



Pima Natural Resource Conservation District
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Pima NRC Resolution 2014.01.26

Possession, breeding and proliferation of wild-domestic hybrid carnivores in Arizona

Whereas, wolves and dogs can freely interbreed and produce offspring;

Whereas, known Mexican wolf-dog hybrid offspring have been exterminated by federal authorities in Arizona as a threat to an endangered species

Whereas, hybrid offspring of wolves and dogs combine the wolf's lethal instincts with the dog's fearlessness of humankind, constituting a threat to human safety that is greater than either species alone;

Whereas, wolves are protected by the Endangered Species Act;

Whereas, wolf-dog hybrids can be visually indistinguishable from pure wolves;

Whereas, wolf-dog hybrids are more difficult to manage as household pets than domestic dogs and are known to break free of confinement and become a menace;

Whereas, unmanageable wolf-dog hybrids have been abandoned by their owners and released into the rural areas of Arizona;

Whereas Arizona has no regulations governing the possession of wild/domestic hybrid carnivores or the interbreeding of wild carnivores with domestic animals;

Whereas, regulations are presently on the books in at least 27 States governing wild/domestic hybrid carnivores, and as such could be reviewed for their effectiveness and adaptability to Arizonaⁱ,

Be it therefore resolved,

The Pima NRC opposes the presence in Arizona of the offspring of wild carnivores that are hybridized with domestic animals, and calls upon the Arizona State Legislature and the Arizona Game and Fish Department to introduce legislation and/or regulations designed to prevent the breeding, proliferation and presence in Arizona of hybrid carnivores that are the resulting offspring of the intentional or unintentional breeding of wild carnivores with domestic species.

Passed January 26, 2014

5 Aye 0 Nay

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia S. Coping".

Cindy Coping, Chair

ⁱ Source: http://www.hybridlaw.com/index_test.php?state=AZ