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calling yourself a sportsman
is like hiring an escort
service and calling
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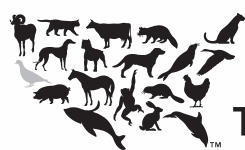


This weekend at the Strausstown Rod & Gun Club thousands of live pigeons are dying slow, painful deaths as live targets in a pigeon shoot.

The birds are stockpiled months beforehand and kept in cramped cages. They arrive malnourished and dehydrated, where they are released one at a time from boxes to be shot from 30 yards away. The ones who die on the spot are lucky. As most of these living creatures will be mortally wounded and left to die slowly.

According to one Humane Society police officer, "I go back one, three and five days after the pigeon shoots and still document live wounded pigeons in the area." In previous shoots, participants and their children have ripped the heads off wounded animals and beat others against the ground to kill them. Most states – even the biggest hunting states – don't have live pigeon shoots. Pennsylvania is a magnet for these events.

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To find out how you can help stop them, call 301-721-6407



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