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Review of the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002,
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Dear Lord Bonomy,

I am writing to you regarding the above review of the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) 2002 Act, which you are currently undertaking.

I understand that this Review has a very restricted remit and, therefore, I would like to suggest how legislation might be tightened to ensure that wild mammals are no longer killed by hounds in Scotland.

The Act as it stands allows too many exemptions and loopholes. These allow hunts to carrying on chasing and killings foxes by full pack of dogs. I was disappointed to learn that the number of mounted fox hunts in Scotland remains the same as it was before the 2002 ban. I believe that there have been problems in enforcing the law in the case of mounted fox hunts.

As a starting point I would like to see an end to the use of packs of dogs to 'flush' out foxes and mammals. The term 'dog' in the Act can be read as meaning one, two or more dogs. Ideally the aim should be to allow only drag hunting but at the very least, hounds should fitted with suitable muzzles when being used to flush out foxes and only two hounds used in this practice.

Yours sincerely,

Jose Parry

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