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**Verdant Vista Farms is Living with Lions**  
*Cougar-proof pen pro-active solution to depredation problems*

**Salem, OR** - On Sunday, January 8th, Verdant Vistas Farm and the Mountain Lion Foundation will construct a predator-proof small livestock enclosure, which will provide a safe home for the farm's goats for years to come. Better still, it will serve as an example of how responsible livestock management can keep domestic animals safe while protecting wildlife.

While Oregon's policy makers spend time and money debating how many mountain lions there are, how many should be killed each year and how these lions should be killed, the Mountain Lion Foundation is providing solutions that are a win-win for everyone.

The Mountain Lion Foundation's Living with Lions project teaches residents positive actions to take to avoid mountain lion conflicts. One element of this project, developed with funding from the National Wildlife Federation, includes building predator-proof enclosures for small livestock and providing an example of responsible pet and livestock care for the neighboring community.

According to MLF's wildlife biologist, Chris Papouchis, "Scientific studies have shown that killing resident mountain lions does not prevent livestock losses from reoccurring. Typically when one lion is removed from an area, another soon moves in, and is often killed for the same reason."

Protecting pets and livestock can provide permanent solutions to depredation problems, saving the lives of both livestock and lions.

"As the state's last great predator," said Lynn Sadler, Mountain Lion Foundation President and CEO, "the mountain lion plays a crucial role in protecting our biological heritage. We can protect them with some simple measures that protect people, pets and livestock, without spending taxpayers' money."

Detailed plans for building lion-proof livestock pens are available free of charge at [www.MountainLion.org](http://www.MountainLion.org).

The Mountain Lion Foundation is a national non-profit conservation organization founded in 1986 dedicated to saving America's lion.

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