

Save Your Deer Trophy By Proper Field Dressing

"Sorry I can't do anything with what you've brought me," is often said to successful hunters wanting their trophies mounted.

Good aim at a vital spot is helpful, but proper field dressing can save you an animal for mounting by a taxidermist.

Many hunters make drastic mistakes in field dressing. First they slash the deer's throat and later make a cut from between the hind legs clear up to the lower jaw. This carelessness makes mounting of the deer head impossible. Other hunters leave too little skin attached to the head. Even if mounting isn't their goal they should cut the deer carefully in case they change their minds later.

Having seen some of these mistakes occur in his own shop, Reinhold Dembinski, taxidermist for the anatomy department in the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri—Columbia can appreciate good field dressing. Since deer season is approaching he suggests the following helpful hints for deer hunters.

To save the head of a trophy deer for mounting, cut open the abdomen and chest from the hind legs to 6 inches behind the front legs and immediately remove the intestines, lungs, heart, and liver. Remove the vena cava and the aorta, the two large blood vessels along the back. After you transfer the deer to where you want to cut it up, make your first cut in the skin just behind the front legs and cut completely around the body (Diagram 1, Line A). Next cut down each front leg for about 6 inches (Diagram 1, Line B). Then, on top of the back, make one straight cut along the back of the neck up to the head (Diagram 1, Line C). Skin the deer from the original cut on the back toward the front of the neck up to the head, or as far as possible, and cut the neck bone with a saw (Diagram 2).

"Don't waste any time in getting the head and attached skin

to the taxidermist. If you're unable to take the specimen to the taxidermist immediately, put it in a deep freeze or refrigerator.

"In sending the head elsewhere pack it in dry ice and ship immediately with instructions for mounting and when you would like it finished. If you wish to keep the mandible (the lower jaw — by which you can tell the age of the deer), ask the taxidermist to return it."

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

Flattery is most effective if given in small doses.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot help strong men by tearing down big men.

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up, the detergent and water solution can more easily wash out the particles.

Laundry products with enzymes are in several forms. One combines enzymes with synthetic detergents, another combines them with a bleach, and another is limited to a combination of enzymes.

Check Fit Of Children's Clothes

Children's clothes should fit the first time they're worn, rather than be grown into. Check for these fitting guides when you buy children's clothes:

Shoulder seams should be at shoulder line, not drooping over shoulder bone.

Waistlines should be midway between the hipbone and the end of rib cage.

Pant legs and sleeves shouldn't drag.

When selecting a pattern, choose the pattern size closest to your child's measurement. Never use age as a determining factor.

Take waist and length measurements — any adjustments of patterns should be made before you cut the fabric.

Tie a string around the child's waist to find his natural waistline.

Avoid use of pins when fitting if possible. Hand or machine-basting is best.

You can allow for growth in garments you make without the extra room showing or being uncomfortable. Add several inches to the skirt length and take a deep tuck just above the hem's edge.

If dress has a waistline it's possible to put a tuck at the waistline seam.

Loose pleats can be placed at shoulders and released as the child grows.

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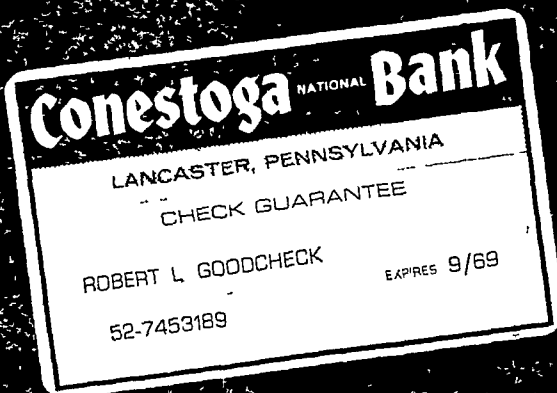
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