



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.

Endorsements

NH Conservation Law Foundation

NH Sierra Club

NH Wildlife Coalition

Voices of Wildlife in NH

The NH Animal Rights League

The Humane Society of the United States

UNH Animal Welfare Alliance

Meade Cadot, Ph.D. Naturalist & Conservationist

Rick Van de Poll, Ph.D. Natural Resource Scientist

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Stoddard Conservation Commission

Sullivan Conservation Commission

Twin States Animal Liberation

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Andover Conservation Commission

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