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The **Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act**

2002 (PWMA) was meant to put an end to hunting with hounds in Scotland. Why then, are there as many active hunts in Scotland now as there were before the laws came into force? The answer is Loopholes.

You will find full details and points to consider **here** and can see evidence of loophole exploitation below. **Be warned, this footage is very upsetting** but shows a pattern of behaviour by hunters which Lord Bonomy should be made aware of in his **review of hunting law**, which closes on 31st March:

Hunters in Scotland are blatant about the fact that the exemptions in the PWMA are allowing them to carry on hunting. The **Buccleuch Hunt** website states that “all Scottish packs use the exemption allowing foxes to be flushed to guns.”

No wonder the Scottish Countryside Alliance stated on the ten year anniversary of the PMWA coming into force:

Such arrogance. Hunters have been having the last laugh for years.

It is time something was done by law-makers to ensure that no more **exemptions** can be exploited, and no more wildlife is ripped apart by hounds just so that bloodthirsty hunters can get sociopathic kicks.

It is shocking that we are even having this discussion in 21st Century Britain. Thankfully though, the majority of the public in the UK find hunting with hounds abhorrent. For most of us, seeing an animal die would be upsetting, not part of a fun day out. Hunters can try and dress up their actions any way they want. “Wildlife management”

and “pest-control” are often cited as reasons for their hunts. But let’s be clear here. These people enjoy the kill.

Please act in the rightful way and shut down these loop holes, 84% of the British public support a full ban on hunting altogether. You will find everything you need to know by click on this link here or copy and paste to browser

<https://networkforanimals.org/deadline-for-action-31st-march-2016/>

Many thanks

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