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Dear Sirs

I believe a review of the above act is imminent.

I urge you to listen to the vast majority of the population surveyed in the UK who oppose hunting with dogs. This act not only needs protection but it needs strengthening ensuring that in particular Hunts cannot claim their actions as unintentional when clearly they have been acting recklessly. There is endless footage showing that hunts are acting illegally and still torturing foxes by letting hounds rip them apart and allowing their terrier men to dig them from their setts - this is abhorrent.

Wildlife crime also seems to be on the increase with much of our wildlife being persecuted, the Act needs to allow for harsh sentence for those that inflict cruelty on our wildlife to set a strong example nationally that this will not be tolerated.

Lastly, the grouse estates within Scotland seem to be inflicting a huge amount of persecution of our wild animals and birds purely for the profits of grouse shooting. The excessive killing of mountain hares is shameful as is the persecution of birds of prey, in particular the hen harrier. Something must be done to ensure that these estates are held to account for their actions and that a level of tolerance for those animals that may prey on grouse, surely they can't eradicate any predator just for the sake of the grouse?

Please do the right thing and seize this opportunity to take all necessary steps to ensure our wildlife is protected and valued for future generations.

Kind regards  
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