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Dear Landowners, Subscribers and Friends of Casanova Hunt,

In 1909, a group of foxhunters and avid sportsmen founded the Casanova Hunt. From its beginning, Casanova was a farmers' hunt and has always been an integral part of this rural community. Many of the landowners were also members of the hunt. Casanova Hunt has been fortunate to have had more than 100 years of great sport, with Tommy Lee Jones hunting the hounds these last 50 years.

Unfortunately, recent years have not been kind to the hunt. Hunting requires open space, and developers have built extensively in and around Casanova's hunt territory. Foxhunting and the growing population are competing for the same country, and foxhunting is losing. New houses bring people and burgeoning traffic with no respect for the tradition of foxhunting. The traffic has endangered the hounds, horses, and riders.

The influx of coyotes has pushed out the fox. Hunting coyote requires more country in a time when Casanova's open space is shrinking.

The current pandemic leaves everyone looking at an altered reality and an uncertain future. Hunting may no longer rely upon the income that once was considered disposable, as our discretionary income dwindles.

As time moves forward, change is inevitable. These changes are both unwelcome and out of our control. Unfortunately, these trends may well become worse in the future.

With very heavy hearts the decision has been made that Casanova Hunt will not continue beyond this past season. Words cannot begin to express our disappointment and frustration.

Casanova Hunt is forever indebted to our landowners who have given us the privilege to ride over their land. We also thank our many friends and members in the Casanova community and beyond who have supported us through the years. We are immensely grateful and appreciative to all. We will always be proud of our years and the irreplaceable memories with Casanova Hunt.

We wish everyone all the best as we say our final "Good Night".

Sincerely,

*Mrs. John Clark, MFH & Mrs. William O'Keefe, MFH*

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