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To whom it may concern

I understand you are looking to review the protection of wild mammals act. I am English and I live in England so I will not be directly effected by your findings and any changes that may be made as a result. However I have recently had a particularly bad experience with a local hunt group and I believe my experience is typical of such groups, and this type of behaviour is not confined to our borders. I hope it will be of interest to you.

in 2014 I was attacked by a pack of hunt dogs whilst walking my own two dogs. The Hounds belonged to the Fitzwilliam Hunt of the Peterborough and Stamford area. They were supposedly 'out exercising the hounds'. My animals were under control but we were still set upon by 20 or 30 dogs when the Hunt master lost control of his hounds. My dogs were bitten one needed stitches. We were lucky to escape so lightly. I reported it to he police but no action was taken against the Hunt.

Last year, almost a year to the date of my incident. The Fitzwillam Hunt again lost control of their dogs and they chased a lady's pet dog onto the A47 at Castor (near Peterborough) causing a traffic accident. The Lady's dog died in the accident and so too did one of the hunts hounds. Again no action has been taken against the hunt.

If you are considering improving the Scottish law, then I think that limiting the number of dogs any hunt group is allowed to take out would be a real improvement and would certainly help to prevent situations like the one I have had to endure. 20 or 30 dogs is far too large a number to control as has been clearly demonstrated in the above incidents.

I hope that this information will be useful to you in your review and I thank you for your time. Please do feel free to contact me if you would like a crime number or any other information concerning the incidents.

Kind regards
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