

Protest against top sponsor of live hare coursing in Ireland

Ban Cruel Hare Coursing in Ireland 2015-01-31 19:48

On January 30th a protest was held outside the office of BoyleSports betting agency, Westmoreland Street, Dublin. An alliance of animal protection and conservation groups will be represented, including the Association of Hunt Saboteurs (AOHS), the Campaign for the Abolition of Cruel Sports (CACS), and the Irish Council Against Blood Sports (ICABS)

The betting agency, BoyleSports, continues to be one of the main sponsors of the horrific "sport" of hare coursing here in Ireland. Without such financial backing it could not survive. We are appealing to BoyleSports to end its sponsorship of the cruel practice.



Calling for a hare coursing ban...

The protest took place on the eve of the three-day so-called "National Hare Coursing Festival" in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. This appalling event involves live hare baiting and the fans includes people who travel to Ireland from countries where hare coursing is illegal.

Though the greyhounds are muzzled, they can and do inflict agonising injuries on the hares, mauling them or striking them at high speed, pinning them to the ground or tossing them into the air like broken toys.

Rangers from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) who attend a percentage of hare coursing events throughout the season (end of September to middle of February) confirm that

hares are indeed subjected to injuries, in many cases fatal ones, as a result of being coursed.

This clip shows what happens at a typical hare coursing event:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PL741E0B6DA3CBB057&v=etQ-JCtJy9Y>



another hare mauled for "sport"...



Fun for some...



"sport"? A typical scene at a hare coursing event...



Calling for an end to hare coursing sponsorship



Anti-hare coursing protest at Boyle'sports office in Dublin

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