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I am opposed to the use of using dogs for hunting cougars.

Top predators like mountain lions regulate their own populations through territorial defense and parental care.

"Hunting disrupts the social interactions that help regulate populations."

"When male cougars are killed, younger males move into their territory and compete with each other. These younger males are more likely to attack humans and livestock."

"Studies have shown that hunting increases attacks on humans and livestock."

"The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has called for an end to mountain lion hunting in the United States."