



Animal Welfare Charities join forces for handover of Anti-Snaring Petition

On 11th October 2006, The Badger Trust, The League Against Cruel Sports and the National Anti-Snaring Campaign presented an anti-snare petition to 10 Downing Street.



The charities were joined by Tory MP Anne Widdecombe, Lib Dem MP Norman Baker and Labour MP David Drew, all of whom have signed an early day motion, tabled by David, calling for a complete ban on snares. Also there to lend her support was best-selling author Jilly Cooper.



More than 70,000 people signed the petitions, and to date, 229 MPs have signed EDM 75, which states:-

That this House notes with concern that badgers, domestic pets, livestock and other animals continue to be severely injured and killed by snares; expresses particular concern that self-locking snares, made illegal under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, are still being used in the UK; further notes that free-running snares are legal for the control of foxes and rabbits but are by their nature indiscriminate and therefore cause considerable pain and suffering to many animals; recognises that the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 in relation to snares are difficult to enforce and have failed adequately to protect wildlife from unnecessary suffering and death; and calls on the Government to support the abolition of the manufacture, sale and use of all snares.

The Badger Trust believe:-

- 1. That the use of snares to trap animals is indiscriminate;**
- 2. That the use of snares causes great suffering and stress to all animals.**

Presentation of the petition is not the end of the fight so please continue to write to your MP's putting a case against the practice.

You can find your MP's name and contact details on this link <http://www.locata.co.uk/commons/>. If you do not have your own access to the internet and would like help, please contact the office (0207 228 6444) or Jack Reedy, Badger Trust Vice-Chairman, on (0775 173 1107).