

ILLEGITIMATE TARGET



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WHY KILL 130,000 BADGERS?

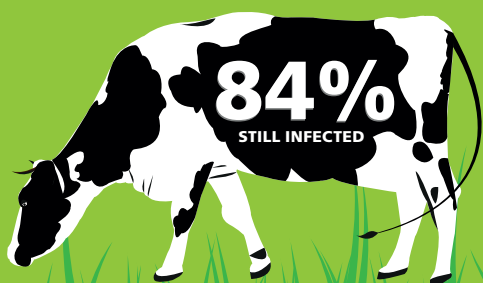
The government is to allow the killing of up to 130,000 badgers in a misguided attempt to stop the spread of TB among cattle.

130,000 SLAUGHTERED

The government's best estimate claims that killing badgers may reduce TB in cattle by 12% to 16% - over a nine year period. That will still leave 84% of the problem. And up to 130,000 dead badgers.



At least 7 in 10 badgers are to be killed in licensed kill zones which could average 350km², equivalent to the size of the Isle of Wight. Up to 40 such zones could be licensed over the next 4 years.

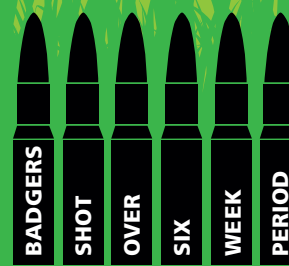


"...It is our view that the local disappearance of the badger in some areas cannot be ruled out ..."

Natural England

UNNECESSARY CRUELTY

The killing will be non-selective and the vast majority of the 130,000 badgers targeted will be healthy animals.



70% OF BADGERS TO BE SHOT



Shooting a timid creature in the heart, at night, on uneven ground in the countryside will no doubt leave many wounded but not killed; these animals will likely suffer a slow and painful death.

A government-funded 10-year scientific trial concluded that:

"Badger culling can make no meaningful contribution to cattle TB control in Britain."

The killing will continue over the same area for 4 years. Badgers could be completely wiped out over large areas of England's countryside.

THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS TO SLAUGHTER BADGERS
ARE SCIENTIFICALLY, ETHICALLY AND MORALLY WRONG.

KILL THE CULL—NOT THE BADGERS