

# ILLEGAL PIGEON CAPTURE

## \$2,500 REWARD FOR INFORMATION



**P**ENNSYLVANIA IS THE LAST STATE TO OPENLY HOST LIVE PIGEON SHOOTS. Contestants vying for money and belt-buckle prizes shoot and kill or wound thousands of live birds launched from small boxes. Due to the demand to supply the shoot, New York City pigeons may end up as living targets in these cruel competitions.

You can help the pigeons by watching for illegal nettings. During a typical netting, someone will lay out seeds or crumbs and wait for pigeons to gather, then throw a net or a bag over the birds and quickly put them in a waiting vehicle before fleeing the scene. Don't confront the person; just jot down or photograph the license plate number of the vehicle and try to get a description and photo of the perpetrator. Then, **immediately call New York Department of Environmental Conservation Officer Joseph Pane at 718-482-4941.**

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has a standing \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone who commits acts of animal cruelty before, during, or after live pigeon shoots. This includes the illegal netting and trafficking of birds across state lines to supply shoots. **If you have information on netters, call The HSUS's live pigeon shoot tip line at 800-637-4124.**

To learn more about what you can do to stop pigeon shoots and other acts of cruelty to wildlife, visit [humanesociety.org/wildlifeabuse](http://humanesociety.org/wildlifeabuse).



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