

Coyote-killing contests, one of man's regrettable ideas, should have been banned long ago. I can't believe such contests still exist in this day and age. They encourage and reward many of the worst impulses in human beings--excess, wanton murder, rapacity, violence, unethical and unfair trophy-taking of the vulnerable with weaponry and technology, and group participation and glorying in the inhumane slaughter of a fellow living being. Anyone who has viewed the photos of the aftermath of one of these contests must be sickened that such contests exist. One view of such photography must agree that coyote killing contests are nothing less than a true desecration. The coyote is a creature that deserves to be treated with respect and honored, and should not be slaughtered and discarded.