

Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 12:56 PM
To: s.22
Subject: advice

Hi s.22

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s.13,s.22

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From: Lesley Fox <lesley@furbearerdefenders.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2013 2:39 PM
To: XT:Fisher, Mark AG:IN; kthom@oakbaypolice.org
Cc: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX; Badry, Micheal J ENV:EX; cdaniell@spca.bc.ca; Sara Dubois
Subject: CORRECTION: Response needed: Police training for dispatching deer
Attachments: deer.gif

Sorry for the inconvenience, but I should clarify it is recommended that the correct place to shoot deer within close range is in the middle of the "X" (if you were to draw one from eyes to top of ears). See attached.

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From: Lesley Fox [mailto:lesley@furbearerdefenders.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 2:01 PM
To: 'mfisher@oakbaypolice.org'; 'kthom@oakbaypolice.org'
Cc: 'jane.pritchard@gov.bc.ca'; Badry, Micheal J ENV:EX (Mike.Badry@gov.bc.ca); cdaniell@spca.bc.ca; Sara Dubois (sdubois@spca.bc.ca)
Subject: Response needed: Police training for dispatching deer

Dear Chief Constable Fisher and Deputy Chief Constable Thom,

On Monday, December 2nd at approximately 4:20pm, my partner and I witnessed a deer being hit by a car on Cadboro Bay Rd, across from the Uplands Golf Course. She was a female, approximately 1 year-old and was still alive after impact. Conservation Officers were not available and the Oak Bay police were called to the scene.

While I understand there were competing priorities at the time, we waited with this injured and suffering doe for nearly an hour (officers arrived around 5:10pm). When the police arrived, she was shot in the heart/chest. The Supervising Officer told us it would be another 20 minutes or (after being shot) that she would eventually die.

Police being forced to shoot deer is not a rare occurrence as often times Conservation Officers/provincial support is not available.

To minimize as much animal suffering as possible, I am wondering what we can do to help support officers in their response time? Is it possible to have a specific person in the community that can be designated to be "on call" for such situations (ie. retired RCMP officer)?

Also, it is my understanding in that situation, deer should be shot in the head, between the eyes. (See attached - See page 82:)

S7.6.3.2.2 Physical Methods "Gunshot targeted to the heart (chest) or to the neck (vertebrae, with the intent of severing the spinal cord) presents challenges for accurate placement, but may be the best option for free-ranging or other settings where close approach is not possible or where the head must be preserved for disease testing (rabies, Chronic Wasting, or other suspected neurologic diseases). Based on domestic animal models (see section of the Guidelines addressing Farmed Animals Used for Food and Fiber), gunshot to the chest or neck may not result in rapid death and may be considered humane killing, rather than euthanasia."

Why was this animal shot in the heart?

Lastly, I am inquiring as to what type of training Oak Bay Police have been provided with to help them handle and dispatch wild animals including deer? If no comprehensive training or information manual have been provided, would you be open to having your officers be provided with such training?

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From: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 2:00 PM
To: s.22
Subject: details

s.13

Thanks
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From: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 3:46 PM
To: 'Lesley Fox'
Cc: Mack, James AGRI:EX
Subject: FW: 183179 Animal Welfare on British Columbia's Fur Farms

Please let me know when a convenient time would be for you to meet with me Lesley,
Thanks,
Jane

From: Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 1:20 PM
To: 'lesley@furbearerdefenders.com'
Cc: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX; Sturko, Derek AGRI:EX
Subject: 183179 Animal Welfare on British Columbia's Fur Farms

File: 0280-30
Ref: 183179

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VIA EMAIL: lesley@furbearerdefenders.com

Dear Ms. Fox:

Thank you for meeting with me on October 12, 2015 and for your follow up email of October 23, 2015 expressing concern for animal welfare on British Columbia's fur farms.

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Thank you for writing and sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

Norm Letnick
Minister

pc: Derek Sturko, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Agriculture

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Ministry of Agriculture

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Subject: Meeting - Lesley Fox Director, the Association for the Protection of Fur Bearing Animals
Location: PVO - Boardroom 1

Start: Tue 2015-10-13 2:30 PM
End: Tue 2015-10-13 2:50 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: MINCAL, AGRI AGRI:EX
Required Attendees: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX

CLIFF 182862 – BN sent to MO September 29th

Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 3:12 PM
To: Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX
Subject: mink person

Lesley Fox (great last name for a person in this job)
Executive Director
The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals

Furbearerdefenders.com
179 W. Broadway, Vancouver.

Need to be able to invite her to part of the mink meeting coming up.
Need to be able to get her on a farm.

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From: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 1:22 PM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: 183179 Animal Welfare on British Columbia's Fur Farms

Unfortunately I think you are right.
Hope you had a great Christmas and that you will have a super New Year's celebration.
Jane

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 1:08 PM
To: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: 183179 Animal Welfare on British Columbia's Fur Farms

thanks Jane, hope it goes well – probably safe to assume that any comments you make during the meeting may be shared with reporters afterwards.

From: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 10:42 AM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: 183179 Animal Welfare on British Columbia's Fur Farms

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From: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 10:42 AM
To: 'Lesley Fox'
Subject: RE: 183179 Animal Welfare on British Columbia's Fur Farms

Yes that is the plan Leslie. See you then.
No one will be joining me from my end, Ann and Lynette are off this week. They should not be needed as this is an informal chat about interests to help in moving forward.
Happy Holidays,
Jane

From: Lesley Fox [<mailto:lesley@furbearerdefenders.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 10:25 AM
To: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: 183179 Animal Welfare on British Columbia's Fur Farms

Hi Jane,

Just confirming our meeting tomorrow at 1767 Angus Campbell Road in Abbotsford for 1pm. If it's okay with you, my colleague, Adrian Nelson will be joining us. He is our Director of Communications. Really looking forward to seeing you.

Hope you had some restful time off.

Lesley Fox
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Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 5:00 PM
To: 'Lesley Fox'
Cc: Mack, James AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: 183179 Animal Welfare on British Columbia's Fur Farms

Any information on your organization would be helpful. I had not planned on inviting anyone else. Is there anyone you would like to have invited. We will just meet in my office I think.

Jane

From: Lesley Fox [<mailto:lesley@furbearerdefenders.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 4:58 PM
To: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Cc: Mack, James AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: 183179 Animal Welfare on British Columbia's Fur Farms

Thank you again so much, Jane. Is there anything I can bring you that might be helpful? Who will also be attending?

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Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 4:54 PM
To: 'Lesley Fox'
Cc: Mack, James AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: 183179 Animal Welfare on British Columbia's Fur Farms

Excellent Lesley, I have scheduled in an hour and a half with your starting at 1PM on December 30th.

If you can drive out to our building in Abbotsford that would be super. The address is 1767 Angus Campbell Road in Abbotsford, the building is just north of Hwy 1 between the Sumas and Whatcom exits.

Thank you,
Jane Pritchard

From: Lesley Fox [<mailto:lesley@furbearerdefenders.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 2:48 PM
To: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Cc: Mack, James AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: 183179 Animal Welfare on British Columbia's Fur Farms

Hi Jane,

Sounds great. Can we arrange something for Wednesday, December 30th for 1pm? Please provide me with an address/location that is convenient for you, and I am happy to drive to Abbotsford.

Thanks again for reaching out. Much appreciated.

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Subject: RE: 183179 Animal Welfare on British Columbia's Fur Farms

Lesley,
Next week is a bit of a challenge, I have any time after 11AM on Friday Dec 24th. The week after I have afternoons between the 29th and the 31st.

Please pick a time that is convenient to you, it would be much appreciated if you wouldn't mind driving out here.

If none of these times are convenient I will look at the first week in January.

Thank you,
Jane

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Thank you so much for getting back to me, Jane. I really appreciate it.

Any time after December 21 works for me, afternoons are ideal. I am also more than happy to travel to meet you if that is more convenient.

Again, thank you for reaching out and for making this happen.

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From: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 3:11 PM
To: s.22
Subject: RE: advice

So this is essential another s.22 and new information that is not useful to her as an activist will be discarded

Thanks
Jane

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 1:45 PM
To: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Subject: Re: advice

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

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Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 1:51 PM
To: s.22
Subject: RE: BC news RE Mink Code

Why not ask for a meeting or a call with Lana Popham the MLA and Ag critic proposing it or go to a local MLA and ask. We apparently responded with a media release saying that we do regulate the mink industry and that you are held accountable to the Standards of Practice as they are reflected in the Fur Farm Regulation. Also that you are all inspected.

Information on legislation is not my area of expertise, but if this is a bill being presented by a member of the opposition in a legislature with a majority I am not sure how far it would go other than a brief debate before it is voted down if the ruling party did not fully support it.

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 1:47 PM
To: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Subject: Re: BC news RE Mink Code

Hi again Jane.

BCMPA is trying to find out some more information on this proposed bill, and if necessary, any steps we should be taking. I have a meeting set up for next Wednesday with producers to discuss any concrete information we can gather. If you have any suggestions we would appreciate some of your insight.

s.22

> On May 24, 2016, at 12:43, Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX <Jane.Pritchard@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> No, had not heard. Thx

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> Jane Pritchard

> Chief Veterinary Officer

> Ministry of Agriculture

> British Columbia

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> On May 24, 2016, at 12:42 PM, Joe Williams

s.22

wrote:

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> Hi Jane. Have you heard about this?

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> Begin forwarded message:

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> Date: May 23, 2016 at 16:25:17 PDT
s.22

> Subject: Fw: BC news RE Mink Code
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> Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.
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> Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 2:41 PM
s.22

s.22 NFACC

> Subject: BC news RE Mink Code
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> Hi everyone,
> Hope you are enjoying the last vestiges of the long weekend.
> Some recent news here in BC that s.22 alerted me to s.22 The
> opposition MLA (agriculture critic) introduced a private members bill last week.
> New Democrat bill would ensure animal welfare standards applied to
> mink farms May 18, 2016 Posted in:
> Agriculture<http://bcndpcaucus.ca/news_category/agriculture/>
>
> [mink]<<http://bcndpcaucus.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2016/05/mink.jpg>>VICTORIA- Mink bred for their pelts on
B.C. farms should be protected by provincial animal cruelty laws, say the New Democrats.
>
> Lana Popham<<http://bcndpcaucus.ca/mla/lana-popham/>>, New Democrat spokesperson for agriculture and food,
introduced a bill on Wednesday that amends the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act to include the recommended best
practices contained in the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farmed Mink, as recommended by the National
Farm Animal Care Council.
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> This code was developed by Agriculture Canada with the collaboration of producers, government departments,
animal-welfare agencies, veterinarians and scientists.
>
> Scientific research findings are the basis for these standards. This code addresses animal health and welfare concerns,
namely; accommodation, food and water, care and supervision, health care, hygiene and sanitation, transportation of
live mink, and euthanasia.
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> "I'm happy to support work that is being done by industry to improve standards of care for farm animals," said
Popham. "Bringing forward this legislation is acknowledgment of that good work."
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> If passed, Popham's Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Mink Farms) Amendment Act would add the National Farm Animal Care Council's code of practice to B.C.'s existing animal cruelty act.

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> Lesley Fox, executive director of the Fur-Bearers, supports the bill.

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> "We are extremely pleased to see MLA Lana Popham taking a progressive step forward with this legislation. By turning the voluntary codes of practice into law, MLA Popham is creating a reliable level of welfare standards that will protect the animals, legitimate businesses, and consumers," said Fox.

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> Popham is encouraging her fellow MLAs on both sides of the house to support the bill.

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> "Last week, Premier Christy Clark participated in Animal Protection Day. This week, I hope that she will show that she is serious about animal welfare in this province, and encourage B.C. Liberal MLAs to support this bill," said Popham.

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> National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) Coordinator - Mink and Fox

> Program Development Teams

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Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX

From: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2016 2:14 PM
To: 'Lesley Fox'
Subject: RE: Meeting follow up.

Thank you so very much Lesley. Such interesting links!
Happy New Year,
Jane

From: Lesley Fox [<mailto:lesley@furbearerdefenders.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2016 12:06 PM
To: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Cc: Adrian Nelson
Subject: Meeting follow up.

Hi Jane,

I wanted to thank you again so much for taking the time to meet with Adrian and I the other day. We really appreciate your efforts to help us better understand BC's fur farming industry. As a follow up to our conversation, below are some links for your interest.

Thanks again.
-Lesley

Louise Liebenberg, High Prairie, AB.

- Sheep farmer, guard dog breeder
- Uses non-lethal methods to control predators
- First certified "Predator Friendly" farm in Canada

<http://predator-friendly-ranching.blogspot.ca/>

Wildlife Friendly

- Formally called "Predator Friendly"
- Program that certifies farmers who use non-lethal methods to control predators
- Provides resources about non-lethal methods for farmers to use

<http://wildlifefriendly.org/>

Example of a **wildlife strategy plan** for a municipality – Oakville Ontario (see attached)

Contact: Donna Doyle (DDoyle@oakville.ca)

Spectacular documentary called "**The Beaver Whisperers**" – all about beavers, and benefits of coexisting. Really worth watching!

<http://www.cbc.ca/beaverwhisperer/film.html>

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From: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 12:16 PM
To: Geoff Urton
Cc: Sara Dubois
Subject: Re: Mink meeting follow up

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Jane Pritchard
Chief Veterinary Officer
Ministry of Agriculture
British Columbia

On Oct 21, 2015, at 11:57 AM, Geoff Urton <gurton@spca.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Jane,
Lesley Fox sent this along to us and I thought it was great to see what you have on the agenda. There is no shortage of information getting to the producers now about health and welfare!
I know this is an industry-oriented meeting, but I wondered if Sara might be able to attend to get up to speed on these programs herself, and meet some of the producers personally.
Let us know what you think and if this isn't the right opportunity for this, no problem at all.
Thanks,
Geoff

From: Lesley Fox [<mailto:lesley@furbearerdefenders.com>]

Sent: October-15-15 1:49 PM

To: Sara Dubois; Geoff Urton

Subject: FW: Mink meeting follow up

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To: Mack, James AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: mink meeting...

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From: Mack, James AGRI:EX
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To: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Subject: Re: mink meeting...

Sounds right. Lesson learned is to each making these kind of commitments around the minister

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Subject: FW: Request

Nope, not going to happen.

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Hello Lynette. Thanks for the Congrats!

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On Oct 15, 2015, at 8:23 AM, Hare, Lynette E AGRI:EX <Lynette.Hare@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good Mornings.22

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Dr. Pritchard asked me to contact you. She would like to invite Lesley Fox, Executive Director for The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals to tour a farm and attend our meeting on the 27th. Dr. Pritchard would like to dispel the myths and show case BC mink breeders as some of the best in the country. Is this something you would be interested in?

Lynette Hare
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Subject: RE: Response needed: Police training for dispatching deer

I have reviewed our file pertaining to the incident you have described. My understanding is that the officer that attended this scene did not feel that it would be safe to attempt a shot to the head of the animal in the position it was in with the backdrop that was available at the time. He did subsequently remove the animal to a location where it was safer to discharge his firearm at the head of the deer as depicted in the diagram that you e-mailed to me in your second e-mail message. This officer has received training in preferred methods of dispatching seriously injured animals. This training was provided during his basic recruit training. Another key component of the training is to be aware of your backdrop that you are shooting towards or against. If shooting towards pavement or rock we often run the risk of the bullet ricocheting which can cause additional damage to bystanders and property.

You are correct that the response time in this instance was delayed. The delay was due to the officer's dealing with a suicidal female who had to be safely detained and then transported to our local hospital. In the majority of instances our response time is much quicker however this aforementioned incident did require the full complement of officers on duty for a short period of time to ensure the safe apprehension of the suicidal person.

I have reviewed the information that you sent me and will discuss it with our members as a refresher from their initial training that they received.

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Dear Chief Constable Fisher and Deputy Chief Constable Thom,

On Monday, December 2nd at approximately 4:20pm, my partner and I witnessed a deer being hit by a car on Cadboro Bay Rd, across from the Uplands Golf Course. She was a female, approximately 1 year-old and was still alive after impact. Conservation Officers were not available and the Oak Bay police were called to the scene.

While I understand there were competing priorities at the time, we waited with this injured and suffering doe for nearly an hour (officers arrived around 5:10pm). When the police arrived, she was shot in the heart/chest. The Supervising Officer told us it would be another 20 minutes or (after being shot) that she would eventually die.

Police being forced to shoot deer is not a rare occurrence as often times Conservation Officers/provincial support is not available.

To minimize as much animal suffering as possible, I am wondering what we can do to help support officers in their response time? Is it possible to have a specific person in the community that can be designated to be "on call" for such situations (ie. retired RCMP officer)?

Also, it is my understanding in that situation, deer should be shot in the head, between the eyes. (See attached - See page 82:)

S7.6.3.2.2 Physical Methods "Gunshot targeted to the heart (chest) or to the neck (vertebrae, with the intent of severing the spinal cord) presents challenges for accurate placement, but may be the best option for free-ranging or other settings where close approach is not possible or where the head must be preserved for disease testing (rabies, Chronic Wasting, or other suspected neurologic diseases). Based on domestic animal models (see section of the Guidelines addressing Farmed Animals Used for Food and Fiber), gunshot to the chest or neck may not result in rapid death and may be considered humane killing, rather than euthanasia."

Why was this animal shot in the heart?

Lastly, I am inquiring as to what type of training Oak Bay Police have been provided with to help them handle and dispatch wild animals including deer? If no comprehensive training or information manual have been provided, would you be open to having your officers be provided with such training?

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