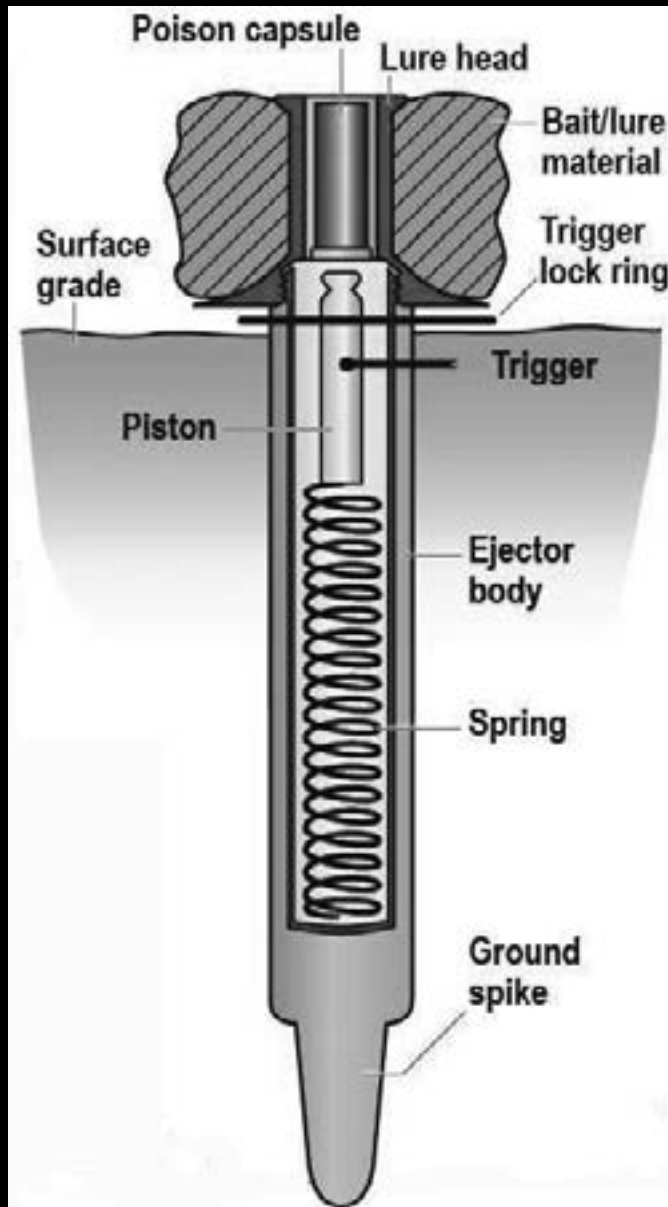




Should our great outdoors
be laced with land mines?



Of course not!

M-44 "cyanide bombs" are **INDISCRIMINATE** and destructive devices used primarily to protect livestock from coyotes.

But they don't just kill their intended targets. Thousands of pets and wild animals have been killed and people have been poisoned.

An adult has died, 15 years after an M-44 destroyed his health.

A child narrowly missed death, due to wind direction. Your pet or child could be next.

Here are just a few recent victims.



MOLLY in Wyoming



ABBY in Wyoming



KASEY in Idaho

M-44 "CYANIDE BOMBS" ARE KILLERS THAT NEED TO GO

PREDATOR DEFENSE: WORKING TO BAN M-44s SINCE 1990



Predator Defense is a national nonprofit wildlife advocacy group that has worked since 1990 to help the unsuspecting and traumatized victims of M-44 poisoning.

They have advocated for federal and state legislation to ban M-44s and joined in lawsuits to protect people, pets and wildlife from indiscriminate slaughter.

Next you will see a sampling of M-44 cases Predator Defense has documented, working extensively with most of the victims.

An Early Case

1990



A dog in New Mexico accompanying a ranch hand triggered an M-44. After attempting mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on the dog, who died in a few minutes, the man was poisoned and put in ICU.

Family loses dog on Oregon farm

1994

Amanda Woods was walking on her family farm with her dog Ruby, who unknowingly triggered an M-44. Ruby went into severe respiratory distress and suffered 15 minutes of agony before dying. Amanda tried to help and suffered secondary poisoning.



Oregon family loses dog near home in area children played

2000

The Tippett family of Estacada, OR, lost their German shepherd Buddy to an M-44 set a mere 100 yards from their back door. It was one of six devices, illegally set on an adjacent property, a tree farm where children played and people walked their dogs.



Oregon Dept. of Agriculture actively covered up Tippett case

2000



M-44s are small, innocuous-looking devices that pose a major public safety risk. In the Tippett case no legally required warning signs were posted near any tree farm entrances. When reported to ODA, they actively covered the case up on behalf of USDA Wildlife Services. They spoke to no witnesses and blamed the victims.

Utah Man Permanently Disabled

2003



While camping with his family on public land in Utah, Dennis Slaugh touched what he thought was a survey marker. His resulting M-44 poisoning was so severe he was unable to work. It contributed to his death in 2018.

The Slaughts visit D.C. to urge federal ban

2008



Dennis Slaugh (2nd from right) with his wife Dorothy and U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio (2nd from left) on visit with Predator Defense to educate legislators on the need to ban wildlife poisons.

Federal trapper
endangered kids,
targeted & killed
dog in Texas

2011



The Walker family lost their beloved dog Bella to an M-44 placed by a USDA trapper just 918 feet from their house. They had two young sons who could have been harmed or killed. The trapper violated three prime EPA use restrictions. His "take" was deemed an "intentional target."

Film exposes M-44s & government cover-ups



2013

Award-winning documentary by Predator Defense is one Jane Goodall said she wants millions to see. Featuring government whistleblowers, it shows why killing wildlife with poisons, traps and guns is counterproductive and inhumane.

The Pocatello Tragedy

2017



14-year-old Canyon Mansfield took a customary walk on a hill behind his house and accidentally triggered a device that looked like a sprinkler. He and his dog, Kasey, were poisoned. Kasey died in front of him.

From Victims to Activists

2017-23



The Mansfield family experienced intense trauma and grief from this incident, but they went from being victims to activists. Their story struck a nerve and received extensive press coverage.

The Mansfields Go to D.C.

2017 & 19



The Mansfield family traveled to Washington, D.C., with Predator Defense to meet with members of Congress and urge them to ban M-44s by passing "Canyon's Law." Efforts continue to this day.

Pocatello
= Poison
Central

2019



Canyon's mother, Theresa Mansfield, and Brooks Fahy of Predator Defense visit the Pocatello Supply Depot, where the USDA stores and stockpiles all its deadly poisons...in the Mansfield's home town!

Film shows
lives utterly
changed by
M-44s

2019



Documentary features brave souls on front lines of fight to ban M-44s. Includes heart-felt interviews with Canyon Mansfield, Pocatello sheriff and other people Predator Defense assisted. Watch the film at predatordefense.org/lethalcontrol.

Oregon bans M-44s statewide

2019



Creating a West Coast free of “cyanide bombs,” Governor Kate Brown signs bill to ban M-44s statewide in Oregon. More than 10 states still continue to allow M-44 use.

M-44s are
ineffective
& counter-
productive



Predators cause less than a fraction of 1% of livestock deaths. The minuscule livestock losses supposedly prevented by M-44 use are not worth the profound risk and harm to people, pets, wildlife and endangered species. In addition, killing coyotes leads to an increase in reproduction rates.

M-44s
can never
be used
safely



Not only are M-44s indiscriminate killers, but warning signs don't work, as no animal or young child can read them. M-44s reportedly kill 10-15,000 animals a year, including many dogs. That's horrifying, but the real numbers are even higher, as so many deaths are intentionally unreported.

2023 Update



Predator Defense is on the verge of having a new version of Canyon's Law reintroduced in the U.S. Congress. It would ban M-44s on all public lands.

They've also ramped up efforts to get the Dept. of the Interior (DOI) to ban M-44s on 245,000,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. Surprisingly, DOI has indicated they are not opposed to such a ban.

Learn more about Predator Defense's
campaigns to ban M-44s and other
wildlife poisons at

predatordefense.org

