

Dear Senators,

I am an Oregonian and am appalled at the coyote killing contests our state holds. IMHO it is nothing more than a barbaric blood sport. Granted I don't have a huge ranch in Eastern Oregon but I have lived on 13 acres in a rural area for 25 years and have shared the land with the coyotes. When I see them they generally are hunting rodents which is fine by me. They are great for rodent control. I have not lost animals or poultry to the coyotes. (Over 25 years here we have had sheep, lama, turkeys, cows, pigs, goats, chickens, horses and ponies, dogs and cats on the property at some point). As a precaution I keep the vulnerable animals/pets confined at night which is what any responsible owner would do. However, killing in mass for the sake of killing to see who can get the most, the biggest etc just doesn't fit in with the times. Coyotes are already hunted and trapped. We need to move away from barbaric inhumane coyote killing contests. Please support SB 723-2 and end the contests.

Sincerely,

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