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End the Hunting of Coyotes with Dogs

The current Wisconsin law allowing coyote hunting with dogs needs to be repealed. This is not an anti-hunting request. This is a reasonable request for safety and respect of all neighbors. Large tracts of lands are needed to hunt with dogs. Most farm lands are being reduced in size and dogs have no way of knowing if they are trespassing on private land whose owners do not allow this kind of hunt.

Numerous complaint calls to law enforcement demonstrate the lack of compliance with coyote - dog hunting hunters who do not request permission to hunt private property. Law enforcement time and money should not be wasted on these nuisances.

The dog-using hunters take away the rights of lone hunters and property owners to remove unwanted coyote in their own way. Some hunters and owners enjoy the quiet that dog hunting does not allow.

The sport has become dangerous to drivers and passers-by. Long range shooting, alarming and running large herds of deer across public highways, and many vehicles (in hunting clubs) chasing about are all issues that point to safety concerns.

The DNR does not have the money to pursue unethical hunters. Law enforcement should not be used this way. Respect of lone hunters and property owners needs to be restored. We should end the practice of coyote hunting with dogs before it becomes more dangerous to public safety.

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