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Vote No on Question 3

EXCERPT: “What were once legitimate animal welfare organizations, some even once supported by sportsmen, have been hijacked by radicals whose true objective is unknown.”

Several GOAL members have approached us concerning Question 3 that will appear on the election ballots this coming Tuesday.

When you go to the polls on Tuesday, here are just a few things to keep in mind concerning the organizations who are misleading the public and are asking you to ban greyhound racing.

In 1996, these same organizations launched a completely misleading ballot question campaign to ban trapping in Massachusetts. An endless supply of funding came in from fringe animal rights extremist groups from around the nation. This allowed these groups to fabricate false tragedies and propagate these lies through TV, radio and print media. Their deceptive campaign led to the ballot question passing. Since then cities, towns and home owners across the state have spent countless dollars trying to deal with an overpopulation of animals that had been previously successfully controlled. When pressed by the legislature to come up with a solution, their answer was to set up a permitting system allowing the use of the very same traps they convinced the public to ban!

What credibility do they have now?

Some of the organizations involved in supporting Question 3 take in millions of dollars in donations made to them by people who thought it would be used to help sick cats and dogs. Instead these organizations launch deception campaigns to discredit professional fish and wildlife agencies in an attempt to end all hunting, fishing and trapping.

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Some of these same organizations have testified in hearings at the state house to urge the Massachusetts legislature to continue the discriminatory ban on Sunday hunting. They lobby the legislature saying it is too dangerous to have hunters in woods on Sundays, yet they cannot produce any evidence that a single non-hunter has ever been involved in a hunting accident in Massachusetts.

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Some of these organizations have millions of dollars in investments and holdings, yet kill thousands of animals a year because they supposedly have no room at their shelters or simply won't operate any.

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Some of these organizations are pushing new legislation that would force dog owners to pay a \$500 per year "intact dog permit" fee for those who do not wish to subject their animals to involuntary sterilization.

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Some of the organizations that support Question 3 operate adoption centers and have been reported to refuse to allow lawful hunters to adopt an animal from their "shelters" choosing instead to kill the animals rather than let them follow its natural instincts.

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Some of the supporters of Question 3 are the same people who threaten the lives of people, fire bomb buildings and homes, and value the life of a rat above the life of a human.

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Though some of these organizations have their own private police force that has the authority to investigate and arrest anyone guilty of animal abuse, but they have not provided any credible evidence of a single such event in regards to regulated greyhound racing.

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We could go on, but there is simply no need to. What were once legitimate animal welfare organizations, some even once supported by sportsmen, have been hijacked by radicals whose true objective is unknown. However it is clear that through their own actions they have proven to be untrustworthy and in some cases dangerous to animals and humans alike.

With these well established facts in mind, it is clear that some of the groups and people that are campaign of deception are a clear threat to our safety and freedom. For that reason Gun Owners' Action League is urging its members to go to the polls this coming Tuesday and VOTE NO on QUESTION 3.

<http://protectdogsandjobs.org/index.php>

http://www.sec.state.ma.us/e/e08/ballot_questions_08/quest_3.htm