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My wife and I raise sheep and goats for the market. Two years ago we lost three sheep in one night. Fortunately one of the kills was caught on our security camera. A mother and her cub came in and walked right by our front door which was only a screen door that night. She was teaching her young to kill, mind you it's not hunting when you have your livestock in sectioned pastures. It's just a smorgasbord. Nothing was eaten, just killing to kill. We enlisted Eric Lee to come set traps and he caught the cub that night. We have since moved from Elmira to Veneta and in the last year we have lost 7 animals to predators. Bleeding hearts that live in town have no idea of real life in the country. Almost every farm has trail cameras in one place or another and the number of postings showing cats roaming at night and in broad daylight is astounding. These cats don't need to be exterminated as they do have a place in the ecosystem but they do need to be controlled. We support controlled hunting with dogs to keep things in check.

Thank you,  
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