



**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

**HUNTING POSITION STATEMENT**

The BC SPCA is opposed to the hunting of any animal for trophy or sport, including canned hunts, whether or not any of the meat is consumed.

Where hunting is practised for subsistence purposes, it must be carried out in a humane, responsible and sustainable manner by qualified and experienced hunters, abiding by applicable laws and regulations.

Hunters should make every effort to minimize the infliction of pain or suffering by using techniques that cause instant death. Bow hunting is not condoned by the BC SPCA as it does not meet these criteria. The BC SPCA is also opposed to the hunting of all animals using dogs or other animals (e.g. falconry), due to the stress it imposes on the hunted animal and the risk of injury to the animals involved.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Canned hunt:** A practice that involves the hunting of a contained animal, thereby preventing fair chase (e.g. fencing), or animals that have been bred, raised in captivity and released specifically to be hunted.

**Subsistence hunting:** The intent of hunting only for personal consumption (not commercial gain) to meet the basic food and clothing needs of the hunter or their family without animal parts being used for aesthetic purposes.

*Approved by the Board of Directors – February 7, 2009*