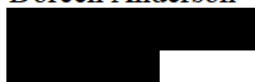


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I wish to make the following submission to Lord Bonomy's review.

I am concerned that the current legislation is not sufficiently robust to protect wanton cruelty to foxes, as evidenced recently by the filming of the Jedforest Hunt by the League Against Cruel Sports. The Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act states that "a dog" can be used to flush out a fox. However, the small print in the appendices makes it clear that this means "one or more dogs". I believe that this is a loophole which is being exploited by hunts, enabling them to carry on chasing with packs of dogs, with ensuing cruel consequences. I believe that Scotland's legislators should show the way by banning the use of dogs at any stage during fox hunting. Failing this, and as an alternative, I would like to see the number of dogs used limited to two and that they should be muzzled at all times when hunting.

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