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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you also for your time and I'm sorry your father is unwell.

The 'asks' from GWCT are:

- That Humane Cable Restraints (code compliant restraints) for fox control are licenced as part of a regulatory system which includes compulsory training and tagging
- That the use and sale of all other fox restraints (snares) is made illegal
- That to obtain a licence the authorised person must demonstrate competence (by attending and passing a certificated course)
- That individual licences are revoked if poor practice occurs

If I could use this opportunity to reiterate our concerns that, although advancements in both night vision and thermal have improved effectiveness of fox control by shooting, they aren't a complete substitute by any means. It sounds silly to say but you can't shoot what you can't see, and there are plenty of habitats which are tall enough to obscure a fox's heat signature or hide a fox completely. Those telling you that night time shooting is effective enough are not perhaps controlling foxes with the same commitment necessary to protect wild ground nesting birds such as curlew and lapwing. It really is very hard work to secure those population recoveries referred to yesterday, and the effort required is phenomenal. I'm certain that losing humane cable restraints as a tool would make it nigh on impossible to achieve those population increases.

From the examples given yesterday, the average percentage culled from being caught and restrained was approximately 39.8% (ranging from 10 – 80%). That figure will vary hugely across Wales dependent on location and local fox population, but I wanted to highlight that those caught and restrained are a very key component of fox control. Without the ability to control that key percentage I am seriously concerned that we will not be able to save our declining ground nesting species, no matter how much money is thrown at it.

I hope this came across yesterday but my argument is purely focused on protecting wild ground nesting birds, and the humane cable restraint being a vital tool in the conservation of those species.

Please do not hesitate to ask any further questions you have, no matter how large or small. Since our meeting I've also had Mike cut his videos down in to snippets with dialogue attached. It wouldn't take longer than 5 minutes on a call if it would help to review them.

With thanks and best wishes,  
Matt Goodall

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Hi Matt  
Thank you for your time and for giving the presentation yesterday. Please are you able to share the bullet points with me that listed the 'asks' from GWCT?

Thank you

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