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Dear Lord Bonomy,

The current Act works fine, the local hunt (Dumfrieshire and Stewartry) complies with it and many more foxes are shot. Wether people like it or not foxes do need to be controlled , the reason why the law is different to England is due to the nature of land use in Scotland compared to England. There are large blocks of single age conifer plantations here which is where the foxes live they are a frequent and ubiquitous feature of Scottish land scape, and a pack of hounds entering a woodland is the only way to flush foxes to waiting guns. I know this to be true as I lamb 900 ewes on my farm in April,I ask the local hunt to come in March, they introduce the pack of hounds into the forestry blocks and shoot foxes as they appear, those that are missed or not shot at are at least scared away to give my ewes a chance of peace during their birthing process.

The fact that some of them ride horses at the same time is irrelevant.

If this option to control this most damaging predator is taken away from me my only other option is to lay snares around the edge of the woods, I dont like snares , the often catch deer or badgers, I dont know if you have ever seen a fox that has been in a snare over night , it is not pretty they sometimes chew their leg off to get away , at the very least they have been totally stressed and in great pain for at least 7 or 8 hours, if we are trying to reduce cruelty here more snaring is going in the wrong direction.

The Act as it stands works well for the country it was designed for I recommend that it should not be amended .

Your Respectfully

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