



## Calgary Humane Society statement of opposition to Trophy Hunting

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Calgary Humane Society (CHS) recently became aware of an event being held by the Calgary Alberta Chapter of Safari Club International taking place Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Westin Calgary Airport Hotel. One of the items available through their silent auction is a licensed elephant hunt in Botswana along with two dozen other hunting trips available.

CHS is firmly opposed to the use of animals in any form of entertainment that puts the animal at risk of suffering stress, pain, injury or death, which includes trophy hunting. The organization also supports a ban on the importation of any animal parts to be used as trophies.

For close to a century, CHS has strived to lead, educate and inspire others in the compassionate treatment of animals. Our vision is to live in a world where animals are valued and humanely treated so we are consistently demonstrating respect and compassion for all living beings. We sincerely hope the Safari Club will reconsider its auction item offerings to exclude any item where an animal is harmed and the Westin Calgary Airport Hotel will reevaluate hosting an event where such activities are promoted.

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