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Cruel Poisons

Under the Animals (Cruel Poisons) Act, which came into operation on 1st January, 1963, the Home Secretary has power to prohibit designated poisons on the grounds that they cause undue suffering and that suitable alternatives are available.

UFAW is seeking the prohibition of certain cruel poisons, including the extremely cruel fluorine compounds, one of which, known as "1080", is widely used. It is believed that commercial interests will seek to retain this. You are asked to write to your Member of Parliament urging him to press the Home Secretary to include fluorine poisons among those which he will prohibit.

The Deer (England and Wales) Bill.

Members of UFAW are earnestly asked to write to their Members of Parliament urging the latter to support this Bill, the second reading of which is to be moved by Mr. Jasper More, M.P., on Friday, 8th March. UFAW has played a leading part in connection with it. It prescribes close seasons (in order to prevent fawns being left to starve when their mothers are shot), forbids shooting at night (when animals are likely to be left wounded) or with weapons such as bows and arrows, miniature rifles, and guns with small shot. As a Private Member's Bill it needs all possible support in order to ensure its becoming law. Some minor concessions have had to be made in order to retain the support of agricultural interests, which is indispensable, but it will prevent a vast amount of suffering if effectively enforced. Members of UFAW can help by writing to their M.P.s or to the press or by otherwise exerting their influence from February onwards.