

Dear Sir,

Use of hounds to complete a kill.

In optimum circumstances, the guns supporting the hunt will, using suitable shotgun/cartridge combination, kill any fox that is driven towards them by the pack. There will be the odd occasion when the gun(s) does/do not kill but wound the fox. Most shotguns have two barrels and whilst failure to kill by shooting is highly regrettable there is virtually no chance of reloading and shooting again. It is therefore essential that the pack or at least some members of the pack follow up and complete the action of killing as quickly as possible. In this respect the idea of reducing the number of hounds to two as opposed to fielding the whole pack would be counter productive.

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