Leave the Wolves Alone!
Wolf control is not needed in Alaska

Loren Eiseley, the 1976 HSUS Joseph Wood Krutch medalist, has written a moving account of the celebration of a sparrow hawk, released after a night of capture, returning to his mate, waiting unseen in the broad blue sky of Nebraska. "I saw them both now. He was rising fast to meet them in a great...whirling circle and a dance of wings..." Then they were gone forever somewhere into those wonders in almost every part of the world... put our daily activities into the context of 'being human.' I—and you, too—need the Eiseleys of this world to keep perspectives open and hopeful in the face of our many negative experiences. His writings remind us of a reality that is wild, without limits, and free; life that is different from ours; and life that is best when it is left alone—Dr. at most, observed only from a distance.

I suppose some of these thoughts are the basis of my disquiet, to the extent allowed by the political environment in which we live. The HSUS Board of Directors seeks to change the political environment. The HSUS has worked with the United States government to protect endangered species in Africa, Asia, and South America. The HSUS is currently supporting the reintroduction of wolves in Minnesota, and hopefully, in the future, in Wisconsin. It is only through hard work and political action that we can reverse the damage that has been done to our wildlife resources... The first step in wolf population management should be the elimination of the hunting season. If the Alaska Board of Game wishes to increase these populations statewide, then why not curtail sport hunting statewide? Tourists armed with cameras will be delighted to view the beauty of the Alaskan habitat and its abundant wildlife if they believe they are supporting and enhancing a sensitive and life-affirming government in the process. Since ecotourists outnumber sport hunters by an enormous ratio, economics should mandate animal protection rather than killing.