



Rattlesnake Roundups

Each year, tens of thousands of rattlesnakes are taken from the wild to be displayed and slaughtered for entertainment and profit at rattlesnake roundups. Professional hunters, not bound by 'bag' or 'take' limits, remove snakes from their native habitats and are awarded with cash prizes for bringing in the most and biggest snakes.

Roundups are Unsustainable

- There is **no monitoring** to assess the effect of the roundups on rattlesnakes, their predators, or their prey
- Most snakes are **caught by pouring gasoline** into their dens, polluting land and water, and **impacting up to 350 other wildlife species**
- **Roundups have contributed to the decline** of eastern diamondback rattlesnakes (proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act)

Roundups are Unnecessary

- Roundups are **not required to prevent rattlesnake overpopulation** – their populations are maintained by native predators, prey abundance, and disease
- **Venom needed** for research and antivenom production is **collected from captive colonies** of rattlesnakes
- The USDA's Cattle Death Loss report has logged **zero deaths from snakes** in more than two decades

Stop Snake Slaughter at Rattlesnake Roundups

Rattlesnake roundups are important to the local culture and economy. **Many have evolved into festivals that celebrate, rather than harm, rattlesnakes.** Rather than losing money, reformed festivals often have greater attendance and income, and instead of condemning the festival, local and national conservation organizations promote and participate in these events.



Giving up snake slaughter does not mean losing tradition or harming the local economy. **New traditions celebrating our natural heritage without slaughter are more successful than ever.**

Find out more: RattlesnakeRoundups.com