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PIGEON SHOOTS ARE PENNSYLVANIA'S SHAME!

The Philadelphia Gun Club (PGC) located in Bensalem Township, PA, holds live pigeon shoots where thousands of innocent pigeons are brutally shot, wounded and killed.

SHowing Animals Respect and Kindness (SHARK) has videotaped the slaughter of pigeons at the PGC where birds, wracked with pain from searing buckshot lacerations, twist and fall from broken wings and backs. The PGC borders the Delaware River and those wounded birds that fall into the freezing water slowly drown while their blood drains into the river.

To be both shot and then suffer drowning - can there be a more cruel way to die?



*The white dove of peace; just a few weeks ago, we found this victim of a live pigeon shoot held at the Philadelphia Gun Club. This innocent bird had been shot, mortally wounded, then fell hard to the ground where she was illegally abandoned and died. **This is what pigeon shooters do for fun.***

Pigeon shoots are illegal under Pennsylvania law. It's critical to understand that pigeon shoots violate current Pennsylvania law. Without question, the intentional wounding and subsequent mistreatment of hundreds of animals at pigeon shoots constitutes cruel ill-treatment, abuse, neglect, and abandonment of animals (including banded pigeons) in violation of Pennsylvania's Animal Cruelty Code, 5511, which states that:

"A person commits a summary offense if he wantonly or cruelly illtreats, overloads, beats, otherwise abuses any animal, or neglects any animal as to which he has a duty of care, whether belonging to himself or otherwise, or abandons any animal, or deprives any animal of necessary sustenance, drink, shelter or veterinary care, or access to clean and sanitary shelter which will protect the animal against inclement weather and preserve the animal's body heat and keep it dry."

SHARK has video documentation of pigeons being beaten, kicked, stomped and torn apart by hand. The pigeons used are emaciated and have not been fed for days. Some birds who escape may have the strength to fly to neighboring properties, some may make it just a few yards from where they were shot, but all these abandoned animals have little hope of surviving. Why then is the PGC allowed to continue to shoot pigeons? **Because of corrupt Bucks County District Attorney David Heckler, who has financial and personal ties to the gun club.**

DA Heckler has worked closely with the Sean Corr, the lawyer for the PGC (who has helped Heckler's election campaign) to make sure that animal cruelty charges never make it to court. Heckler has used his office to protect the wealthy and politically connected members of the PGC, and given them free reign to break the law and commit abuse.

To learn more about the pigeon shooters and to see the video for yourself visit www.PAshame.com

Please contact District Attorney Heckler and demand that he stop protecting the Philadelphia Gun Club!

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Please also contact your PA legislators and demand that they pass legislation that would end pigeon shoots.

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**Please join us to stop pigeon shoots!
Contact SHARK: 630-557-0176
For more information, please visit:
www.PAshame.com**

Four pigeons SHARK has rescued from the PGC. The one at the bottom had been tortured; his head was cut with a knife.