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## Press Release

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### **Remember, Remember the Fear of November**

Another hunting season begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> November and the campaign group **POWA - Protect Our Wild Animals**, is urging MP's and the Government to **remember** all of the cruel and barbaric practices that the Hunting Act was meant to outlaw.

Penny Little, spokesperson for POWA said "It was an historic achievement when the Hunting Act reached the statute books. But it is vital that we **remember the terror and torment suffered by wild animals hounded for so-called 'sport' and remember that the aim of this legislation was to deter or punish this cruelty which continues despite the ban.**"

POWA has received hours of footage from hunt monitors<sup>1</sup> and reports from country dwellers of what they regard as lawless behaviour by the hunts ever since the Hunting Act became law four years ago.

Helen Weeks, a hunt monitor, said "Anyone who comes out with us will see that the only thing standing between the hunted animal and the hounds are the monitors and their camcorders. They will see hunt supporters using intimidation and violence to stop us from filming and they will see how many hunts are left to their own devices leaving our wildlife in great peril. We urge the MP's to **remember why they voted for the ban and to remember the wild animals they hoped it would protect.**"

**POWA is calling on MP's and the Government to turn their attention back to this serious issue with a renewed commitment to address the failings in the Hunting Act and enforce the law.**

Penny Little added "The Government could start by condemning the leader of the opposition, **David Cameron**, who **has promised to reward law-breaking hunts** by removing the Hunting Act<sup>2</sup>. This is **encouraging anarchy in the countryside, endangering hunt monitors and pouring scorn on the judgement of the majority of people who support the ban.**"

### **Build On The Ban - Strengthen the Act!**

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#### Notes to Editor:

Stills are attached and video footage<sup>1</sup> is available for viewing and download online at

[www.powa.org.uk/pressreleases.html](http://www.powa.org.uk/pressreleases.html)

Copies of the full 'Hunting Anarchy' DVD are also available from POWA on request – [enquiries@powa.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@powa.org.uk)

<sup>2</sup>See Western Mail 19.2.08 for article on David Cameron's pledge