

## **BRIAN MAY OF "QUEEN" IS APPALLED BY PROPOSED CULL...**

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**"PLEASE READ THIS: It's more important than my news on music, 3-D, or Astronomy.**

Well, I've been quiet ... because of intense activity, But, after a period in which I've been intensively learning about animal welfare. It's time to speak.

I feel compelled to comment on the current news about badgers. As many of you know, the Welsh Assembly are about to begin the slaughter of thousands of totally innocent native Badgers – at enormous expense – but much more importantly – inexcusable cruelty, born of ignorance and fear. Now, at a conference of Farmers in the UK, British Farmers have been cheering Nick Herbert, who may one day be Minister of State, when he announced that the Tories, given the chance, would reverse the current decision NOT to kill badgers in the UK. This is very sad news, Devastating. Disappointing beyond belief. It's wrong thinking.

All relevant scientific studies have concluded that culling these beautiful creatures is an INEFFECTIVE way of controlling the disease of Bovine TB in Cattle. And of course, notice we are talking about BOVINE TB here, not Badger TB... the badgers would never have been infected with this virus unless something had gone terribly wrong with cattle farming; British cattle unquestionably infected the badgers in the first place, and it has widely been noted that the main reasons for the spread of this TB can be found in irresponsible intensive farming of the unfortunate animals, (to make more money) – and the movement of cattle around the UK (to make more money).

Even if Badgers WERE to be proved to be the main reason for this situation, this is hardly the point. .... Killing a native animal, - even ONE – is no way to approach a problem that our bad farming methods have brought upon ourselves. It's unfair, irresponsible, and WILL NOT EVEN WORK. How interesting that this news coincides with the news that, contrary to the beliefs of many, the removal of Hedgehogs in Uist seems to have NOT produced a decrease in the mortality rate of the birds those misguided ecologists were trying to protect, by killing healthy mammals. Well, here again, ignorance and misguided conclusions are the order of the day.

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It's vitally important to realise what is going on here. We are on the brink of a potential disaster. In the forthcoming election, we could be precipitated into a world where most of the great advances made in improving the lot of animals in this country are wiped out by a regime which does not understand that we have no RIGHT to abuse animals of any kind. No right to kill or torture or exploit any creature. The tide is heading in the right direction in so many parts of the world. It is up to us to make sure that this country does not return to the Dark Ages. If you care, it's now about the right time to start grilling your candidates – the potential MP's in your area, of all political parties Let's make a difference. One day soon it may be too late.

Cheers – *Bri*

P.S. I'd like to refer you to this site --- [www.Norfolk.Police.uk](http://www.Norfolk.Police.uk) – which reminds us all that at present Badgers are a protected species ... if you know of anyone interfering with a badger sett .. TELL THESE PEOPLE. It is strictly illegal. These creatures need our protection.

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