
Western mules

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Mules are popular here.
This may be a first...

A couple from Montana were out riding the range...he with his rifle and she (fortunately) with her camera. Their dogs always followed them, but on this occasion a Mountain Lion decided that he wanted to stalk the dogs (you'll see the dogs in the background watching). Very, very bad decision.

The hunter got off the mule with his rifle and decided to shoot in the air to scare away the lion, but before he could get off a shot the lion charged in and decided he wanted a piece of those dogs. With that, the mule took off and decided HE wanted a piece of that lion. That's when all hell broke loose for the lion.

As the lion approached the dogs, the mule snatched him up by the tail and started whirling him around. Banging its head on the ground on every pass. Then he dropped it, stomped on it and held it to the ground by the throat. The mule then got down on his knees and bit the thing all over a couple of dozen times to make sure it was dead, then whipped it into the air again, walked back over to the couple (that were stunned in silence) and stood there ready to continue his ride as if nothing had just happened.

Fortunately, even though the hunter didn't get off a shot, his wife got off these four pictures. (only allowed to upload one so the full story by request)

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Re:Western mules

Posted by elkay - 2008/04/28 22:06

Hello!

Alas the mountain lion was already dead - this has been circulating a few years now and corrected in "Mules and More" magazine.... but heck, that is one pissed off mule and I think it's equally impressive even if the cat was already dead!

My mule (2 year old molly mule) loves to play chase games with dogs (they chase her, she chases back) but mules (and donkeys) can and are used as guard animals to keep wolves and coyotes off sheep flocks in some parts of USA, because (unlike llamas) they are armed at both ends and willing to defend themselves - check out this link for how it's done:

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/sheep/facts/donkey2.htm>

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