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Khan lives in Los Angeles and owns two golden eagles named Flight D. Eisenhower and Kanye Nest. He raised the birds since birth, and trained them to return home when he calls. Feeding Flight D. Eisenhower and Kanye Nest became quite expensive once they matured, so Khan allowed his eagles to hunt on their own.

Khan has no knowledge of what Flight D. Eisenhower and Kanye Nest eat, but he allows them to fly free once a day for a few hours before calling them to return. Khan figures that this is the best way to have eagles that still have some “wildness” in them.

Khan lives in the Santa Monica Mountains on 10 acres of land and has no direct neighbors. Unfortunately, Flight D. Eisenhower and Kanye Nest have been hunting in some pretty fancy neighborhoods. After comparing notes, neighbors in the surrounding communities have reported missing chickens, cats, guinea pigs, parrots, and an occasional small dog. The loss of these pets is very traumatizing, and they identified Flight D. Eisenhower and Kanye Nest through some YouTube clips that Khan posted.

The neighbors bond together and sue Khan, asking for \$1 million in damages for the loss of their pets and emotional harm. Khan pleads his innocence and maintains that it is legal for him to own the birds, not his fault that wild animals decide to hunt the most defenseless animals, and totally ridiculous to blame him because the neighbors would be better off suing Mother Nature.

You are the judge in this case. Please make a ruling:

1. Is Khan liable (responsible) for the death of the pets?
2. How much money, if any, should be rewarded to the neighbors?
3. Are there any remedies (fixes) that may prevent this from happening in the future?

At least 500 words, please.