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To: Lord Bonomy, Scottish Government, Edinburgh  
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Subject: Review of the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002

Dear Lord Bonomy,

Please ensure that the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002 addresses serious problems concerning snaring and fox-hunting.

**Snaring:**

It is clear that some people simply don't care how they set snares. By their indifference they inflict terrible wounds on animals. It is no exaggeration to say that many animals have been tortured to death – their wounds and distress have been horrific. And yet, the perpetrators escape prosecution. We cannot stand by and let this continue.

The law should not accommodate the instruments of torture that are snares. No matter how they are deployed, snares are inhumane. Other methods of control can sometimes be inhumane, but snaring is *always* inhumane. That is a crucial difference. The time has come to banish snares to the history books.

**Fox-hunting:**

Independent observers report that the current law concerning fox-hunting is being routinely flouted. Prosecutions are very rare largely because of the difficulty in procuring the standard of proof required by the law courts. Credible anecdotal evidence nevertheless points to the law being made to look useless.

Three important changes are required, namely:

- 1: Ban the use of hounds to deliberately chase wild mammals and allow only drag hunting in Scotland.
- 2: Restrict the number of hounds which can be used to flush out foxes to a maximum of two.
- 3: Make it compulsory for hounds to be fitted with suitable muzzles when being used to flush out foxes.

Kind regards,  
Catherine Gray

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