

gislative Action which referred to Dommer as "an aggressive vegetarian anti-hunter who seems intent upon forcing his lifestyle on others" was distributed to over two million sportswriters, hunting groups, and hunt magazines.[79] Much of the debate that takes place between hunters and anti-hunters centers around factual questions like the effects of hunting on surplus animal population. AR groups such as CASH claim that the \$500 million annual hunting business is designed to create its own surplus of game animals for hunters, and a study conducted by two researchers in biology and wildlife law concluded that "there does not exist anything denoted as surplus population which requires hunting." [80]

Ultimately, the differences between hunters and anti-hunters or non-hunters appears to be attitudinal rather than factual in nature. People who strongly object to sport hunting, including twenty-nine percent of the U.S. population, tend to exhibit more humanistic and moralistic attitudes than hunters, according to Kellert's study. This fact, coupled with a general opposition to a wide variety of activities involving animal exploitation among anti-hunters, suggests that ethical considerations are a more important basis for sentiment against hunting than an emotional attachment to animals. Anti-hunters are most likely to be females, live in large, urban centers, and live on the eastern or western coast.[81]

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Notes

40. The Animal Legal Defense Fund will be examined within the class of political-legal-legislative organizations.

41. AVAR, Animal Rights: News and Views 2/2 (September, 1983), p. 3; The Animals' Agenda 2/4 (July/August, 1982), p. 11.

42. The Animals' Agenda 3/3 (May/June, 1983), p. 26.

43. AVAR, Animal Rights: News and Views 2/2 (Sept., 1983), p. 3; AVAR, June, 1981 Press Release, p. 1; The Animals' Agenda 2/4 (July/August, 1982), p. 11.

44. Journal of American Veterinary Medical Association 173/9 (Nov. 1, 1973).

45. Ibid., 182/6 (March 1, 1983), p. 444.

46. Ibid., 182/12 (June 1, 1983).

47. See Bernard Rollin, Animal Rights and Human Morality (Buffalo: Prometheus Books, 1981), for an elaboration of this distinction.

48. Animal Rights: News and Views 2/2 (September, 1983), p. 3.

48. Louise Williams, "D.V.M.s Threatened by Euthanasia Backlash," DVM 14/2 (Feb., 1983).

50. The Animals' Agenda 3/6, (November/December, 1982), p. 15.

51. See the March, 1983, issue of Veterinary Economics for the affirmative legal ruling on this case.

FOR A FALCON SHOT BY A HUNTER IN ASSISI, ITALY

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Beauty grace and power
Alling from the sky
Terror in the eye,
A lonely cry.
The sacred symmetry
Of wings defiled:
The heavens sigh
For falcons shot
In flight and torn apart
By hunters not yet reconciled
With life or death
To reverence all in every breath,
Or free of fear enough
To put away their guns
And fly with falcons in the air.

Michael W. Fox