

Citizen Resolution # 070622

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Hound Training using Live Captive Animals

ISSUE: Penning is a legalized practice of hound training which confines coyote, fox, rabbits & hare in fenced enclosures with little opportunity for protection or escape for the purpose of allowing packs of up to three dogs to chase them for training. The animals are trapped, bred, traded, and sold to penning operations. Around 37 licensed penning facilities exist in Wisconsin per Silent Sports magazine 11/10/21. Penning can result in both the hounds and wildlife spreading disease. The penned wildlife experience fear and trauma as hounds are released to sic the captive animals targeted for training. Coyote and fox may be subject to hound training for 16 hours in a 24-hour period while rabbits are not allowed a rest. A variation of penning includes dog field trials. The dog club training license 169.21 allows the hunt club of two or more people, to purchase and possess live captive racoon, black bear, bobcat, coyote, fox, and rabbits for release into the wild. The bewildered captive animals will then be set upon and pursued by dogs. The purpose of competitive field events is entertainment and dog/hound training.

Do you agree the WCC should work with the WI DNR to put a stop to the use of live captive animals for penning and dog field trial training to resolve animalwelfare, ethical and fair chase issues?

Additional Information provided by author:

Sources: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/nr/001/17/045 <https://p.widencdn.net/dnbziz/WM0564>

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