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Dear Sir

I have hunted with the Berwickshire Hunt under the Wild Mammals(Scotland) Act since it came in in 2002. It is my job to help to look after and control the hounds on a hunting day. I must also keep in touch with the men carrying guns at all times as I am often very close to them while looking after the hounds and have to avoid being shot.

I think the Act is working well to protect the welfare of wild mammals, in particular the fox. Since the Act came in I have seen many foxes flushed. Seen them shot and unfortunately occasionally seen them wounded and then caught and killed by the hounds. I work with animals all day and every day , looking after ewes and lambs, cows and calves, dogs cats,hens etc. I believe I can tell when an animal is suffering . I am happy that the foxes I have seen haven't shown signs of suffering unless they were wounded by gunshot or suffering from a previous injury (natural causes e.g. broken leg or gunshot). On the occasion where I have seen a fox killed by hounds it was killed instantly by the lead hound.

If the number of hounds used to flush the fox was reduced to two this would definitely increase the suffering of the fox as he would be chased round the cover for a much longer time before he was flushed out to the guns. Two dogs are not effective at flushing a fox from the large areas of woodland and cover that we have in Scotland.

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