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Dear Sir

I urge you to protect our wildlife.

I have always lived in the countryside and last year my children watched a fox being shot in the field next to us then thrown over the hedge so it seems vermin control is already in force without the hunt terrorising family pets whilst their dogs run amok. We have had hounds in our garden several times plus found lost ones wandering alone and scared. As there have been proven instances of young foxes being kept in barns to be let out before the hunt I do not see how these creatures can be classed as vermin when they are being taken and reared for sport. Recently the local hunt was in a local forestry commission wood where many take their dogs and children riding with guns-anyone else would have been arrested, there is going to be serious injuries to the public if not death if this type of activity continues.

I know many farmers who state that a fox will not kill a sheep. They are scavengers and may eat a miscarried or already dead animal. Some have asked them not to go on their land but they do so anyway.

There have also been many instances of hounds running onto busy roads and through villages damaging people's property as well as killing their pets. This is a danger to both the public and the hounds themselves. They do seem to think they are above the law and are rarely prosecuted for flaunting it.

I feel if people wish to ride out in a group on their horses then they should do so and enjoy it. I see no need to pursue an animal and rip it to shreds whilst doing so especially as their earths are often blocked first so they cannot escape. It is barbaric and as the majority of the public want it banned I feel people with the power to do something such as yourself should listen to the majority. As for the badger cull surely the fact that there is still TB in Ireland after the cull is evidence against that.

I want my grandchildren to be able to see our wildlife alive. The act does need reviewing as we are not protecting our wildlife. After all, the animals were here first and we are taking up more of their territory daily.

Please help.

Thank you

Please do not publish my name as there have been instances of dead foxes being put on the property of people who speak out against the hunt. I am just a normal person living in the countryside who feels strongly about this as does the majority of the people who also live and work here.

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