, without such actions, the pronghorn were in jeopardy. Knowing that fluctuations in prey populations are normal—that weather and habitat conditions, not predators, are the primary cause for declines—we challenged the refuge. We contacted Jim Yoakum, a former HMNAR biologist and one of the nation's leading experts on pronghorns. He supplied historical data showing the refuge's claims were unfounded. We then challenged the refuge in court and prevailed. And over the next three years pronghorn survival rates increased each spring and reached the highest population in recorded history.

From 1995-2001, HMNAR pressed to allow aerial gunning and sport hunting of coyotes. We challenged all attempts, and won. We continue to monitor them to this day. Places like Hart Mountain, with unexploited predator populations, are extremely rare. Killing coyotes there would have destroyed over 50 years of research and the refuge would have been able to say, "See, lethal control works." Instead, we get to say, "See, nature works!"

## Looking Ahead

Given the unexpected momentum we received from "EXPOSED" winning several awards and getting Jane Goodall's "thumbs up," our primary focus for 2015 is to get as many people as possible to watch the film (see story at right).

But rest assured we are continuing to work on the challenges you have heard about many times. Our goals remain the same—changing hearts and minds so we can create more enlightened wildlife policies and protect native predators.

All issues remain on our radar, and we will keep you updated via Facebook, Twitter, email and our website throughout the year.

Ensure our success.  
Become a monthly supporter today at [predatordefense.org](http://predatordefense.org)

Make your mark for America's wildlife.

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## "EXPOSED" wins Best Short at 2015 Animal Film Festival

We're thrilled to announce that the whistle-blowing film you helped us make, "EXPOSED: USDA's Secret War on Wildlife," has won another award—Best Short at the 2015 Animal Film Festival in Grass Valley, CA. This award follows its win for Best Wildlife Activism at the 2014 Wildlife Conservation Film Festival in New York.

As you know, in "EXPOSED" Americans are seeing three former federal agents and a Congressman blow the whistle on Wildlife Services—the barbaric, wasteful and misnamed agency within the USDA—and expose the government's secret war on wildlife on the taxpayer's dime. What you may not know is that no organization in the country has brought more heat on Wildlife Services than we have, or made greater attempts to hold them accountable. We are gratified to see other organizations are using our work as examples.

But in December we received a commendation that means even more...



Co-directors Paul Garrett (left) and Brooks Fahy (right) holding award "EXPOSED" received for Best Short from 2015 Animal Film Festival.

### Jane Goodall expresses admiration, wants Americans to watch film

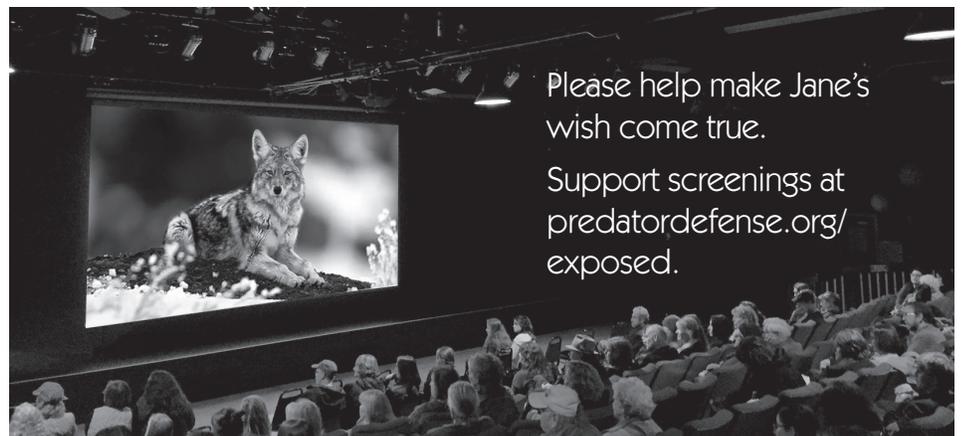
Not only did we learn that Jane Goodall was very moved when she watched "EXPOSED," but she also wrote us this great testimonial:

*"I have just watched EXPOSED, and two emotions vie with each other: First, horror that cruelty of this magnitude and scale has been perpetrated, for so long, in the name of the American government. And second, great admiration for the brave men who, jeopardizing personal safety and future employment, spoke out against the atrocities that they saw perpetrated, and admitted having perpetrated themselves. This is the 21st century. There is indisputable evidence that we are not the only beings on planet earth to know mental and physical suffering. For years I have heard stories of this kind of barbaric behavior – and now millions of Americans will learn, through watching "EXPOSED," of the unforgivable actions of those who have exercised their power to cause untold agony to thousands of innocent fellow creatures on our planet. Congratulations to all involved in making this documentary. I hope it will be watched by millions."*

**JANE GOODALL, Ph.D., DBE**

Founder, the Jane Goodall Institute & UN Messenger of Peace

So Jane wants millions to see "EXPOSED." And people have asked us to come screen it in New York City, Washington, D.C., Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Bellingham and Spokane, for starters. But we can't proceed unless we raise funds. Can you help?



Please help make Jane's wish come true.

Support screenings at [predatordefense.org/exposed](http://predatordefense.org/exposed).