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## **Blood sport of coyote killing contests must end today**

***Wildlife protection group calls on provincial leaders to be responsible stewards***

**ALBERTA** – It is time for the blood sport of coyote killing contests to end in Alberta, says a national wildlife group.

The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals (The Fur-Bearers) is renewing their call to end the irresponsible “contests” that the government supports through inaction.

“These inhumane contests glorify killing a species that is essential to ecosystems, and can actually create new, more significant conflicts between wildlife and people,” says Michael Howie, spokesperson for The Fur-Bearers. “The science is clear: when coyotes are persecuted, their populations increase; when their social units or families are disrupted, conflict and depredation on livestock increases; and there is no argument - even if there is a healthy population size – to glorify the mass killing of sentient, ecologically significant animals.”

It is the duty of government to manage not just land and wildlife habitat, but those who affect them through hunting and trapping. By allowing killing contests, Alberta’s leadership is showing a severe lack of stewardship.

The Fur-Bearers is calling on wildlife and animal lovers to contact Minister of Environment Shannon Phillips and Premier Rachel Notley to demand an end to these inherent inhumane contests immediately.

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