

LEAD AMMO: DANGER TO WILDLIFE



Impacts from Spent Lead Ammunition on Animals

- **An estimated 10 million to 20 million birds and other animals die each year from lead poisoning in the United States.**

Ian Urbina, Poisoned Wildlife and Tainted Meat: Why Hunters Are Moving Away From Lead Bullets, New York Times (Nov. 24, 2018)
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/24/us/ammunition-lead-bullets-condors.html>

- **Lead exposure can cause organ failure and brain damage in animals, causing blindness, paralysis of the lungs and intestinal tract, seizure, and death.**

Lead ammunition: Toxic to wildlife, people and the environment, The Humane Society of U.S. (n.d.)
<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/lead-ammunition-toxic-wildlife-people-and-environment>

- **Animals consume spent ammunition while eating wounded or dead prey or while scavenging contaminated remains left behind by hunters.**

Lead Bullet Risks for Wildlife & Humans, National Park Service (Sept. 24, 2019)
<https://www.nps.gov/pinn/learn/nature/leadinfo.html>



- **Hunting dogs fed trimmings from animals shot with lead ammunition can be poisoned.**

Hela Hogåsen, et al., Lead intoxication in dogs: risk assessment of feeding dogs trimmings of lead-shot game, BMC Veterinary Research, Vol 12:152 (2016).



Distributed and produced by the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

Contact: Andrea Lovoll, MCEA Legislative Associate | alovoll@mncenter.org