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Anti-Hunting

Did you know that between Friday October 9th and Monday October 12th 2009 1,242 deer were killed? I am writing this speech to say my part of why people should not hunt. I think people should not hunt because it is, expensive, un-safe, un- caring, and un-economically friendly. If you want to help keep animals alive, then you should listen.

First of all hunting is expensive. You have to pay for licenses to go hunting. According to MissouriConservationist.com, licenses can cost anywhere from $9- $400. Fines are also expensive. You might not know all the ways you can get fined, so you could get fined for something you didn’t know you could get fined for. So it’s good just to stay away from hunting period. Guns, bows, knives, traps, bullets, and anything else needed to hunt with are also very expensive. One simple rifle on sale at walmart.com is over $300!

Second, you could hurt yourself, friends, family, and maybe people you don’t even know. Having guns, bows, or knives in homes are not safe when little children in the house, even older kids. Most school shootings are caused by kids who have guns in their homes. One study discussed in a Los Angeles Times article states that, “78% of all shooters in schools are students who brought the weapons from home.” According to an article in The New York Times, former Vice President, Dick Cheney shot his friend in the head while quail hunting on accident.

Third, how would you feel if you knew you killed some little animal’s parent and now they had no way to find food? Sure, some other mom or dad will come along and pick up the animal but would you want some other parent that you have no clue who they are or what they do to come along and picking you up? NO! Also, you never know if you completely kill the animal you shoot. You could shoot at the animal, it hits it in the foot, runs away, and you never find it. That animal is suffering somewhere in the woods and is dying a slow, painful death.

When you hunt, you are taking away jobs that are needed in these hard economic times. You’re taking away jobs from grocery stores, farmers, and even people who ship stuff to grocery stores. In grocery stores you are not buying meat from stores so you take a job away from meat cutters. Farmers, who farm things to send to grocery stores, would lose their jobs. The people who ship the meat would lose their jobs because they would not have anywhere to ship it to.

Now most hunters think that a good thing about hunting is your killing down the population. Well, is the population of deer and squirrels really that bad? Really? If we keep hunting at this rate, we will eventually go into extinction. Local Shawnee Mission Kansas Conservation let sharp-shooters and bow hunters on conservation grounds to kill down the population of deer they had in the park. First of all, it’s not fair for the deer when they are locked in on conservation grounds for them to not have a chance to run away. Also, it’s not safe at all for people who live around the park who could have been killed.

Another issue hunters think is being helped is that deer cause diseases. Well, when you are eating that deer, it’s not checked by the FDA so you’re going to get the deer’s disease anyways. Also, you might not cook it all the way and it could cause food poisoning. Last, we could start a new generation of diseases when hunting. Similar to Swine flu, which is caused by pigs, someday we could all die of Buckidies, caused by deer.

That’s why I think people of all ages, should not hunt. It’s expensive, un-safe, un- caring, and un-economically friendly. Even though some hunters think it helps population and disease, not hunting really isn’t harmful to humans. So the next time one of your family members or close friends asks you to go out and shoot some harmful, innocent deer, I am hoping you will think of my speech and say “No!“.