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I'm disappointed that again time is being wasted on this fox hunting debate. I also think it's ridiculous that we have to carry guns in the first place. Hounds on their own make a much safer, and determines that the weak, wounded and infirm are despatched quickly and permanently.

I'm saddened too that there is all out persecution of the fox, who rightly has to be managed, but the badger then is allowed to come and eat ground nesting eggs, kill lambs, eat the udders of our couped ewes whilst they are still alive! No one it seems apart from the farmers and gamekeepers have any problem with that. I really do struggle with all of this nonsense.

If you've ever watch hounds work you would understand why ones needs a pack of hounds not two. They work together and watch and listen to each other. Fascinating! That's why people actually like hunting. Not for the kill!! We do though have to cull foxes to keep numbers down. I believe the way registered packs of hounds work is the best way of doing this, as I mentioned before we get the infirm ones, but also we time it so we don't leave a litter of cubs hungry in a hole or chase heavily pregnant vixens.

Yours

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