



## Endorsements

NH Conservation Law Foundation  
NH Sierra Club  
NH Association of Conservation Commissions  
NH Wildlife Coalition  
Voices of Wildlife in NH  
The NH Animal Rights League  
The Humane Society of the United States  
UNH Animal Welfare Alliance  
Twin States Animal Liberation  
Brox Environmental Citizens  
Meade Cadot, Ph.D. Naturalist & Conservationist  
Rick Van de Poll, Ph.D. Natural Resource Scientist  
Weldon Bosworth, Ph.D. Ecologist  
Mark Mattson, Ph.D. Population Ecologist  
Geoffrey Jones, Licensed Professional Forester  
Christine Schadler, M.S., Canid Conservation Specialist  
John Harrigan, Outdoor Writer, 51 years of Newspapering in NH  
R. Scott Semmens, M.S., Keene State College  
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Barry N. Taylor, DVM  
Andover Conservation Commission  
Bethlehem Conservation Commission  
Lempster Conservation Commission  
Lyndeborough Conservation Commission Members

We, the signers, support HB 442, the legislation that will close coyote hunting while coyotes are raising their pups from April 1 to August 31. Coyotes mate for life, with both parents caring for their pups - the father brings home food and the mother nurses and defends the pups against predators. Last year, the expert wildlife biologists at NH Fish and Game proposed a similar closing of the coyote hunting season for pup raising but it was voted down by the Fish & Game Commissioners.

Currently, coyotes are killed as a result of year-round hunting, five months of trapping, night hunting using high tech electronic calls that mimic wounded prey, hunting over bait and through killing "contests" that target coyotes. To continue this intense killing pressure on a species without some respite is not only ecologically unsound and ineffective in reducing their population, it is morally repugnant.

NH lawmakers, please vote to pass HB 442 and support sound wildlife management practices and our state's coyote families.

Peterborough Conservation Commission  
Stoddard Conservation Commission  
Strafford Conservation Commission  
Sullivan Conservation Commission  
Webster Conservation Commission  
Green Mountain Conservation Group, Ossipee  
Watershed, NH  
Chester Conservation Commission  
Kingston Conservation Commission