

I would like my state of Oregon to ban the inhumane coyote contests. Washington, California, Arizona, New Mexico and other states have banned these contests, recognizing their cruelty. Participants cowardly lure coyotes out in the open for an easy kill using a high-tech electronic device that mimics coyote pups in distress. I cannot rid myself of the image of a man holding a corpse of a nursing coyote mother. Her pups would inevitably starve. This is not sportsmanship. Children are apparently invited to these events and learn to totally disregard the welfare of wildlife. There is no benefit to this killing contest, but to the contrary, results in an increase in problems with coyotes. By disrupting stable family packs coyotes have more confrontations with livestock and pets. Please support HB 2728.