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## RESOLUTION TO BAN DOGS FROM HUNTING WOLVES IN WISCONSIN

Dogs hunting wolves was not anticipated following the delisting in January 2012. Dogs are being run into wolf territories despite clearly posted warnings and repeated reprimands, resulting in dogs and wolves getting injured and killed.

Wolves will not comprehend a hound chasing them for "fun" versus a hunt when self-preservation is at stake. As baiting has altered wildlife behavior, so hound hunting will force harassed wolves to alter their behavior to perceive dogs as a threat when their dens/rendezvous-sites/territories are invaded and will be deadly to both species. An exhausted wolf, harassed by hounds for six-months has neither the ability to hunt for itself, care for its young or protect its territory. Anti-cruelty laws prohibit canine fighting in Wisconsin. The scientific community and hunters at large agree that dogs hunting wolves is not necessary to have a successful hunt.

### Hound Hunting Compensation Paid Facts:

1987-2012, \$427,651+ for dog injuries/kills and \$20,034.06 was paid out to veterinarians for treating injured hounds from wolf encounters. **The total compensation to hound hunters to date is \$447,685.06+.**

4/2012-12/31/2012 - \$14,000 for Hound Dogs alone

The Endangered Species Fund has ceased due to the delisting of wolves from endangered to game species. Compensation to dog owners for dog injuries or killed will be generated from wolf-license renewal fees and wolf harvest application fees.

**PROPOSAL:** BAN use of dogs from hunting wolves! Wolf experts and scientific community at large oppose use of dogs hunting wolves. Wisconsin had a "successful" wolf hunt quota last year without using dogs. It is now proven that dogs are not necessary to train on or hunt wolves. Since all other states ban dogs hunting wolves, would you support banning the use of dogs from hunting wolves in Wisconsin?



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