

- **Killing contests are a blood sport like dogfighting and cockfighting.** Killing coyotes for thrills and prizes-with no respect for their intrinsic or ecological value-is senseless violence and waste.
- **Killing contests damage the reputation of responsible hunters by violating fundamental hunting ethics.** Countless animals are injured or orphaned during killing contests. The events put non-target species (including imperiled wolves) at risk.
- **There is no scientific evidence that indiscriminately killing coyotes reduces their populations, increases populations of game animals like deer, or protects livestock.** Randomly killing coyotes disrupts their pack structure, which can increase their populations and increase conflicts with coyotes. Preventing conflicts with the use of humane, non-lethal methods is more effective.
- **Coyotes play an important ecological role in healthy ecosystems.** They reduce rabbit and rodent populations, clean up animal carcasses, and increase biodiversity.