

The Lives - and Deaths - of Dogs used in Hunting

Season '24 - '25 Report

AAF

Introduction

Season 24-25 has seen yet more danger, abandonment, neglect, injury and deaths for dogs used in hunting. As so much of what we have seen this year mirrors instances documented from the previous season, this report contains some reiteration of context from previous reports. Such instances are rarely seen with dogs used in drag- or clean-boot hunts, yet are commonplace with 'trail' hunts. 'Trail' hunts allegedly use the scent of the particular prey that hunt is banned from chasing and killing, although sabs and monitors rarely report seeing any attempt to follow a trail at all. Chases and kills of foxes, hares - and stags - are far too commonplace. This is a way of life - and death - that these dogs are trained into. People attending the Blackmore and Sparkford Vale's Point-to-Point on 09/03/25 were told how pups bred by the hunts are first reared with fosters, and at a few months old are put into kennels where they "learn how to be a hound". Aside the horrors of how this is learnt and the fate of those puppies who don't make the grade, anyone with any training in or knowledge about the mental and emotional development of dogs will find that fact alone upsetting.

Our previous (season 23-24) report

<https://www.actionagainstfoxhunting.org/the-lives-and-deaths-of-dogs-used-in-hunting-2/>

looked in sections under: 'neglect': underfeeding, untreated medical needs, cruelty such as beatings/ whippings, and lost dogs; cases of dogs endangered/ put at risk/ killed on roads and rail; and at the injuries and deaths of dogs incurred whilst in the act of hunting. We follow the same format here, and remind readers that our reports represent only a glimpse of the suffering taking place across the country. The photos and reports we have selected originate mainly from monitors and saboteurs, and these groups are relatively few and far between. Most hunts are not watched. Well over 250 hunts (<https://www.wildlifeguardian.co.uk/hunts/>)

go out up to four times a week during the main season, from October to approximately the end of March each year. At each meet there will be up to 40 hunt dogs ('20 couple') in a pack, with others left back at the kennels. http://www.nwhsa.org.uk/structure_of_a_hunt.html

(AAF has a separate report covering August to October, the period of cub hunting (or 'Autumn') season:

<https://www.actionagainstfoxhunting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Hunt-Dogs-in-between-seasons.pdf>)

It is also worth noting again that the dogs used by hunts exist in a regulatory vacuum. They don't have the protection afforded to pet dogs, nor do they fall under the regulations which cover livestock, because they're not 'farm' livestock. There are no checks on their welfare by any independent body. Hunts are closed groups; secretive. No one knows what really goes on in hunt kennels except the hunt staff themselves. However, there is much about the lives of hunt dogs which AAF has good reason to believe falls well below acceptable standards of care. These lives will often meet a brutal end, with an estimated 4,000 - 8,000 (depending on source) of these dogs shot per year, when no longer of use. This can be carried out as young as 5 or 6 years old when they inevitably start 'slowing down'.

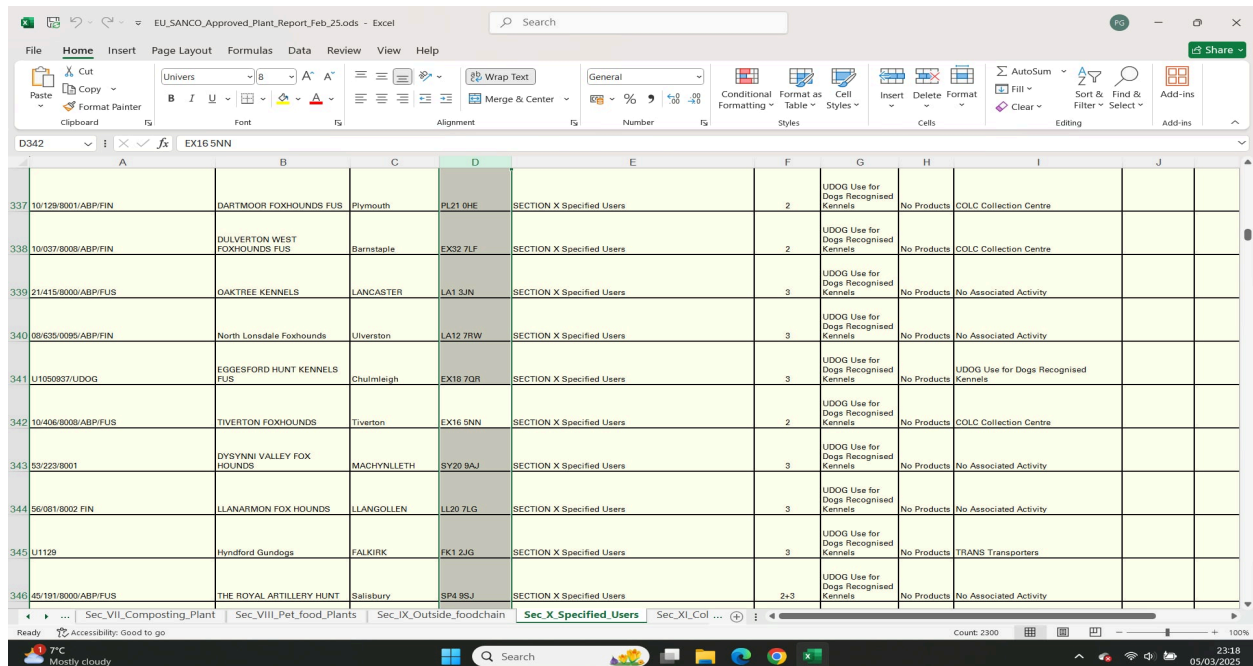
What follows is (largely photographic) evidence and links to accounts and videos, selected over the circa six months of the main 2024-25 hunting season.

NEGLECT: (Under)feeding

As described in our previous report, the matter and manner in which hunt dogs are fed is concerning. These dogs are generally fed the harvest of 'flesh rounds': the collection of fallen stock from farms. This flesh consists of animal by-products (ABPs), ie: corpses of farmed animals and horses (often there is no known cause of death), through to aborted fetuses, and the bio-matter produced in birthing.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/animal-by-product-categories-site-approval-hygiene-and-disposal>

Whilst APHA will run checks on farms supplying the fallen stock, the checks are low in number, infrequent and often only as a direct result of a concern or complaint. These ABPs fed to hunting dogs are often in the high risk 'Category 2', which hunts may be approved to collect.



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340	08/635/0085/ABP/FIN	North Lonsdale Foxhounds	Ulverston	LA12 7RW	SECTION X Specified Users	3	UDOG Use for Dogs Recognised Kennels	No Products	No Associated Activity	
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343	33/223/8001	DVSRYANI VALLEY FOX HOUNDS	MACHYNLLETH	SY20 8AJ	SECTION X Specified Users	3	UDOG Use for Dogs Recognised Kennels	No Products	No Associated Activity	
344	56/061/8002/FIN	LLANARMON FOX HOUNDS	LLANGOLLEN	LL20 7LG	SECTION X Specified Users	3	UDOG Use for Dogs Recognised Kennels	No Products	No Associated Activity	
345	U11129	Hyndford Gundogs	FALKIRK	FK1 2JG	SECTION X Specified Users	3	UDOG Use for Dogs Recognised Kennels	No Products	TRANS Transporters	
346	49/191/8000/ABP/FUS	THE ROYAL ARTILLERY HUNT	Salisbury	SP4 9SJ	SECTION X Specified Users	2+3	UDOG Use for Dogs Recognised Kennels	No Products	No Associated Activity	

This 'food' for these dogs is legally unfit for the pet-food chain.

The diseases being fed such diets can spread are widely documented

<https://theecologist.org/2018/sep/03/hunting-hounds-not-so-secret-reason-farmers-cant-control-disease>.

Whilst the BHSA (British Hounds Sports Association) advises that 'light' dogs are fed in a separate group, it is clear many do not take their advice. Feeding in the kennel environment appears an exercise in competitive survivalism, rather than one of good welfare and nurture. Members of the public will often comment on how thin some of these dogs are. Some appear to be significantly underfed. Becoming so thin as some are takes time.

South Dorset Hunt - dogs appeared to monitors to be: "incredibly skinny and especially timid". - (06/09/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/WeymouthAnimalRights/posts/pfbid02uWCK67Ru6xKAbUuT71JXhrRV63CCUP8rVbXMBjmk664K7iz2rVaDYZYiKzjm76MI>

South Dorset dog, skinny (01/10/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=965806968918461&set=a.556847196481109>



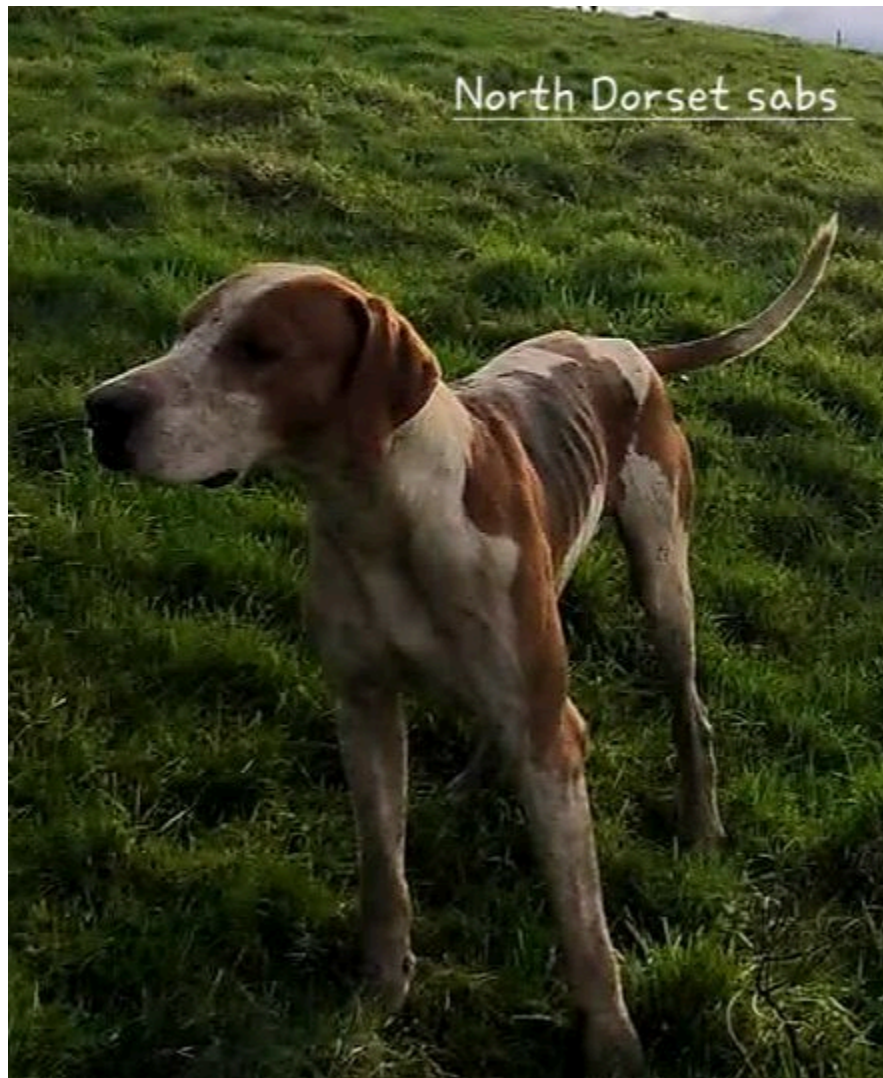
Isle of Wight Foxhounds - (02/11/24)

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0vMbW8hCegUp96tQayywUd8P9EZjVBhWVESrwFGYpCSeZMdxF1o5VEgUKP6jU9nXtl&id=100071096827296



Blackmore and Sparkford Vale Hunt, dog skinny (07/01/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthDorsetSabs/posts/pfbid0iE2bZMU3buCGGgAhiG6vyvV7NAdu6LM6s8fiiJFaS3B5Pc3U6rZ3RzyQfWRx4PbNI>



Also BSV (07/01/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=610749881329037&set=pcb.610751507995541>



Melbreak Fell pack (22/02/25)

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0aibaSSM6CiGXgTGwKXXddvXFtb5T1cWsXVUnqdgETufJdGEP76PECJefT7Ffn1yxl&id=61569851164767



NEGLECT: untreated medical needs

As we have recognised previously, some hunts will be better than others in ensuring their dogs get proper veterinary care. Clearly, those 'others' are a concern. We know that often vets are not called, and treatments, including sutures and staples, are carried out by hunt-staff. Hunting dogs are often observed carrying injuries, many are scarred, especially around the head, face, and neck. Far too often, dogs are seen out with what look like untreated tumours or abscesses. Tumours/growths on foxhounds are far more dangerous than on companion animals due to the risk of them being torn open on rough areas of foliage/brambles/barbed wire. Difficult though it is to capture footage of these in the hunting environment, below are some examples captured by quick witted saboteurs and monitors.

South Dorset Hunt - large tumour under chin (03/09/24) (W.A.R = Weymouth Animal Rights) & possibly missing some tail.

The Huntmaster told monitors that this dog was not in need of veterinary care (see 2nd link).

<https://www.facebook.com/WeymouthAnimalRights/posts/pfbid02iQx2fn6tKmuWenvfqaDqVbQp6gJedGCxBADNHpH4ZneX5JqTqoZe1Gh8YbRGvGEJl>

<https://www.facebook.com/WeymouthAnimalRights/posts/pfbid02uWCK67Ru6xKAbUuT71JXhrRV63CCUP8rVbXMBjmzk664K7iz2rVaDYZYiKzjm76Ml>



Derwent Hunt - abscess on back (14/09/24)

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0iFnN5GZPXX9avYc7wbWD6QA7cGVYxpsUCDzt6NtWVpEx67h4XqXTFXDHB4tX9jTxI&id=100083074050754



Video, Holderness Hunt - bleeding testicular injury (18/01/25)
<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1135907731538882>

Four Burrows Hunt 03/02/25 (West Cornwall Hunt Sabs photos) - large tumour on leg,
Sabs report he was running behind, looking tired and struggling.



Same dog showing possible growth on front paw also



NEGLECT/ CRUELTY: beatings, whippings

Sabs and monitors, and other members of the public, often comment on how cowed these dogs appear. Their training uses fear-based techniques and pack peer pressure - including 'coupling', where young, inexperienced dogs are chained collar-to-collar with an older, experienced pack member. We know these dogs get beaten and whipped. Their frequent cowering in the presence of hunt staff, or the display of anxious behaviours such as lowered heads and tucked tails, suggest an environment of dominance and fear.

Hunting dogs are often 'scruffed'. This is not appropriate handling of a large, adult dog. It can be painful, and can lead to bruising, muscle strain, or long-term damage to the dog's neck and spine.

<https://www.kinship.co.uk/pet-health/is-scruffing-safe#:~:text=While%20it%20may%20not%20be,it%20painful%2C%20frightening%20or%20both>.

Dog punched in head & hound scruffed

<https://www.facebook.com/WesternWatchCornwall/videos/3312264155577014>

Scruffing, mistreatment of Isle of Wight dog 25/01/25)

https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=638908115155744&set=a.199739482405945&type=3&mibextid=wwXlfr&rdid=n9pyiQw00OUIJ4Uz&share_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fshare%2F15yZyGiPVZ%2F%3Fmibextid%3DwwXlfr#
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Rough treatment of dogs - scruffing adults (Devon & Somerset Staghounds posted 20/03/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/WildlifeCrimeAction/videos/4060887860834381>

Hunt dogs are whipped, beaten, and kicked:-

Seavington Hunt - killing of fox - dogs whipped (26/10/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1605045977090556>

Isle of Wight - dog whipped - (02/12/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/979668420864633>

Kicking a dog at a children's meet (19/02/25) Four Burrows

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/613457421471086>

Yelps <https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1616942405599050>

<https://www.facebook.com/WesternWatchCornwall/posts/pfbid0E9Nsny72pxTXKzZJKB1YY8iRwgbfPHaj5TEMRdcb1DGFCTzUWBKBdpBAe5cYGEUtl>

As well as shot:-

Hull - conversation about the dogs - shot in head

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1254784585811313>

Terriers

https://protectthewild.substack.com/p/horrific-dog-forced-to-fight-wildlife?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=1809746&post_id=151385008&utm_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=true&r=22b4ws&triedRedirect=true&utm_medium=email

Terrier kicked (09/02/25) from Blencathra Foxhounds

<https://www.facebook.com/61569851164767/videos/pcb.122116092206661705/1130581672193577>

NEGLECT: lost dogs

Hunts often lose control of their dogs. It's alarmingly commonplace that dogs will go missing and become lost, sometimes for days in all terrain and weather. For all that get found, we can only imagine that there is a number who are never retrieved. Dogs are often seen wandering alone on A-roads. This year, reports mentioning lost dogs were many. An AAF member who also sabs told us, "Honestly, this last season I would estimate that 85% of meets we sabbed had lost hounds or had out of control hounds or both. Probably because there seems to be a lot of moving about of hunt staff where they are panicking, giving up etc. Hounds don't react well to huntsmen they don't know". It is of note, however, that a large number of the posts and comments here expressing concern about lost, or out of control, hunting dogs originate from members of the public, rather than sabs or monitors.

Some examples, below:

Taunton Vale Foxhounds

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/553654905048139/posts/2059710084442606/>

Blackmore and Sparkford Vale - loose dog (26/10/24)



Spooners & West Dartmoor - thin; lost, loose on an A road, injured back leg (26/10/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BrentorLydfordMaryTavyHub/posts/8361650630627581/>

North Cotswold Hunt - Lost, badly scarred face (05/11/24)

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=952124483618035&id=100064614764649&mib_extid=WC7FNe&rdid=8Lg5TXQF21s0uueZ

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=952124210284729&set=a.540904828073338>

"Chilling in Buckland awaiting a lift - the B-road is a couple of hundred metres from this location and this hound had been wandering around for ages on his own - local

homeowners praised sabs for catching and protecting him”



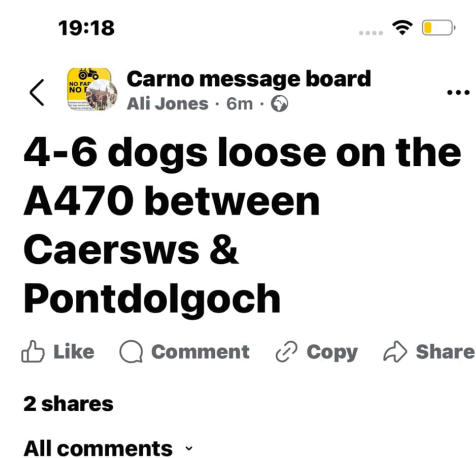
Same incident as above - lost & on road - sabs live video appealing to Hunt

<https://www.facebook.com/3CHuntSabs/videos/1245403086584772>

04/01/25



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Lost, on road (01/01/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/kernowsabs/posts/pfbid02puTygoA6dArAtnYXfCtehJ3ePHhCVPKGS3YdfCGRxCmFEbugnQNsNGEzxiNNb6KI>



Lost in woods (20/11/24 - bitterly cold)

<https://www.facebook.com/greattorringtonevents/posts/pfbid02hJfiaiffMKEdEh1o75ZHu6Hkfd6GZrmGVdE8PARHKifUuZyRnzTP1iP4wzNkLNeJl>

Posted 05/11/24 (Taunton Vale Foxhounds)



Cury Hunt Lost and exhausted (06/11/24) DEB

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=921602789467589>

Dartmoor public group post - Lost hound 21/11/24 - day of snow

This was a Thursday. It is known Spooners lost command of their dogs on Saturday

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/370152633365720/posts/2280775982303366/>

Two lost dogs, lost on Dartmoor past midnight (21-22/11/24) one commenter is a terrierman from Spooners Hunt

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BrentorLydfordMaryTavyHub/posts/8514898988636077/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/370152633365720/user/100007088850662>



Lost, probably Spooners, and, from dates, probably picked up on a Friday - possibly having been on the moor for 6 days

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BrentorLydfordMaryTavyHub/posts/8518806544911988/>

Dartmoor Hunt (probably) Lost on moor (26/11/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1017488288323153/posts/28216871674624780>

Cottesmore Hunt, lost in dark (26/11/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthantsHuntSaboteurs/videos/1266908104431759>

West Norfolk Hunt, lost in freezing conditions (27/11/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/nshuntsabs/posts/pfbid0QzUdnNwTnVB8DkLYNzi9MQRAfUmXQtnaD8h957X7ERw8xmcVvZvZHzeTzeMRkhail>

<https://www.facebook.com/nshuntsabs/posts/pfbid02UMxpQQJ5p2iz8SDGNNdLWHiXTTh4W6b9kJC3Z69b7EVNLq5PfUAqPyUNrYyHLDHYI>

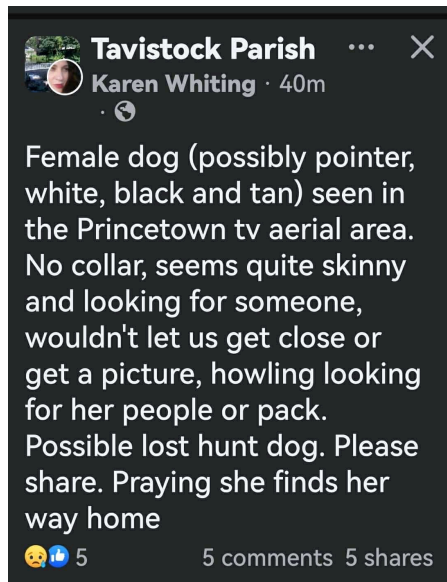
Marni Jani

It's not just about foxes ... trying to get that through to people animals are nothing more than a commodity to the hunt either a means to an end or there for the psychotic high the hunt get off on tormenting them and watching them die. I loathe these people

Three, lost, unclaimed, in shelter, untreated (post picked up 7/12/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/Foxhoundwelfareuk/posts/pfbid03cQFFubnDy5YEWnEad6ukdX39dA469cyKoajgoR4tGT1Tgf4nwF3jXgUKFqG59mgl>

Lost from probably Spooners Hunt (14/12/24)



Lost, unnamed Hunt, left behind in dark (15/01/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3309814765777960/posts/9175622939197084/>



Also Rhayader, same date (15/01/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3309814765777960/posts/9173179439441434/>

Hound loose on the road above the Parc farm
old Aber road. Was heading back towards town



Lost - probably Lamerton Hunt (18/12/24)

https://www.facebook.com/groups/TavistockParish/permalink/2572294249642707/?rdid=IhQdRTSwej97DcKG&share_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fshare%2Ep%2F1VxtaT82st

Lost/ separated & running on main road (Lamerton Hunt) 18/01/25

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BrentorLydfordMaryTavyHub/posts/8822308224561817/>

Lost in freezing temperatures (Northumberland) - Border Hunt

A miracle this dog was found at all.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1497207804402786/posts/1777377649719132/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1497207804402786/posts/1777377649719132/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckgn82e757jo>



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"I could hear the poor thing whimpering and crying, it was so cold up there it must have been freezing"



bbc.com

'Hallucinating' Northumberland runner rescues dog mid-race

Left behind, in the dark, poor condition, possibly recently pupped

<https://www.facebook.com/HerefordshireHuntSabs/posts/pfbid02sTTU8m6SEbd6tZNNjhM9J2z3mU6eQHjkqFiLqtsakVo1rkKSvn5FnNh8Td2zGMQt!>

Loose dog Actone Beauchamp!

Does anybody recognise this dog? She looks like a Hound, very friendly. Older. Covered in cuts and lumps and bumps, not in great condition. Look like she's either not long had a litter of pups or is in/was recently in season. Found at Acton Beauchamp crossroads.



Fourburrows (03/02/25) This dog was miles away from the Hunt, and heading for the village of Praze an Beeble. Sabs managed to follow him a bit, trying to catch him, but lost him. This photo is from film taken further away by a supporter of the sabs' groups involved, found in comments on this post:-

<https://www.facebook.com/WesternWatchCornwall/videos/3897236773926555>



And from the sabs:

<https://www.facebook.com/WesternWatchCornwall/posts/pfbid0kVCfvaTHvTcSX55RYjx2U2KtPyLmpbnLCinpNzZkMY2NuWBaBBidVCajxNP4A1Wcl>

Lost (08/02/25) - near freezing, foggy day

[Dog found running on A358 between BP garage at Cross Keys and Norton Manor Camp.](#)

[Currently safe with the Deane Vets on Wellington Road.](#)

Lost on Dartmoor probably Spooners (08/02/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/370152633365720/posts/2339104253137205>

Posted at circa 9am on a Sunday morning - so probably out all night.



Hound spotted by [Wendy Barker](#) this morning
From Shaftesbury through Melbury Abbas 1st
corner after the traffic lights woodland to the right
of the orange thing
Looks like it could be a left behind fox hound if
anyone knows any contacts to let them know
where he is



Lost Cury Hunt (08/02/25)

https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=658777053377604&set=a.179080264680621&comment_id=29601743359425104¬if_id=1739557162677765¬if_t=comment_mention&ref=notif

Left behind/ Lost Spooners (15/02/25)

https://www.facebook.com/groups/BrentorLydfordMaryTavyHub/permalink/8976320639160574/?rldid=1bNWY3DI6QxQMEQI&share_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fshare%2Fp%2F19p93JiTLg#

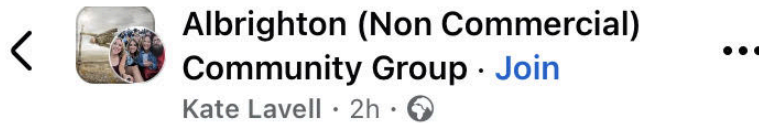
Report of loose Cury dogs, including on cliffs 15/02/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/WesternWatchCornwall/videos/984812376350543>

Lost (19/02/25) possibly Llanwnnen Farmers Hunt

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3309814765777960/posts/9374221432670566/>

Lost (22/02/25) Albrighton & Woodland



Large white dog on the loose in the woods over Burnhill Green. Couldn't get hold of it



Lost, endangered on road, picked up by sab. team (22/02/25) Cottesmore Hunt

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthantsHuntSaboteurs/posts/pfbid0RFAHYpGwaR4mRC4eMe2C8s4QucW9J5gUSCYkr2rupQFp452KRAjT7QfH7mCUE6tRI>



Lost on airfield, near busy road Albrighton & Woodland Hunt (posted 23/02/25)

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid031Y6W2HXb8YStKX2aVQPSN8FDV73VgbrMAjntd1S2G96PEoF43kAXNVfFqKfMZ6B9I&id=61554448962985

Lost, probably the Stevenstone Hunt

<https://www.facebook.com/greattorringtonevents/posts/pfbid02dQLcRPmm6e4YGMqVQtifwyULgcanVmFmNCnhKjS99D6bRhty7JNWJvaPCJf1KrYbl>

Left behind, scrabbling out of river, Portman Hunt (05/01/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1035957975236693&set=pcb.1035966175235873>



Left behind, between barbed wire and deer fencing, Seavington Hunt (15/03/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=122174575514305207&set=pcb.122174577260305207>



Lost & distressed, Quantock Stagounds (27/03/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/3CHuntSabs/posts/pfbid034bUD6pocPBb1m9jreKmJ4JrwXjQACp9Aos2FMRdrwoKXRpcuLbYBEfMGSoRfKrH1l>



North Cornwall hunt dog, left behind

My mother is walking Rough tor at 17.26, she has seen a almost all white hunting dog, no collar and couldn't get close enough for a photo. We don't know anyone in the area but hoping word of mouth might help. The dog also has a limp so quite concerned.

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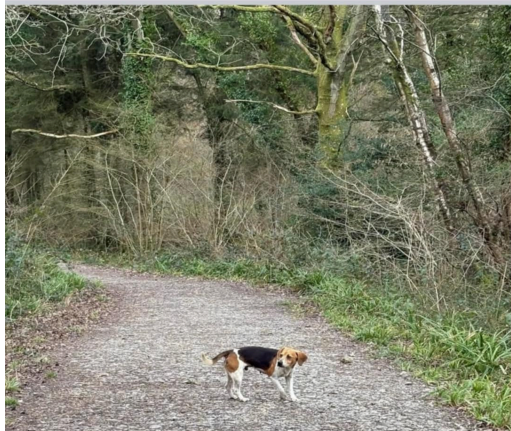
Lost beagle (22/03/25)

Beagle loose on Dunccliffe Woods- he seems to be on a scent but can't get close enough to catch. Might make his way home 🐾 1.50pm 22/03/25

👍👎 2

7 comments 8 shares

👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share



Lost (31/03/25)



Lost dog seen at Avon dam 31.3.25. Small/medium hunting/hound type dog, white with light tan patches. Unfortunately couldn't get close enough to catch it. No collar.



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ENDANGERED/ PUT AT RISK/ DEATHS: roads, rail

Hunt dogs are consistently put at risk on our roads and even railways. We often see reports of dogs loose on country roads with blind bends and running about on A-roads. It's worth stating this appears to happen only with so-called 'trail hunts', and not with packs hunting drag or clean-boot. Reports including cases where dogs have been endangered on roads and rail this year have, again, been numerous. Again, there have been deaths.

Loose, unsupervised, busy road & blind bend (14/02/25)

https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1012501120911093&set=a.622303576597518&comment_id=1137846374709022¬if_id=1739570015769408¬if_t=comment_mention&ref=notif



Video, Wynnstay Hunt - almost hit by car, in fog (26/10/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1484107478963463>

Video, Grove & Rufford Hunt - endangered on road, car swerves. (26/10/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1280845556680899>

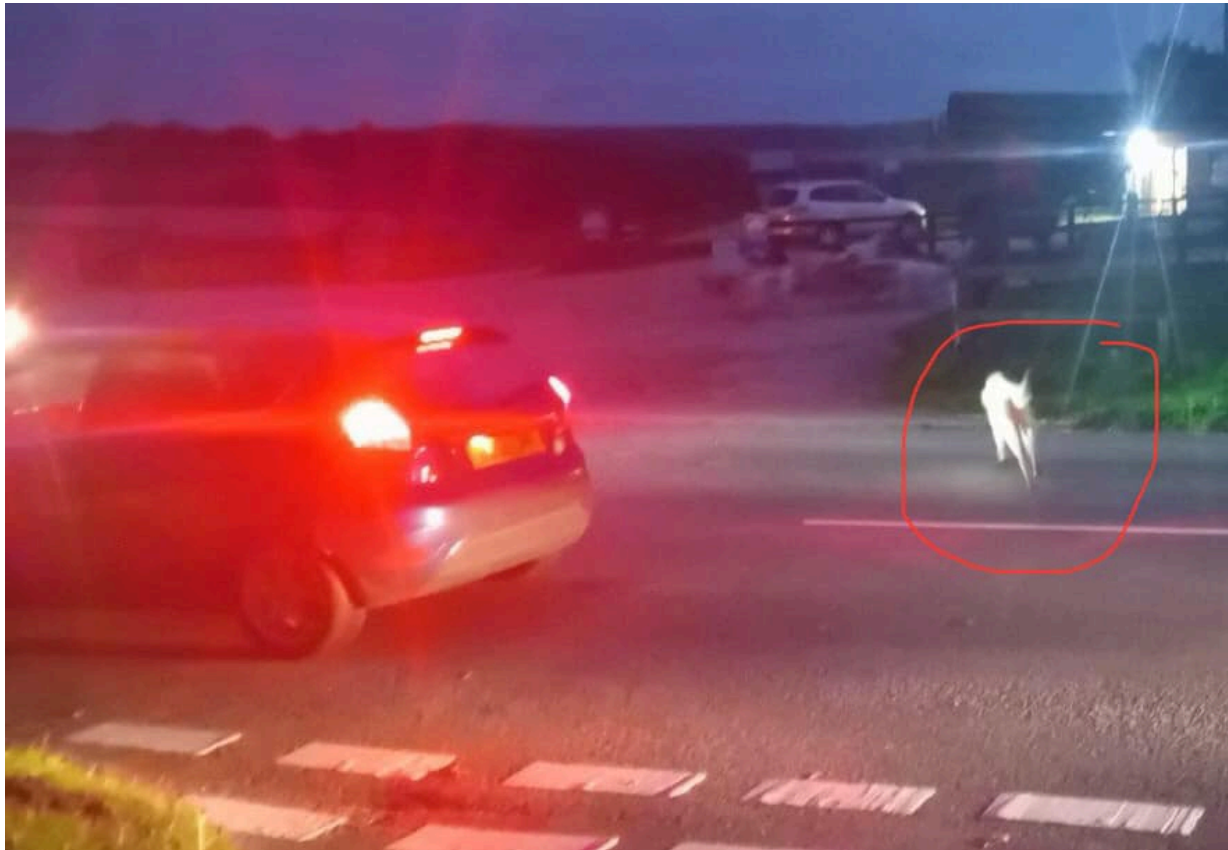
Video, South Dorset Hunt - dogs called by Master to cross a river. Two struggle to get out. No hunt staff present. In water 5-10 minutes. Sabs had to guide & coax them out. (29/10/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/WeymouthAnimalRights/videos/4068244443455671>

Video, Essex and Suffolk Hunt - loose & lost on road (02/11/24)

Isle of Wight Hunt: near miss on road - also, dogs on live railway, & an injured dog struggling through wire fence (16/11/24)

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0GcvVk2S4VzGc4NkKpZ9mSwC28a0eiid9f2mT4o6r1iAS3JiF7yJsXXpBDgKY2k6JI&id=100071096827296





(injured dog, also from same post as above, Isle of Wight Hunt)

Video, Cottesmore Hunt - dogs on busy road, one almost struck (16/11/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1292937178508643>

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthantsHuntSaboteurs/videos/1292937178508643>

Cury Hunt - see comments - dogs amok, on roads (20/11/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/WesternWatchCornwall/posts/pfbid0DEZkdocnVPJF5FPxSSStpNyNzzXMh7kCH4MTkhYa54db4maH9kroarHonG58S6z8l>



Video, Puckeridge and Essex Union Hunt dogs endangered on road (22/11/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?mibextid=WC7FNe&v=575555331618701&rdid=BcuSzrdGbtCGbyS>

Dog reported loose on road - probably Spooners

https://www.facebook.com/groups/BrentorLydfordMaryTavyHub/permalink/8518806544911988/?rdid=g7qvUHENAFUu7OcR&share_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fshare%2Fp%2F19L8NsBUDu#

Beaufort Hunt loose on roads (02/12/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirehuntsaboteurs/posts/pfbid0yw8G8UXW9ijRHs2efY9H3d4q1bmKEpeAm9YnyK9mEduLdJXsRi362YsfnSiPUM1l>

Cottesmore Hunt - on roads, amongst traffic (03/12/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthantsHuntSaboteurs/posts/pfbid0u9PdQ28hATj878DrrCVwYmLLDJQxAHmJSVRjKiTmU4JkFkWW3zpSNhrMtbe3hC8l>

Puckeridge with Essex Union - on roads, (03/12/24)

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=591430336899964&id=100080990093821&rdid=UGQZmwRLJV4Zv4Fe#



Video, loose, on road in traffic - Puckeridge with Essex Union (03/12/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1380381863319566&rdid=KhfQ6UXs4vYtVOJe>

Video, Beaufort Hunt - on A46 (05/12/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1106665564413502>

Video, Beaufort Hunt on 50mph road, motorbikes (14/12/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2912778332230239&rdid=vboxQsX5ueaXyOhi>

Dog hit by car

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1041621164662771&id=100064446922096&rdid=RVOXsUsMOpwnviC6#

BSV from a post made 09/01/25)

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02hNQik8YeL1vMQYv46ncY1NJX7zcVx9tLBUEbh5yXSSoc8P25sbddUpX4ZViDP6tsl&id=100066598060986



Worcestershire Hunt - Reported hit by car (06/11/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/3CHuntSabs/posts/pfbid035VGJ8t3dXJDh9N3KuVQnwMwKEFCY6H28VAgidkJZEe4dC6oE3LgL5L24Z2VtE4Dyl>

Mendip Farmers Hunt - two dogs hit by cars (21/10/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/mendiphuntsabs/posts/pfbid09tbsFLcY7K5teRMMJH6R741ZcWM2saHcLuaic6RHfLkfj6rCE31wZnZSoqs3p2XTI>

'A member of the public soon informed us that "two or three hounds had been hit by cars and lorries on the A39". When the sab vehicle caught up, we saw an injured hound on the floor, unable to stand. The poor hound was driven away on a quad and we do not know what will happen to them'.

Post in comments of a dog hit by a car (11/01/25)

https://www.facebook.com/NorthDorsetSabs/posts/pfbid02SiBw569FkMGcqj56CLXPqcJ7v3xM6chZekdSTysoFtvDg6MFuUr4yvFW3GKipGAI?comment_id=1127044115782200&reply_commen

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Hit by car, terriermen bundle it into car Wynnstay Hunt 14/01/25

<https://www.facebook.com/LiverpoolHuntSabs/posts/pfbid0eQjevskzvH7ejHLW3TToonsUtWV8uZt87qAFsozvUxtMTvDwBdfZ7yN2G8U5ZYf1I>

Wales - 3 reported on busy A40 road, almost hit, police called (18/01/25)

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1612914305644389/permalink/3975549162714213/?rdid=xBpXm7vztN5A5DPe&share_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fshare%2Fp%2F1DYGZXgX5u#

Probably lost and on road, suspected to be Stevenstone Hunt (29/01/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/kernowsabs/posts/pfbid0YYZ5tZdkKRkxYS2rpi2VrY5tqVQyt2tEEjU33Tqza8ZfZk6h5YmwWTiJHzhEWaMql>

can U get hold of sabs there
two hounds running the road,
nearly been knocked over just
outside bradworthy not far from
kilkhampton. Mum has seen them
just after 7...I've mesaaged
Plymouth and west Devon sabs
but they haven't replied yet. I think
the Stevenstone hunt that way.

Endangered on busy A458, Albrighton & Woodland Hunt (15/02/25)

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02pCyP2myMDUqEVdhVUc3n1STXLXEyBKnyprn41KaQRvYHh7rdG7EH972b9ELw87RKBl&id=61554448962985&comment_id=9192235634191458¬if_id=1739661555761304¬if_t=comment_mention&ref=notif

"Locals were disgusted that three ambulances had to stop, due to hounds running in the middle of the A458. Bridgenorth road

One in front of a (sic) ambulance.

Many kind people tried to help . Getting out of cars and calling the hounds .

One called the hound to his arms , but the hound broke loose.

Hounds were petrified. One with large teats so she's possibly recently given birth .

A hound were (sic) cowering when people tried to help. Although did seem to trust the ambulance services

The situation was getting increasingly dangerous, with car drivers standing in the middle of the road ,helping hounds , yet ambulances could be heard coming towards them at top speed to the incident."

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02pWmuJHGpDf3M55T7fcCrzdBkYYtPue8i9WrkBTWnoETjq9kJktUM1LRmf6Mj7Hhvl&id=61554448962985

Video, in danger on 60 mph road, close to being hit South Dorset Hunt (posted 19/02/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/WeymouthAnimalRights/videos/977495297243758>

Cottesmore, on roads (04/03/25) sabs had to act to slow traffic. A car had to emergency stop.

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthantsHuntSaboteurs/posts/pfbid0JWrCdJXdf4BpExv6aYJPSts7oCydzFK33Z7RC1STTubRs1eRgEwG8idrYmNPkZtl>



One of the dogs 'scruffed' on collection.



Mendip Farmers - dogs endangered in quarry, workmen had to stop use of heavy machinery. Dogs were seen "tumbling down rock faces".

<https://www.facebook.com/mendiphuntsabs/posts/pfbid0Pts9LyHStNDrgUD4eMvGsxoEEbNpCs bBVqdDKfJZE9GCLnjbapHiFj6GTjxG5Xael>

Workers were shocked:-

🐾 Whilst Mendip Hunt Sabs were sabbing the Mendip Farmers Hunt, their drone filmed the hounds marking to ground at a badger sett. Terriermen soon arrived and covered the entrances with nets ready to dig the fox out. However, the arrival of a foot sab and continued presence of the drone stopped the dig out, and the terriermen eventually left on their quads. The Mendip drone also filmed the same hunt trespassing in the working, 240-acre Moon's Hill quarry. One worker who was present described the horror of seeing panicked hounds tumbling down rock faces towards the freezing water below. Another hound was seen running underneath working machinery, which was forced to stop. More hounds were nearly struck by oncoming traffic as they ran along vehicle tracks.

Video, Eggesford Hunt, endangered on road & near rail

<https://www.facebook.com/100087081292820/videos/888671599935517/>

Video, endangered on road Isle of Wight Foxhounds (08/02/25)

https://www.facebook.com/watch/?comment_id=1157699899157712&v=1428119524829209¬if_id=1741901580840669¬if_t=comment_mention&ref=notif
<https://www.facebook.com/100071096827296/videos/1428119524829209>

Video, Cury Hunt- dangerous activity on roads (15/02/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/WesternWatchCornwall/videos/984812376350543>

Death on railway (12/02/25) Cheshire Forest Hunt (note, also, thin & one with a with growth)

<https://www.facebook.com/CheshireAgainstBloodSports/posts/pfbid02SJcZ3pBwL5wyQFGeSnQdDJLYTAzw5QyUbYJFt9vXZEWRkSGgxrGpvmMr27M2H34I>

Three dogs hit by train & killed, Croome & West Warwickshire Hunt (08/03/25)

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1062592245904591&id=100064614764649&mbextid=wwXlfr&rdid=eJRiqQAOWP23mOlf#

<https://www.league.org.uk/news-and-resources/news/fox-hunting-hounds-killed-railway/>

'An article appearing in the Malvern Observer reported that, "staff from Great Western Railway required specialist support after the three hounds, part of the Croome and West Warwickshire Hunt, were killed near Worcestershire Parkway station".'

<https://malvernobserver.co.uk/news/three-hunting-hounds-killed-by-train-during-worcestershire-tail-hunt-55135/>

INJURIES AND DEATHS WHILST HUNTING (other than road/ rail)

This year has again seen too many cases of dogs injured, or killed, whilst on ('trail') hunts, in instances not involving road or rail.

Dogs are consistently encouraged (onto a line) through barbed wire, or sharp gorse, through brambles or elephant grass. Sometimes they are caught in rivers. Sometimes they are involved in falls from heights.

West Norfolk Hunt - dog falling from a height off railway bridge onto its face. This dog is unlikely to have survived such a catastrophic fall, or any 'after treatment'. (16/10/24)

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=949939880493193&id=100064315704556&rdid=BLyJggHDDNZinIW2



Eggesford Hunt - dog having to be freed by sabs, let by the hunt (02/11/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/devoncountyhuntsaboteurs/posts/pfbid0wdkTvmwpizw39eF8BMqizKto2Z9tokFewnuUx5NLfiZcYDbJpoUUgxxNspUYg6uXI>

"About halfway through the day, our runners came across a hound whose leg was badly caught on a barbed wire fence. The wire had wound itself so tightly around the ankle that the poor hound was unable to get free and was hanging off the fence in agony. One of our vehicles waved down field master Hugh Trerise and encouraged him to send someone to help with wire cutters. That help never arrived. After 15 minutes of desperately trying to free the poor hound with their bare hands, sabs managed to prize the wire far enough apart that she was able to wriggle free and run off..."



A different hound was seen earlier in the day with a massive gash down her side, and we

received several reports that another was still roaming around Chulmleigh Beacon the next day. “



Video of the Stockport Monitors freeing a Cheshire Hunt dog from barbed wire

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/614589304249218>

https://www.facebook.com/messenger_media?attachment_id=920179426753851&message_id=mid.%24cAAAAAAI3fkeZtNTBYGTg48THIDPT&thread_id=100006475421765

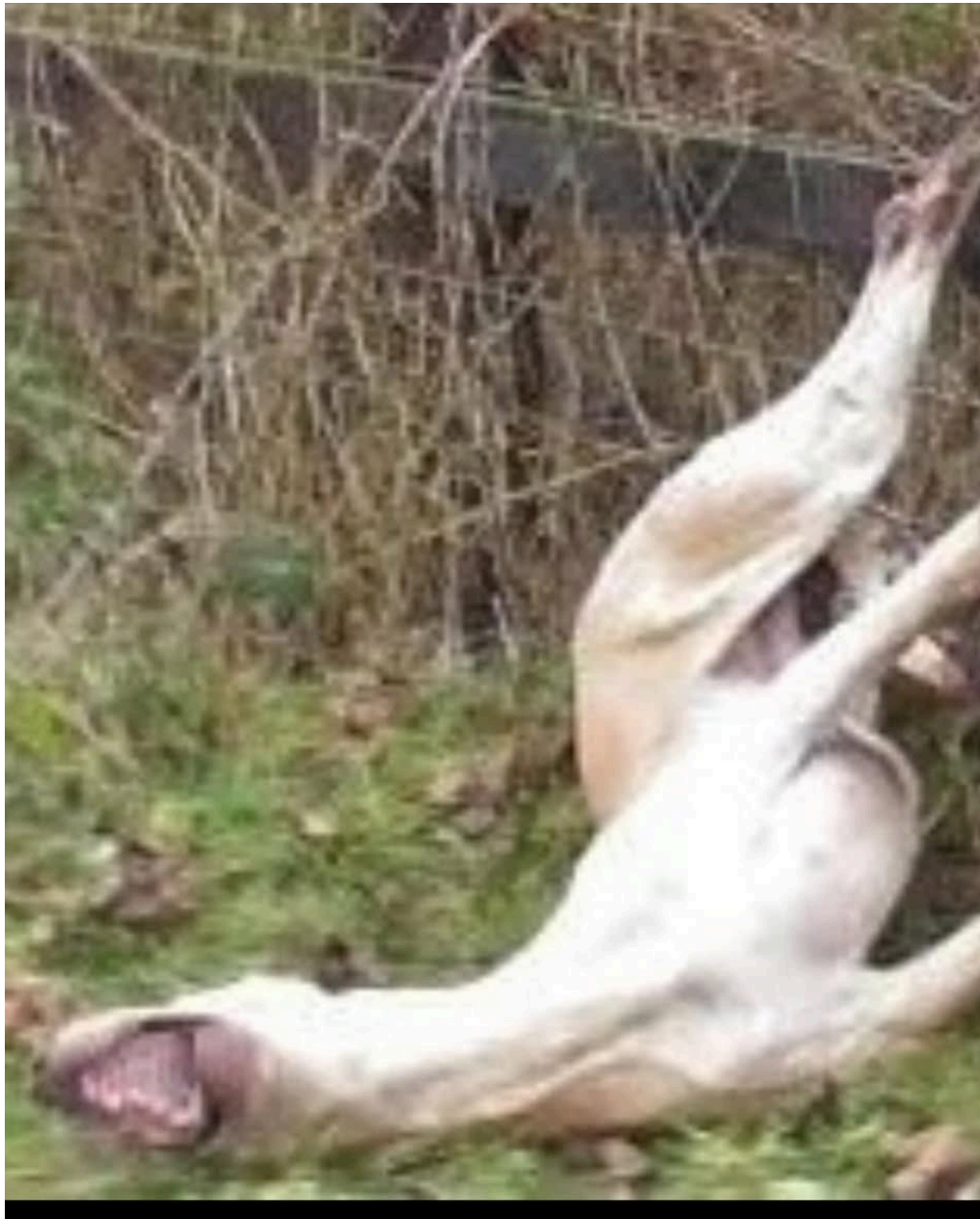
Middleton Hunt - large wound to face (02/11/24)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=874225408186720&set=a.501651988777399>



Essex and Suffolk Hunt - caught in & screaming on barbed wire (21/01/25)

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02qGsyRDswNoYjBCV86YbN6gmi1844zWVGnQHpfHzbXmogY7DsSnHar5GemvuPc7L3l&id=61551071406569



Several wounded dogs reported in this post (probably barbed wire), one with gaping wound & visibly shaking - Zetland and Hurworth Hunt (21/01/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/TABSantibs/posts/pfbid02WcwEqrzuhVKwJC3VT5fGdRfxnBrCLHuEnEiy7VAeHQiFPfDKt8dGfBxVgxHJ34yeI>



Cottesmore Hunt (21/12/24) Dog caught in barbed wire (video)

https://www.facebook.com/NorthantsHuntSaboteurs/videos/3911440842457119?locale=en_GB

Caught on and forced over barbed wire (15/01/25) Flint & Denbigh

<https://www.facebook.com/ManchesterHuntSabs/videos/624825556808158>

Dog trampled by horse, Thurlow Hunt (08/02/25)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1483909975916530>



Another dog trampled by a horse at the Thurlow. Less than three weeks since a dog used for illegal fox hunting was killed by a kick to the head...

Melbreak Fell pack (22/02/25)

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0aibaSSM6CiGXgTGwKXXddvXFtb5T1cWsXVUnqdgETufJdGEP76PECJefT7Ffn1yxl&id=61569851164767



Same meet, dog lost and injured, distressed



There was also a freak and tragic incident this year, when, on 23/01/25, a South & West Wilts Hunt dog was kicked in face by horse whilst the SWW were out with the Thurlow Hunt, by invitation.

<https://www.facebook.com/HertfordshireHuntSaboteurs/posts/pfbid02hGxUSTxprrw8CZr7ZWRJYcRZUQZiNhKL8nPXhkbe49psG8txtrXUkhqEzb6A5FsUJ>

Seen to be bleeding from the nose, mouth, and eye, the poor dog “suffered a terrible injury after being kicked in the face by the huntsman’s very jittery horse. The poor dog howled in pain as the rest of the pack gathered round to check on them. Eventually the stricken animal was taken away on a quad. Undeterred the hunt continued on.”

Video of the incident:

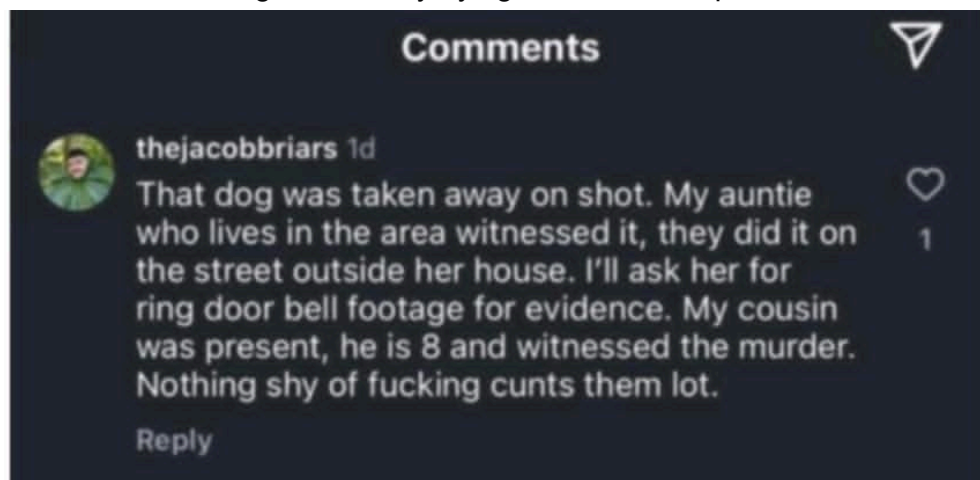
<https://www.facebook.com/NorthLondonHuntSaboteurs/videos/1167068204777785>



A second sab group out that day also reported on “the day (which) was not without tragedy. Towards the end of the day, at Hart Wood, a dog being used to hunt by these people, was kicked in the head by a horse. Our foot team were powerless to help the fatally wounded animal, as the hunt were quick to scoop the dog up and whisk them away from prying eyes. The bloodied dog, conscious but unable to walk or hold their head up, was still alive when they left but cannot have survived for very long. The poor animal, respected as a sentient being by those of us who care, but regarded as a mere tool by the red coated cretins time forgot, will almost certainly have been killed by the hunt, if they did not succumb to their injuries before reaching the kennels.”

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthLondonHuntSaboteurs/posts/pfbid08BvDGQfEynsxEY6bTEjG5PBFf2hDdNFgHTDGzFXSez11RnDFyezoJyknPFLDKqdbl>

The Herts Sabs had a message later to say the dog was shot nearby. From what sabs saw, the dog was clearly dying and in a lot of pain.



This was a horrific accident, though a risk taken when mixing horses and excited dogs, unfamiliar with each other, and some unfamiliar with the country, in numbers, and in close proximity. A shocking incident, another dead dog.

Conclusion

We remind our readers that the above covers the relatively short time frame of circa 6 months, that the references collected are not all of the incidents we have seen, and how few hunts are monitored. This is only a tiny glimpse into the problem. By and large, people give little thought to these dogs. They might go along to Boxing Day or New Years Day parades and be taken in by the romantic ideal in front of them. The truth hidden behind these jolly displays is truly horrible. If the public at these events look closer at these dogs they will see many of them are scarred, especially around the head and face, yet this seems to be brushed to one side, no questions asked.

Despite the promise of a 'trailhunting' ban, these hunt dogs are still being bred in large numbers, each bitch delivering multiple births. A kennelman, whom we would not identify, once informed AAF that 'puppies may be disposed of if there may be too many of the same sex, or some of the wrong colour. Those to keep are chosen by the Master, and they kill the other puppies by smashing their heads against a wall'.

Ten puppies were born to this new mother alone:

https://www.facebook.com/messenger_media?attachment_id=917528620541863&message_id=mid.%24gAAXdrVQuH1WapKaAiWUc2EvD0SSK&thread_id=1651111394942805



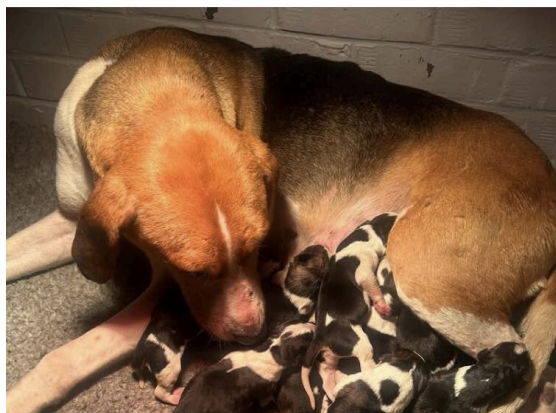
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#newyear2025 #puppylove #kennellife #huntinglife
#trailhunting #hounds #foxhound
#puppiesofinstagram #freshouttheoven
Countryside Alliance Hunting [British Hound Sports Association](#)



The brutal lives of those dogs who go on to be used on these hunts often lead to a brutal end - they are shot in the head around half way through their natural life. The Countryside Alliance has claimed in the past that these dogs cannot be homed. The British Hound Sports Association appears ambivalent about it. This does not appear to be true. Ex-hunting dogs do, occasionally, appear in rescue centres. It would seem shooting them once they are past their best is the easiest solution. They are mere commodities. They are victims, too.

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