## Dear Sirs

I write with regard to the potential changes to the flushing of foxes to guns with dogs rules which apparently suggest that two dogs will be sufficient.

I have followed and observed several foot and mounted packs in Scotland and my opinion is that multiple dogs, i.e. more than two, are absolutely necessary in carrying out this activity in an efficient and effective way. If nothing else, forestry plantations are often of such a scale that there is no way (apart from luck) that two dogs could effectively cover the ground to achieve the desired result-flushing of a fox to waiting guns. With the scale of some of the land in Scotland, using only two dogs would seem to unnessecarily put strain on those animals, where they could be helped by others to cover more ground more quickly and effectively.

I trust my comments will be of help in any decision made.

Kind regards

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