

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SUBMISSION TO LORD BONOMY

Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

- Individual
- Organisation

What is your name or your organisation's name?

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What is your address?

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Are you content for Lord Bonomy to contact you in relation to this review?

- Yes
- No

Please indicate which of the sectors you most align yourself/your organisation with. Tick all which are applicable to you.

- Keeper of Working Dogs
- Organisation
- Veterinary Surgeon
- Recreational Shooter
- Hunter
- Gamekeeper
- Landowner
- Pest Controller
- Hunt Staff
- Farmer
- Member of the General Public
- Other

If other, please specify:

Smallholder

Which, if any, type(s) of dog(s) do you own/regularly engage in exempted activities under the Wild Mammals Act with?

- Lurchers
- Terriers
- Foxhounds
- Beagles

- Spaniels
- Labradors
- Other

If other, please specify:

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Is the Wild Mammals Act providing a sufficient level of protection for wild mammals, while at the same time allowing effective and humane control of mammals, such as foxes, where necessary?

- Yes
- No

Do you feel the activities of organised fox shoots conducted by hunts and individuals using dogs in Scotland are open, public and accountable?

- Yes
- No

Have you noticed any public opposition to the control of pest species using dogs under the Wild Mammals Act in your local area?

- Yes
- No

If yes please explain when and from whom.

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The Wild Mammals Act allows an unlimited number of dogs to be used to locate and flush wild mammals for the purpose of sport or pest control. Do you feel restrictions on the number of dogs that could be used for these purposes would hinder the ability of individuals to carry out some sporting or pest controlling operations?

- Yes
- No

Please give reasons for your answer.

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Someone who hunts a wild mammal illegally under the Wild Mammals Act is guilty of an offence along with the landowner or occupier, as well as the owner or person responsible for the dog(s) if they are not directly committing the offence. The basic penalty is a fine of up to £5,000 and/or imprisonment for up to 6 months. Do you feel this is enough of a deterrent to keep people from using dogs to hunt wild mammals in Scotland as defined by the Wild Mammals Act?

- Yes
- No

Please give reasons for your answer.

Instead of tinkering with the law and associated penalties, focus on catching and punishing culprits with the laws you have!

Are there any circumstances in which the only way of effectively and humanely controlling a wild mammal, for the purposes listed in the Wild Mammals Act, is to use dogs to flush the wild mammal to guns or to a falconer?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your answer, including examples if you answered yes as to why other methods of control could not be used.

Predominantly terrain based.

If you use dogs to flush a wild mammal to guns or to a falconer, including from underground, how do you ensure that the quarry is despatched by the gun(s) or bird as soon as possible after being flushed? Positioning, experience and accuracy!

An exception in the Wild Mammals Act means that it is not an offence if a dog(s) unintentionally kills a wild mammal in the course of flushing that wild mammal from cover, or underground, if the intention is for it to be shot or killed by a falcon. Is this a reasonable exception in terms of allowing effective, humane control?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your answer.

Dogs hunt by instinct, to penalise an individual for an animal's instinct is assinine!

Do you feel that the use of dogs to flush foxes or mink from underground, or from tight cover, is important in allowing for the effective and humane control of wild mammals in Scotland?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your answer.

Again, terrain and geography.

The Wild Mammals Act allows a dog(s) to be used to locate and dispatch a severely injured wild mammal for the purpose of reducing suffering. Do you feel that this is important in allowing for the effective and humane control of wild mammals in Scotland?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your answer.

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Do you have any other comments for Lord Bonomy?

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