

conservation issues

FOX HUNTING



Hunting foxes with packs of dogs has been banned in the United Kingdom since 2005. However, loopholes in the law that allow simulated hunting with hounds pursuing a scent (known as “trail hunting”) is permitted. Trail hunting masks continued fox hunts with many foxes still chased and torn apart at the climax of such events.

The subject of fox hunting remains highly emotive with pro-hunt supporters stating that such “sport” is a part of traditional country life. In order to seek to disrupt the killing of foxes, and document evidence of where law breaking occurs, hunt saboteurs monitor hunts, with reports of the activists threats and even physical harm.

Animal rights campaigners have fought for tighter restrictions and their recordings of illegal activity has brought the issue to public attention.



red fox
Vulpes vulpex

Recent cases have shown that careful manipulation of the laws and measures to mask deliberate hunting of foxes. Evidence has clearly demonstrated that the problem continues to exist, and does so in a highly organised manner.

Foxes continue to be highly persecuted and, whilst control of these animals is allowed under special circumstances, there exists many examples of unnecessarily cruel control measures including use of snares that result in a long, drawn-out death.

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It is estimated that a staggering 100,000 foxes are killed in the UK every year.