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BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Rod Krischke, State Director  
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Dear State Director Krischke:

On behalf of the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) and Project Coyote (PC), we are writing to request your immediate investigation of Jamie P. Olson, a Wildlife Services (WS) employee based in Douglas, Wyoming for blatant acts of animal cruelty. Should you determine -- as we expect you will -- that Mr. Olson engaged in unethical and inhumane practices, either in the course of his work or as a private trapper, we urge you to terminate his employment with WS.

On Tuesday, October 30, 2012, AWI and PC received the attached photographs, which were published on Mr. Olson's Facebook, Via.me, Twitter pages and on a Strongbow Airedales website. The photographs, which are described as "work" photographs on one or more of these pages, depict a number of a raccoon, bobcat, and coyotes trapped with steel-jaw leghold traps. AWI and PC firmly oppose the use of steel-jaw traps for the capture of any species given their inherent cruelty. We were further alarmed that instead of immediately killing the trapped animals, this WS employee inflicted even greater fear and pain on already-suffering animals caught in these brutal traps by allowing dogs to torment or attack the trapped animals as is depicted in several of the photographs. This is unacceptable behavior for any trapper, but such wanton cruelty and callous disregard for the welfare of these animals is particularly egregious when done by a government employee and must not be tolerated.

Furthermore, another photograph posted on Olson's Twitter page titled "Eagles got to this adult female before i did. #3 bridger on a drag," (also attached) demonstrates Olson's failure to check his traps in a timely manner and his disregard for the animal's pain and suffering.

We also note that Mr. Olson appears to be the primary organizer of several coyote contest hunts in Montana and one scheduled for January 2013 in Dickson, North Dakota (see attached article dated October 15, 2012 about the MT contest and the attached flyer advertising the ND contest). We believe that Mr. Olson's mobile phone number is included in the article. If this is a WS-issued phone, Mr. Olson's use of it to organize and promote a coyote killing contest is unacceptable and provides additional grounds for his termination.

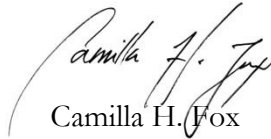
As you know, WS is a highly controversial program responsible for killing millions of animals each year which is funded, in part, with taxpayer dollars. While AWI, PC and WS disagree about the merits of WS' lethal control practices, there should be no question that the intentional infliction of additional suffering on any trapped animal by a WS employee is entirely unacceptable and warrants immediate termination.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter and for expeditiously and decisively acting on these concerns. We look forward to receiving your response to this matter in writing by replying to [cathy@awionline.org](mailto:cathy@awionline.org) and [cfox@projectcoyote.org](mailto:cfox@projectcoyote.org)

Sincerely,



Cathy Liss  
President  
Animal Welfare Institute



Camilla H. Fox  
Executive Director  
Project Coyote

cc:

William Clay, Deputy Administrator for Wildlife Services ([Bill.Clay@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Bill.Clay@aphis.usda.gov))  
Jeffrey S. Green, Western Regional Director for Wildlife Services ([jeffrey.s.green@usda.gov](mailto:jeffrey.s.green@usda.gov))  
Congressman Peter DeFazio  
Congressman John Campbell











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**Jamie P Olson**

My Airedale Bear with a sheep killing female.

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Clayton Pederson likes this.



**Tracy Sather Nelson** OMG Jamie that pic is amazing!

September 14, 2010 at 12:02am



**Corey Wade** I've seen this picture every day for a couple of years and I've even seen the original 8x10, I've even met the dog, but its cool everytime I look at it.

September 14, 2010 at 1:19am

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# Coyotehunter.net adds Montana to tournament schedule



October 15, 2012 11:19 am

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[CoyoteHunter.net](#)'s has scheduled its first hunt in Montana.

The Montana Coyote Classic is a two-day contest with a registration fee of \$300 per team. Home base for the event will be at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center.

For additional information about [Coyotehunter.net](#), the upcoming Montana Coyote Classic or any of the events in the 2012-13 Coyote Classic Tournament Series, contact Jamie P. Olson at 307-359-1848 or email him at [coyotehunter.net@gmail.com](mailto:coyotehunter.net@gmail.com).

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