

# A Congressman's Congrats



KIND WORDS FROM OUR  
30-YEAR ALLY IN THE FIGHT  
TO REFORM WILDLIFE POLICIES  
& BAN WILDLIFE POISONS



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Pictured with puppy, Waldo

A CHAMPION  
FOR NATIVE  
PREDATORS,  
PEOPLE & PETS

For the last 30 years Predator Defense, under the leadership of Brooks Fahy, has worked tirelessly to end the federal government's inhumane and counter-productive killing of wildlife through the Department of Agriculture's rogue Wildlife Services program. Not only does this secretive agency tragically kill millions of wild animals each year -- including endangered species -- it also kills dogs and has come perilously close to killing humans.

Throughout the decades, Predator Defense has been a consistent force in bringing to light Wildlife Services' unjustifiable activities. One of the most effective ways to enact change is through building relationships. Knowing this, Brooks has brought victims to Washington, D.C. to meet with members of Congress, successfully urging them to join my efforts to pass legislation to ban wildlife poisons and reform Wildlife Services. Most recently, Brooks accompanied the Mansfield family to D.C. after 14-year old Canyon accidentally triggered an M-44 device while hiking behind their house with his beloved dog, Kasey. The cyanide from the M-44 caused Kasey to suffer an agonizing death in front of Canyon. Thankfully Canyon missed full exposure, or he would have been killed as well. Canyon still suffers from the effects of partial exposure to the cyanide. With Brooks' guidance, knowledge, and compassion, the family has become powerful activists in the fight to ban M-44 devices.

Predator Defense has garnered major media coverage that has raised public awareness on the importance of banning M-44s. As a result, the devices have been banned in Oregon and are temporarily banned in Idaho and several other states, while work continues at the federal and state levels to ban them nationwide.

I have worked with Brooks since the founding of Predator Defense. Because of his determination and skill, it is an influential advocacy group I know I can count on. Congratulations on your 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I look forward to working with you in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Peter A. DeFazio  
Member of Congress