CSI Viewer's Guide

STOP Drive-Thru Killing

Canned Hunts

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The tell-tale signs of a canned hunt:

1. Animals have no chance of escape
2. "Hunters" pay luxury prices and are guaranteed a kill
3. Animals are usually shot at close range
4. Animals are accustomed to human interaction
5. Exotic animals are prime targets

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- Urge your Senators to co-sponsor the Sportsmanship in Hunting Act
- Learn more about this cruel activity
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In the February 10 episode of the popular TV show CSI*, the characters investigate the killing of a Kodiak bear, found in the woods of Lake Mead, Nevada. Evidence leads them to discover that the bear was killed during the commission of an illegal canned hunt.*

The Truth Behind the Fiction: Canned hunting is no televised fiction. While the practice is illegal in Nevada, where *CSI* is set, canned hunts are thriving in other parts of the country, particularly in Texas where hundreds of these operations are based.

With our Viewer's Guide, you can learn more about canned hunts and what you can do about them.

The Definition: Canned hunts are commercial hunts that take place on private land under circumstances that virtually ensure the success of the hunter. At canned hunts, the odds are so stacked against animals they do not stand any chance of survival.

Drive-Thru Convenience: Although canned hunts are advertised as rugged, outdoor adventures, they are actually conducted in an atmosphere of comfort and convenience. A hunter can fly into a game preserve in the United States, and, after a gourmet dinner, he can spend the night in a luxurious hunting lodge. The next day, he'll be given a high-powered rifle with a brief orientation on its use and be driven to the "shooting area." Most canned hunts have taxidermists on site or on call to mount the trophy. In effect, an animal's fate is sealed the moment the hunter makes his reservation.

Stationary Targets: The animals are either fenced in so that they cannot escape or have no hiding place that is secret from the guide. If the animals are in a larger enclosure, they have been habituated to eating at a feeding station at the same time every day. Exotic animals bought from breeders are often accustomed to people feeding them and cleaning their cages, so they have no fear of humans.

Not Fair: However it is defined, fair chase is the fundamental standard put forward by defenders of hunting. All other defenses of sport hunting depend on and derive from the notion of fair chase. But canned hunting for fun and bragging rights makes a mockery of the alleged ethical codes of the hunting community.

Guaranteed Kill: In one fashion or another, the operators have manipulated the odds so that the hunter always succeeds and an animal always dies. One Pennsylvania hunting preserve tells prospective customers that hunts never require "more than two days; all hunts are guaranteed." Nor do hunters have to be accomplished shooters since "kills are usually made from 25 to 100 yards," which is point blank range for a modern hunting rifle.

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