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Statement on Predator Control Methods - Endorsing Best Practices

Adopted by the Sonoma Humane Society Executive Director & Board of Directors

The Sonoma Humane Society (SHS) supports, promotes and strives to be the foremost advocate for the best policies, procedures, and practices as they apply to the animals of Sonoma County and beyond. Towards the accomplishment of these goals, the Executive Director and SHS Board of Directors adopt the following statement:

SHS supports and endorses non-lethal methods of predator control, and vehemently opposes the indiscriminate killing of native predators through the methods employed by USDA Wildlife Services. Non-lethal control is a more humane, effective, and cost-efficient way to address wildlife conflicts. We urge all levels of our government to review and adopt these non-lethal methods as proven by those in use in Marin County.

We adopt this position today, September 25, 2014 and declare it to be in accordance with the Sonoma Humane Society mission statement: *Ensuring every animal receives protection, compassion, love and care.*

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