

## How you can help

Take action for animals today and help us make sure the next government know that it's time for change.

It's time to strengthen hunting laws to properly ban hunting with dogs. The lives of wild animals in England and Wales must be a priority. Trail hunting must end.

**Raise your voice for animals and take action now.**

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# IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE

Hunting with dogs is rife across England and Wales. It's time to strengthen the law and end hunting with dogs for good.

## #EndHunting



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The next government must strengthen the Hunting Act 2004 and end hunting with dogs for good.

If you see riders, horses, and hounds out in the countryside, they'll probably claim to be 'trail' hunting, apparently following a scent rather than a fox. But time and time again, trail hunting has been exposed as a smokescreen invented by the hunts to evade the law.

In leaked webinars held by those at the heart of the fox hunting community, senior fox hunters were heard seemingly explaining to more than half of the registered hunts in England and Wales how to use trail hunting as a smokescreen for hunting foxes.

It's clear trail hunting is a sham. Nothing more than a mirage to cover for old fashioned illegal hunting.



Even the National Police Chiefs' Council Lead on Fox Hunting Crime agrees with us. Chief Superintendent Matt Longman has described illegal hunting as "prolific" and says that "the Hunting Act 2004 is not working effectively and illegal hunting is still common practice".

Hunters are riding roughshod over the law, trying to hide what they are really up to from the police, the Crown Prosecution Service, landowners and the public.

Major landowners such as the National Trust and Natural Resources Wales have banned trail hunting on their land. The Scottish Government has already introduced tougher legislation. It's now time for the next government to strengthen the law in England and Wales.

Everyone should have the right to enjoy nature without marauding hunts careering through the countryside killing wildlife and intimidating local communities. It's time for change.

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## Fox hunting in numbers 2022-24<sup>1</sup>

3,010

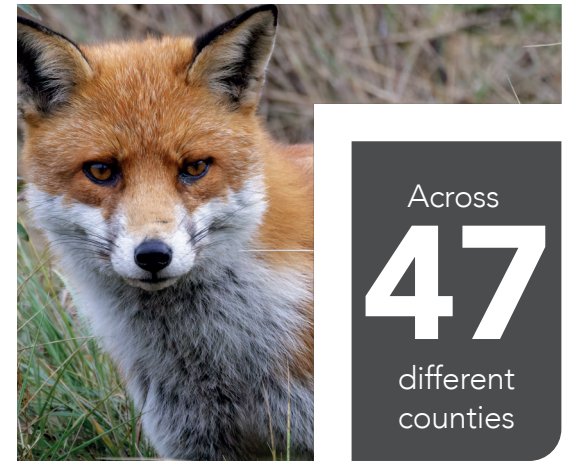
incidents of suspected illegal hunting and havoc<sup>1</sup>

1,154

incidents of suspected illegal hunting

1,856

Incidences of hunt havoc



Across  
**47**  
different counties

<sup>1</sup>Data collected by the League from 1 August 2022 to 1 April 2024