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WHAT'S WRONG WITH HUNTING?



- 1 It tears families apart.** If you didn't cry when Bambi's mom was killed, do you have a heart? Every year, countless animals experience this trauma when their parents are killed, sometimes right in front of them.
- 2 It isn't about conservation or population control.** Even when unusual natural occurrences cause overpopulation, nature would work to regulate the numbers. Human hunters disrupt this natural balance because they prefer to kill the largest, strongest individuals. Human encroachment on animals' natural territories leads to human-wildlife conflicts and creates a false perception of overpopulation.
- 3 It's not a sport.** Sports involve fair competition between consenting individuals or teams. Hunters use rifles, shotguns, or high-powered crossbows—weapons that no animal can outrun or defend themselves against.
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