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Subject: REVIEW OF THE PROTECTION OF WILD MAMMALS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing with regards **REVIEW OF THE PROTECTION OF WILD MAMMALS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

As a proprietor of only circa 50 acres (of which only 35 or so is grazing), it is very important to me that the livestock is protected from predators such as the fox.

Due to the topography of our local surroundings it is very difficult to find the foxes in the thick cover along steep river banks. It is however, much safer and more efficient to use hounds to flush the fox out of such areas to a place where marksmen will have safe footing and a clear line of fire.

It is not difficult to imagine a pack of hounds will be more efficient than one or two dogs at flushing out the fox. I understand that the review will be taking into account research commissioned by the Federation of Welsh Farmers Packs and carried out 2012–2013. This research “showed that using more dogs was not only more efficient but that the time between an animal being found or flushed and it being shot was reduced”.

I am strongly opposed to further restrictions on the hunts ability to control predators.

Yours sincerely,

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