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CANNED LION HUNTING

I WAS DEEPLY SHOCKED AT your article "Rules cast shadow over lion breeders den". I am astonished that a magazine of your repute should publish such an article, thereby implying your approval of this disgusting and utterly degrading form of so-called sport.

Ten years ago South Africa was regarded as the leading African nation in game management, but sadly its reputation has now been seriously eroded. Canned hunting, the hunting of

endangered species, particularly the black rhino, the "if it pays, it stays" attitude – all have reduced this country's standing abroad. It is time that ethical hunters, game and farm managers, vets and others involved in wildlife management stood up and said that morals matter more than money. Abuse and cruelty should be condemned and not condoned by any country that wishes to be regarded as civilised.

**Anna H. Merz
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Canned lion hunting is a highly controversial subject, spiking hefty debates between hunters and animal-lovers. Some see it as brutality and money versus humanity and environment.

CORRECTION – FINANCE [ALL] US YOUNG FARMERS!

I AM RESPONDING TO THE LETTER "FINANCE US YOUNG BLACK farmers!" published on 8 June 2007. It is not only young black farmers who have problems getting finance, it is all young emerging farmers. How can a young person get his or her own farm without finance? No bank or finance company that I have approached will even consider complete finance. They want a deposit of R480 000 for a farm of R1,2 million and will only grant 60% finance. Where can a young person find such a deposit? Who is going to ensure the survival of agriculture if institutions won't finance? I agree with TS Shabalala – the government should look at this.

V. Taylor, VIA E-MAIL

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