

## HSUS investigates Kanawha Valley, Virginia, wildlife killing contest

Undercover investigation exposes cash-and-prizes game targeting coyotes and foxes



**OVER A 45-HOUR PERIOD**, participants in a wildlife killing contest in Dugspur, Virginia, gunned down approximately 315 coyotes and foxes for the chance at cash and prizes. Undercover investigators with the Humane Society of the United States witnessed the aftermath of the killing at the weigh-in located at the Kanawha Valley Arena Resort, which took place from Jan. 15-17, 2021. Participants in the Kanawha Valley Predator Calling Championship arrived and dragged bloody coyotes and foxes from their trucks to the weigh station. Judges awarded cash prizes to the teams that killed the most animals, and there were side pots for biggest coyote and biggest fox killed. First place went to a two-man team who killed 52 animals. At least 65 teams took part in the event.

Contests like this one are held across the state and target bobcats, coyotes and foxes. Virginia is home to one of the largest contests in the nation—the [Eastern U.S. Predator Calling Championship](#)—which invites people from all states east of the Mississippi River to participate and is next scheduled to take place in [January 2022](#). Organizers call the contest a “family friendly event” and the “premier predator hunting event in the Eastern United States.”

Fire departments, gun shops, sporting goods stores, fairgrounds and even churches have hosted or

organized these events in Virginia. Wildlife killing contests serve no legitimate wildlife management function. They can injure countless animals and orphan dependent young, who are left to die from starvation, predation or exposure. The contests do not reduce coyote numbers, prevent conflicts with farm animals, or boost populations of game species and the cruelty of these contests violates traditional hunting ethics. With competitors bringing in dead animals from other states, the contests can also promote the spread of parasites and other diseases.

### Key investigative observations:

- Piles of bloodied animals packed into crates attached to trucks bearing stickers and license plates reading, “Coyote Hearse,” “Coyote Taxi” and “Yote H8R,” illustrating an attitude of total disregard for animal lives.
- Men dragging animals who had been ripped apart by bullets to a scale, where they were hung upside down for weighing in front of the crowd.
- A team of participants wearing matching “Nightlife Assassins” sweatshirts, standing next to their pile of dead animals while congratulating one another.
- Dozens of dead animals in line for weighing, strewn about on the ground with their mouths closed shut by zip-ties.



- Young children playing and watching as ripped-up, dead animals were weighed.
- Participant trucks with Virginia, North Carolina, and West Virginia tags.

### Known 2021 contests in Virginia:

- **Southern Pines Predator Hunt**, South Boston, Feb. 20 (bobcat, coyote, fox)
- **Bland Fair Associations Predator Hunt**, Bland, Feb. 12-14 (bobcat, coyote, fox)
- **Kanawha Valley Predator Calling Championship**, Dugspur, Jan. 15-17 (coyote, fox)
- **Dance's Sporting Goods Predator Hunt**, Colonial Heights, Jan. 8-10 and Jan. 15-17 (bobcat, coyote, fox)

Eight states—Maryland, Massachusetts, Vermont, Arizona, California, Colorado, Washington and New Mexico—have banned wildlife killing contests in the last several years. Five of these states did so through the state wildlife commissions.



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## Kanawha Valley Predator Calling Championship

Public · Hosted by Kanawha Valley predator Calling Championship

Jan 15 at 6:00 PM – Jan 17 at 3:00 PM EST  
about 1 month ago

Kanawha Valley Arena  
121 Kanawha Ridge Rd, Dugspur, VA 24325

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### Details

#### KANAWHA VALLEY ARENA PREDATOR CALLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Ok everyone that wanted to hunt the eastern, there is alternative I have found a venue for January 15,16 and 17 !!, we will do a hunt sponsored by Kanawha valley arena and it will be 100% payback. This will not be associated with the eastern for liability reason but will most likely be the venue for yrs to come once the euspc is back going. With Jason's help we will still try to have the venders there, there is also a motel for those that don't want to travel on Sunday and a saloon with really good food 🍔.we will need at least 20 teams to make it worth while for the arena. Same rules as the euspc except \$200 entry for up to 3 man team,

### Hosted by



Kanawha Valley predator Calling Championship

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# 2020 PREDATOR SHOWDOWN

HOSTED BY CALLANDS VOLUNTEER  
FIRE & RESCUE

**\$100 PER TEAM  
TO REGISTER**



**CASH PRIZES FOR  
1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE**

**DECEMBER  
4TH, 5TH & 6TH**

**START TIME: 7:00 PM FRIDAY, DEC. 4TH  
CHECK IN TIME: 9:00 AM SUNDAY, DEC. 6TH**

REGISTER AT  
CALLANDS FIRE DEPT.  
DEC. 4TH FROM 4PM - 7PM

**OR**

PRE-REGISTER WITH  
JASON HOLLEY AT  
276-806-3778 OR LANDON  
STANFIELD AT  
434-251-4952

**COYOTE, BOBCAT, & FOX ONLY**  
**OPTIONAL MONEY POTS**  
**FOR EACH ANIMAL TYPE**  
**•LARGEST WINS•** 50% PAY OUT

**\$20 ENTRY FEE  
PER POT**



**DOOR PRIZES - OVER \$500 VALUE**  
**50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING**



Eric's Towing & Recovery  
434-770-0816



SPECOOL  
HEATING & AIR  
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434-799-5998



Stan Oakes Farm Inc.

## **GUIDELINES:**

TEAMS CAN BE UP TO 3 PEOPLE - \$100 PER TEAM  
ANY TEAM NOT IN PARKING LOT BY 9:00 AM  
SUNDAY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED  
ALL STATE LAWS & REGULATIONS MUST BE  
FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES  
KILL BLOCKS MUST BE USED - MAKE YOUR OWN  
OR PICK UP AT FIRE DEPARTMENT  
KILL BLOCK CODE WILL BE GIVEN OUT @ 7:00  
FRIDAY, 4TH BY TEXT OR SOCIAL MEDIA  
ALL TEAMS RETURNING FOR CHECK IN ON SUNDAY  
WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN DOOR PRIZES & 50/50 RAFFLE



434-835-7811



434-724-4009



434-483-7200

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# FALL PREDATOR TOURNAMENT

2 DAY TOURNAMENT - NOVEMBER 8-10, 2019



All proceeds to benefit  
Gladstone Fire & Rescue  
in Gladstone, VA

GOOD OL BOY'S



Hosted & Sponsored by Good Ol Boys Predator Control, LLC & Patriot Arms & Ammo

## FORMAT & RULES

- \* One to three person teams allowed.
  - \* Hunting starts November 8, 2019 @ 6:00 PM
  - \* All teams must be at Check-In November 10, 2019 - NOON!
  - \* Kill blocks will be used. Code provided Nov. 8 @ 6:00 PM
  - \* Registration starts July 1, 2019 - \$100 per team.
  - \* Early registration closes October 25, 2019.
  - \* Registration Oct. 26 - Nov. 6 - \$125 per team.
  - \* Registration Cut-Off is Nov. 6, 2019 @ 8:00 PM.
  - \* First 20 teams to sign up **WITH PATRIOT ARMS & AMMO**, get free entries per teammate to win an AR-10 .243
- Call Jason @ 434.352.1296 to register as one of the first 20 teams in order to get free entries into the drawing. **Only these first 20 teams will receive FREE chances at the AR-10 .243 Win. Raffle**
- Tickets are also available for purchase for \$10.00 each. Only 500 tickets printed!!!

Rifle drawing to take place at check-in on November 10th.

LOCATION - 8786 Richmond Hwy, Gladstone, VA 24553

## PAY-OUT

- \* 1st Place - Most Coyotes (CASH PRIZE)
- \* 2nd Place - 2nd Most Coyotes (CASH PRIZE)
- \* 3rd Place - 3rd Most Coyotes (CASH PRIZE)
- \* 4th Place - Most Combined Kills (PRIZE TBD)

Prize Amounts dependent on number of entries and will be announced prior to the start of the event.

\$20/team SIDE POTS

BIGGEST BOBCAT

BIGGEST RED FOX

SMALLEST GREY FOX

\*Side Pot entry fees must be paid when registering \*  
**100% PAY OUT ON SIDE POTS!!**

## REGISTRATION CONTACTS

Ray Martin - 434.329.2186

Arshag Humbles - 434.942.3194

Tracey Wilson - 434.841.0039

Zack Mitchell - 434.660.7759

Donnie Fitze - 434.664.7829

Josh McFadden - 434.473.4375

Cam Johnson - 434.836.8600

Barry Yancey - 434.841.9852

For FREE AR-10 Raffle Tickets (first 20 teams only) - Jason Smith @ 434.352.1296

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## Predator Hunt 2021



### Dance's Sporting Goods

570 Southpark Blvd.  
Colonial Heights, VA 23834  
(804) 526-8399  
DancesSportingGoods.com

January 8 - 10  
January 15 - 17

### Scoring System:

Heaviest Gray Fox	12.5% WINNINGS	Most Gray Fox	12.5% WINNINGS
Heaviest Red Fox	12.5% WINNINGS	Most Red Fox	12.5% WINNINGS
Heaviest Bobcat	12.5% WINNINGS	Most Bobcat	12.5% WINNINGS
Heaviest Coyote	12.5% WINNINGS	Most Coyote	12.5% WINNINGS

Start Date: January 8 for 2 consecutive weekends

Cost: \$25 per person per weekend (Max: 3 people per team)

Prizes: 100% payback with Dance's Gift Cards, plus additional prizes

♦Weights will not be carried over from one weekend to another, each weekend has separate winners.

### Rules & Regulations:

- ♦ Each participant must be a legal, licensed hunter in the state of Virginia.
- ♦ Registration for both and/or either weekend will be held during Dance's Business Hours December 21<sup>st</sup> thru January 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration fees are due at the time of registration. Registration for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend ends on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- ♦ Registration for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend may be completed between December 21<sup>st</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration ends January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- ♦ Every participant must register prior to the beginning of each hunt.
- ♦ Contest hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise on Friday until check-in on Sunday the weekend of each hunt.
- ♦ All contestants are subject to a polygraph test. Cost of polygraph will be deducted from the entry fees.
- ♦ No more than 3 people per team. Team members ONLY may participate in the hunt, which includes calling, spotlight, and shooting. NO OTHER ASSISTANCE IS ALLOWED.
- ♦ Animals will be weighed on Dance's Sporting Goods digital scale. Ties will be broken by 2<sup>nd</sup> heaviest animal of same species.
- ♦ Animals may only be taken in the state of Virginia.
- ♦ All kills must be turned in between 12 PM – 1 PM on the Sunday of each hunt.
- ♦ No trapping allowed, this includes leg traps, box traps, snares, conibear traps, and hook & line.
- ♦ NO WET ANIMALS ACCEPTED. Inclement weather may affect this rule, but no submerged animals will be accepted.
- ♦ Dogs are not allowed to aid in the hunting process.
- ♦ NO FROZEN ANIMALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.
- ♦ Dance's reserves the right to remove animals from the competition for which foul play is suspected.

RULES ON THIS PAGE ARE ADDED IN ADDITION TO ALL LOCAL, STATE & FEDERAL REGULATIONS

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#### **Tournament Details**

##### **WHEN**

**Friday December 6th 2019 Through Sunday November 8th 2019 - Complete**

**Saturday January 11th 2020 Through Sunday January 12th 2020**

**Saturday February 22nd 2020 Through Sunday February 23rd 2020**

**Pre-Registration On-line Ends Wednesday Prior to Saturday Sign-in hours.**

**Sign-in Hours to begin Tournament**

**Saturday 3pm to 5pm**

**Code will be posted at 3:00pm**

**Check-in Hours to end Tournament**

**Sunday 8AM (Don't Be Late)**

**Any Team Checking in after 8:00am**

**WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**

**(One Team Member must come to Saturday Sign-in)**

**(All Team Members must come to Sunday Check-in)**

##### **WHERE**

**Dubby's Fishing and Hunting**

**100 Waterman Drive**

**Harrisonburg Va. 22802**

**540-574-FISH (3474)**

##### **Hunting IN**

**Virginia And West Virginia**

**(See Rules For Off Limits)**

##### **REGISTRATION & COST**

**Register at Dubby's. Stop by**

**100 Waterman Drive or Call for info**

**540-574-3473 1-855-574-3474**

**(Cash, Check)**

**Kill blocks are required on every Predator and will  
must provided by each team.**

**See Rules on specs and placement.**

**Door Prize's / To Be Determined.**

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# PREDATOR HUNT

## HIGHPOINT - 50% Payback

February 12, 13 & 14, 2021

2-Man Team Limit - \$25.00 per person

Kill block method used. Code text out at 5pm on Friday.

BOBCAT	100 POINTS
COYOTE	50 POINTS
RED FOX	35 POINTS
GREY FOX	25 POINTS

\*In case of a tie, check-in time will determine winner\*

LARGEST COYOTE JACKPOT \$5 (100% payback)

ADDED \$100 DRAWING – EACH REGISTERED HUNTER'S NAME WILL BE  
PUT IN A HAT AND DRAWN OFF ON SUNDAY AT CHECK-IN.

Sponsored by Trent's Grocery and Sporting Goods, Inc.  
900 Wilderness Rd Bland, VA 24315 276/928-1349 Jimmy Miller, Owner  
and Bend of the Creek Farm.

Sign-up: Bland County Fairgrounds, 123 Fairground Street, Bland, VA  
Friday, Feb 12 from 3 - 5 pm or register by mail and submit with payment to:

Robert Stuart 1575 Byrnes Chapel Road, Bland, VA 24315  
276/613-0091 (c) 276/688-4590 (h)

Mail in registrations make checks payable to Bland Fair Inc. and must be received  
by 12 noon on Friday, Feb. 12, 2021. Please call to verify registration.

**Check-In Sunday, February 14, 2 pm at the fairgrounds**

Fundraiser for the Bland County Fair, Inc.

ALL CURRENT GAME AND HUNTING LAWS IN THE STATE YOU ARE HUNTING PERTAIN TO THIS EVENT.

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**FEB  
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## 50/50 predator hunt

Public · Hosted by [Dacotah Heck](#)

Feb 22, 2019 at 5:00 PM – Feb 24, 2019 at 1:00 PM EST  
More than a year ago

Church Of God Of Prophecy Galax, Va  
1124 Tower Road, Galax, VA 24333

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### Details

I'm hosting a predator hunt. 20 dollars a person 50 a team of 3 person with the most predators win. Pay out is 50% and 50% goes to our building fund in hopes of building another. Church there will be a side pot \$10 for the biggest coyote and biggest fox if you have any questions feel free to message me. Registration starts at 5pm-6pm at galax church of god of prophecy hunting starts at 6 you can go anywhere you please. You have to be back by 1230pm Sunday at the church or you are disqualified. Thank you and god bless. Point system. 20 bobcat 15 coyote and 10 fox coyotes have to be shot no traps snares ect and will be using the kill block system

### Hosted by



**Dacotah Heck**

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