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Allow wolf hunt to move forward without dogs



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A court ruling banning the use of dogs in the state's first regulated wolf hunt is reasonable given the concerns over possible wolf and dog fights.

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Last week's [court ruling](#) banning the use of dogs in Wisconsin's first wolf hunt this fall was a reasonable response to the concerns that had been raised about the potential for harm to dogs. Better to err on the side of caution in this inaugural season.

As we had pointed out in an earlier editorial, while dogs are used in the state to hunt bears and coyotes, wolves are a different kind of animal; they're more aggressive and may not be as easily driven in a hunt as coyotes and bears would be. Of the few other states that do allow wolf hunts, none allows the use of dogs. It strikes us as better to follow that example than for the state to strike out on its own.

The bad news with the ruling is that the hunt could be canceled entirely as a result of the injunction on



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