

I was going to write my own thoughts, but this list provided sums it up well.

Coyote killing contests are excessive, unsportsmanlike, and reflect poorly on the hunting community.

Numerous studies, including those cited in Oregon Small Farm News, an extension of the Oregon State University, underscore that science does not support indiscriminate mass killing of coyotes to minimize conflicts with pets or livestock.

Mass killings like these contests can actually increase coyote numbers by disrupting stable family packs and increasing their rate of reproduction.

These killing contests violate all standards of fair chase, sportsmanship, and ethical hunting.

Killing contests are out of step with science-based wildlife management and Oregon's conservation approach to natural resources.

Mass killings of mid-level predators like coyotes can lead to explosions in rodents and other prey species and disrupt the natural ecosystem balance for cougars and other large predators that prey on coyotes.