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Why change something that was well researched before and that was working well? It has little to do with animal welfare, just pandering to politicians and those without any true interest in the countryside and its ways. The use of a pack of hounds to flush out a fox to guns has been well tested. The league of cruel sports (how many of which actually live in the areas where hunting takes place?) are determined to use this review to get hunting banned. I was always against hunting (it was just for the Toffs), until I started living in the countryside, and found that foxes came and killed my hens, and decimated my flock of geese killing the females and leaving their bodies scattered around the field. But I soon learnt that all my preconceptions about hunting were wrong. Hunting is for anyone either mounted or on foot and has a wide range of followers often including local vets. If using a pack of hounds to flush is banned, then what happens to Hunting?? Hunting is more than just the fox, its an infrastructure that is important to the management and livelihood of the countryside, especially in the Scottish Borders where most of the mounted packs are based. What happens to the hundreds of hounds? Please consider the wider ramifications to changing the bill . Yours Sincerely. Anne Phillips. [REDACTED]

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