

CHEERS FOR THE BAN! - GIANT ANIMALS PICNIC ON PARLIAMENT SQUARE

DATE: THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2005

TIME: 10.30AM

LOCATION: PARLIAMENT SQUARE

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A giant fox, stag and hare will be celebrating the end of the chase as the ban on hunting comes into force.

They will be picnicking on Parliament Square - to thank MPs for passing the long-awaited legislation and to toast the vast majority of the British public who supported the ban.

Phyllis Campbell-McRae, UK Director of International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) says:

"This is a victory not only for our wild animals but also for democracy. At last, after so many years of campaigning, hunting with dogs is being consigned to the dustbin of history alongside bull-baiting, dog and cock fighting. It's time to celebrate."