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Hello Wolf Awareness and others,

We are willing to share our experience to help stop the use of this dreadful poison.

Three years ago our beautiful border collie Dulce was a happy and affectionate dog. It was summer and Dulce was pursuing her favourite hobby - trying to catch ground squirrels in the horse corral next to our house. Dulce suddenly came to me, looked at me with scared eyes then dropped to the floor having a massive convulsion. Our vet arrived within fifteen minutes but there was nothing she could do. Dulce died in my arms a few minutes later.

A post mortem examination at the University of Guelph Veterinary School showed that Dulce died from strychnine poisoning. We will never know for sure how Dulce came into contact with the poison. The police investigated and the most likely cause was the careless use of poisoned bait by a nearby farmer. Probably a bird picked up the bait and dropped it on our property. Our vet told us that three other dogs had died locally that year in the same manner.

Dulce was the light of my life. She was my constant, loving companion. Making matters even worse was the fact that my two young grandchildren witnessed Dulce dying. It is beyond my comprehension that Alberta allows the use of strychnine to control wild animals.

Sincerely,

*Cristina and Peter Blackmore
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Dulce is the brown dog in this photo, part of a happy family.