

Celebrating 30 years!



1996
Stopped aerial gunning of coyotes at Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge and lethal control at Portland International Airport.

2002-Present
Provided support for families who lost pets to wildlife traps and poisons.



2006-Present
Educated Congress about documented M-44 and Compound 1080 poisonings by USDA Wildlife Services. Developed federal legislation to ban both with Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Oreg, 2nd from L). Bills introduced in 2008, 2010, 2017 & 2019 with bipartisan support. Joined on 2007 trip by M-44 victim Dennis Slaugh (2nd from R) whose 2003 poisoning resulted in 2018 death.

2017-Present
Assisted the Mansfield family of Pocatello, ID, after their 14-year-old son, Canyon, out walking his dog on a hill behind their house, accidentally triggered an illegally set M-44. He watched his dog die an agonizing death, but was spared death himself due to wind direction, and has suffered long-term health issues. After their initial trauma, the Mansfields became activists, traveling to Washington, D.C., with us twice in support of the bill to ban M-44s nationwide and participating in the documentary, "Lethal Control," which features multiple victims we've helped.



HIGHLIGHTS

1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020



1990-1995
Initially called Cascade Wildlife Rescue, Brooks Fahy began the organization in 1990 as a hospital and care center for injured and orphaned native predators, including bears, bobcats, cougars, coyotes, and foxes. In 1992, Cheri Briggs joined him. Together, they filled a critical need, helping rehabilitate hundreds of predators, and were an active voice for species protection.

But finding suitable release sites for rehabilitated animals became increasingly difficult. Wildlife management policies were failing to protect predators and their habitat. Rampant use of predator control methods like leg-hold traps, poisons, snares, aerial gunning, bounties, and hunting were profoundly impacting existing populations and undermining second chances for rehabilitated animals. A change of course was imperative.



1995
Embarked on new path, focused on protecting predator species more broadly.



1994
Helped woman whose dog was killed by M-44 sodium cyanide device set on family farm near Harrisburg, Oregon. This woman also suffered secondary poisoning while trying to help her dog.

1994-present
Successfully advocated in Oregon to prevent cougars and bears from being hunted with dogs and black bears from being baited.



1998
Stopped livestock protection collars made with deadly wildlife poison Compound 1080 from being introduced in Oregon. Stopped proposed coyote sport hunting at Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge.

2001
Made emergency request to Office of Homeland Security to ban Compound 1080, citing potential use as chemical weapon. Received extensive press coverage.

2003
Convened town meetings and media blitz in Oxford, AL, home of Tull Chemical, the only company in the world that produces Compound 1080.



2004
Placed 2,000 "Tip Line" posters at remote trail-heads in Idaho, letting people know poison baits had been put out, ostensibly to kill wolves, but dogs and other non-target animals suffered. Shortly thereafter, the poisoning stopped.



2005
Driving force behind bill to outlaw Compound 1080, introduced by Congressman Peter DeFazio.



2011-Present
Wildlife traps and poisons, like the M-44 "cyanide bomb" pictured above, featured on CNN, CBS, FOX News, and other major media.

2012
Primary source for in-depth expose by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Tom Knudson published in *Sacramento Bee*. Led to call for Congressional investigation of USDA Wildlife Services' out-of-control "predator control" program.



2014-15
Released whistle-blowing, award-winning documentary, "EXPOSED: USDA's Secret War on Wildlife." Jane Goodall wants millions to see it.



2017
Released "The Profanity Peak Pack: Set Up & Sold Out," a documentary exposing Washington State's unjust and counter-productive wolf slaughter. The film was applauded by prominent scientists and audiences alike.

2019
Got M-44 "cyanide bombs" banned in Oregon, creating a West Coast free of M-44s. Success due to exponentiating media coverage, public outcry, petitioning wildlife managers & elected officials, public hearings with victims & expert witnesses, followed by S.B. 580, the bill that banned them.

2020
Prevailed in Idaho lawsuit against Wildlife Services, stopping wolf-killing in wilderness areas and other special places, halting use of snares to target wolves, and banning M-44 use statewide until a full EIS is completed.

DID YOU KNOW?

Why We're Different

- We've been in the trenches since 1990, dealing with the most brutal and shocking wildlife atrocities.
- We're proactive. No other organization has done what we've done to expose America's secret war on wildlife.
- We're not part of the corporate pack.
- We don't sell our membership list.
- We don't spend money on marketing gimmicks.
- We've produced a number of hard-hitting, award-winning documentaries.
- We're changing hearts and minds to make a better world for all wildlife.

What We Believe

- The notion predators must be killed to control their populations is a myth.
- Predators should not be hunted or trapped.
- Individual animals matter. No animal should suffer.
- Family values matter. It is not OK to rip family units apart.
- Predators cause insignificant livestock losses for ranchers. Most losses are caused by poor animal husbandry.
- Private ranching should not be allowed on public lands.
- Government agencies manage wildlife cruelly, to maximize sport-killing opportunities, and to support "Big Ag." They do not manage wildlife for the sake of biodiversity.
- Wildlife agencies desperately need reform.

