

Hi, I've been a citizen of Oregon since the 1960's. Oregon is a special place, and we should all feel fortunate to live here AND we should give back to this place, to honor it and not take it for granted. How much is our quality of life enhanced by the wild animals which live outside our sheltered homes, asking nothing of us? For those who are religious, it is hard not to consider animals part of creation, right? For those who are simply caring human beings, don't these animals have a right to live free of violence and fear of humans?

People have engaged in barbaric and disgusting practices throughout the ages, including racist oppression, child abuse, oppression of others 'not like us', and other forms of abuse, including cruelty to animals. Killing animals for sport is a barbaric practices. It only exists because callous, uncaring or sadistic people gain a sick satisfaction from it.

Our society is diminished and degraded by every such act of cruelty, despite and pathetic excuses about the need to "CONTROL" animals for economic purposes.

This sadistic practice must end, NOW, and Oregon will be a better place for it when it is banned from our State.

Change is always hard, it is always resisted on the basis of "Tradition" and "Way of Life" and "Profit" and other regressive excuses. VOTE to end this cruel activity NOW. Thank you.

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