JUNE 2013 HSUS WISCONSIN POLL

625 registered Wisconsin voters interviewed statewide by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Washington, D.C. from June 13 through June 15, 2013. Margin for error is plus or minus 4%.

QUESTION: Wolves are an important part of the ecosystem and are just starting to recover in Wisconsin after being on the brink of extinction. Do you agree or disagree that wolves are an asset to Wisconsin and should be protected for future generations?

	STATE	MEN	WOMEN	DEMS	REPS	INDS
AGREE	79%	73%	84%	87%	73%	75%
DISAGREE	14%	23%	6%	7%	18%	19%
NOT SURE	7%	4%	10%	6%	9%	6%

QUESTION: Even after decades of protection, there are only about 800 wolves in the entire state. Last year, however, they were removed from the Endangered Species list. Despite the population's fragile status, the legislature in 2012 approved a bill to allow the trophy hunting and trapping of wolves. Hunted wolves are not eaten and they are often killed for trophies.

Do you support or oppose the trophy hunting and trapping of wolves for sport?

	STATE	MEN	WOMEN	DEMS	REPS	INDS
SUPPORT	10%	13%	7%	5%	14%	12%
OPPOSE	81%	74%	87%	85%	78%	79%
UNDECIDED	9%	13%	6%	10%	8%	9%

QUESTION: Wolves are often hunted through the most unsporting methods of killing. These include using steel-jawed leghold traps where animals may suffer in pain for hours, shooting wolves over piles of bait, and using packs of dogs to chase down and kill wolves. Do you support or oppose the use of traps, bait, and packs of dogs to kill wolves for sport?

	STATE	MEN	WOMEN	DEMS	REPS	INDS
SUPPORT	9%	13%	5%	7%	11%	9%
OPPOSE	87%	81%	92%	91%	84%	86%
UNDECIDED	4%	6%	3%	2%	5%	5%

QUESTION: Wisconsin is the only state in the Great Lakes region to allow the release of packs of dogs to chase down wolves. In some cases, the wolves turn and fight the dogs, harming them. Do you support or oppose a ban on using packs of dogs to hunt wolves?

	STATE	MEN	WOMEN	DEMS	REPS	INDS
SUPPORT	85%	79%	91%	88%	83%	83%
OPPOSE	7%	10%	4%	6%	9%	6%
UNDECIDED	8%	11%	5%	6%	8%	11%

QUESTION: The Wolf Advisory Task Force was created to advise the Department of Natural Resources on balanced approaches regarding wolf management. Recently, the task force members who opposed allowing a trophy hunting and trapping season were removed from the Task Force and replaced with new members who supported it. Do you feel that this is or is not a responsible approach to wolf management in Wisconsin?

	STATE	MEN	WOMEN	DEMS	REPS	INDS
YES/IS	5%	7%	3%	2%	7%	7%
NO/IS NOT	89%	84%	93%	95%	86%	84%
NOT SURE	6%	9%	4%	3%	7%	9%

QUESTION: Wisconsin is one of six states with no law on the keeping of exotic and dangerous wild animals as pets. People keep lions, tigers, bears, chimpanzees, and even alligators with no state oversight. Would you support or oppose legislation that would make it illegal for private citizens to possess exotic and dangerous wild animals?

	STATE	MEN	WOMEN	DEMS	REPS	INDS
SUPPORT	79%	74%	83%	85%	74%	77%
OPPOSE	14%	17%	11%	6%	21%	17%
UNDECIDED	7%	9%	6%	9%	5%	6%

DEMOGRAPHICS:

- In terms of your political party identification, do you generally consider yourself a:

	Democrat	237 (38%)
	Republican	199 (32%)
	Independent or Other	189 (30%)
AGE:	18-34	106 (17%)
	35-49	193 (31%)
	50-64	183 (29%)
	65+	139 (22%)
	Refused	4 (1%)
SEX:	Male	304 (49%)
	Female	321 (51%)
REGION:	Milwaukee Metro	175 (28%)
	Madison Metro	95 (15%)
	Southern Wisconsin	75 (12%)
	Central Wisconsin	70 (11%)
	Northeast Wisconsin	75 (12%)
	Western Wisconsin	75 (12%)
	Northwest Wisconsin	60 (10%)