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Jacob Chambliss, 23, took this Caldwell County buck during an evening hunt on Sept. 12 just prior to a rainstorm. Nicknamed "Cocklebur" because of the various features of his rack, the deer is estimated to have about 20 scoreable points, more than eight-inch bases and a rough, green Boone and Crockett score over 170.



A true child of nature

It is not uncommon for pregnant women to have unusual cravings. Generally, however, it is a longing for some type of food, maybe chocolate, pickles or even curry. Doctors figure hormones are responsible as they're wildly active during pregnancy, heightening senses of smell and taste, creating both cravings and aversions.

Genetically, it is evident why nine-month-pregnant Ashley Owens had a hankering for deer last month. It has almost everything to do with the way she was raised, not some overreacting messenger molecules in a body with child.

Yep, she's just an outdoors woman, and soon-to-be mother.

Growing up, literally in the forests of northern Crittenden County, the daughter of a game warden, Owens is now wife of deputy sheriff in training, Seth Owens, who loves the outdoors, too. You might aptly describe her as a true child of nature.

When a cool snap visited the region early in archery deer season, Owens couldn't knock the urge to be afield. So, she worked out a deal to nock an arrow, albeit tailored specifically for a woman on the verge of clear and present labor.

Thanks to a doctor's excuse somewhat like those you get to miss work or leave school, Owens basically had a prescription for use of a crossbow during traditional archery season. You can do that, and having a conservation officer in the family helps to know those type of legal concessions.

Based on her condition, the obstetrician obviously figured it best for the expecting 24-year-old elementary school teacher to forego climbing a tree stand or pulling back a 43-pound Mathews bow.

So, armed with a special license to hunt, Owens camo-ed up, grabbed her crossbow and got into a side-by-side with her father, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife officer Randy Conway, and off they rode into the wilds of their very own Happy Hunting Ground just off the periphery of the Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

"The adrenaline and being out in nature," is what Owens says drives her passion to hunt. "I don't have to kill any-



Ashley Owens with game warden dad Randy Conway



Pregnant Ashley with her deer

thing to have a good time hunting. I can just relax and not think about the real world."

An accomplished athlete in high school, Owens excelled in volleyball, basketball and softball. She was brought up hunting deer and turkey and when she started dating her now-husband in their late teens, she took up waterfowl and wingshooting.

"I got my first turkey when I was eight years old," she remembers.

Of course that memory of a hunt alongside her father remains as warm as her first deer a year later with a .30-30 lever-action Winchester.

She's typically pretty selective when it comes to deer hunting, a trophy is something 130 inches or larger during archery season and 160-plus with a rifle. She prefers bowhunting to modern gun

Ashely's Chili Recipe: *We're calling it Jack Randall Chili*

- Brown a pound of ground deer (with onion, optional), salt and pepper
- Put in chili pot with quart of homegrown tomatoes or 2 large cans of diced tomatoes
- 2 cans of medium or mild chili beans
- 1 small can of tomato sauce

Bring to boil and simmer. Add cooked elbow noodles if desired. Simmer until time to eat! You can add a small amount of ground beef to the ground deer.

season because of its obvious challenges. And don't look for her to sit over bait. She prefers fairer chase using scouting tactics learned growing up in a family of hunters - her sister is an avid outdoorswoman, too - and studying wind and weather patterns that affect and predict wildlife movement.

"Dad would take us hunting when we were little and he always made sure we understood gun safety and to make sure where we were aiming," she said. "He taught me to read signs and tracks of all kinds of animals and to know what kind of wind is good to have while hunting."

Venison spaghetti and chili are favorites when it comes to table fare at home and you can bet her emerging brood will keep hunting a family tradition. And somewhere in a photo album or memory book will be snapshots from a late-summer deer hunt in 2024.

For sitting in a ground blind that afternoon in early September, as pregnant as she could be with Jack Randall, Owens bagged a small button buck. Photos helped capture the special moment.

Just a yearly deer it was. Not your typical trophy, right?

Wrong.

Trophies are memories, features to hang on a wall that can rattle loose reminders of great hunts from a distant past, perhaps with special friends. For Ashley Owens and her unborn son, it's something neither will likely ever forget.

Hunting Seasons

Here are some of the most common hunting opportunities currently in season or coming up:

Bullfrog.....	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel.....	Fall Aug. 17 - Nov. 8
Canada Goose.....	Sept. 1-15
Dove.....	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Deer Archery.....	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Turkey Archery.....	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Canada Goose.....	Sept. 16-30
Teal.....	Sept. 21 - Sept. 29
Wood Duck.....	Sept. 21 - Sept. 25
Deer Crossbow.....	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Raccoon.....	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Turkey Crossbow.....	Oct. 1-20
Deer Youth.....	Oct. 12-13
Deer Muzzleloader.....	Oct. 19-20
Turkey Shotgun.....	Oct. 26 - Nov. 1
Woodcock.....	Oct. 26 - Nov. 8
Deer Rifle.....	Nov. 9 - Nov. 24
Turkey Crossbow.....	Nov. 9 - Dec. 31
Rabbit.....	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Quail.....	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Raccoon Trapping.....	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Woodcock.....	Nov. 11 - Dec. 11
Bobcat.....	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Squirrel.....	Fall Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Dove.....	Nov. 28 - Dec. 8
Duck.....	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1
Canada Goose.....	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Coyote Night (lights).....	Dec. 1 - March 31
Duck.....	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Turkey Shotgun.....	Dec. 7-13
Deer Muzzleloader.....	Dec. 14-22
Dove.....	Dec. 21 - Jan. 12
Deer Youth Free.....	Dec. 28-29
Coyote.....	Year Round
Groundhog.....	Year Round

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Chambliss has formula that leads to big bucks

STAFF REPORT

The Chambliss clan has sure figured out the formula for taking big bucks... and winning Marion's annual Big Buck Contest.

This past hunting season, Logan Chambliss downed a heavy eight-point buck that dressed over 200 pounds and he was recently presented for the second time in five years the contest's grand prize – a check for \$1,000.

Sponsored by Hodge's Sports and Apperal and Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission, the Big Buck Contest has a unique formula for scoring contestants. The measuring scheme calculates the weight of the field dressed animal, width of its inside spread and the total number of scoreable antler points.

Since 2013, the Chamblisses have scored five contest champions and this is Logan's second. He first won the adult contest in 2014. His brother, Jacob, won the

youth division in 2014 and dad, Kevin, has won the adult division twice, last year and in 2013.

Logan Chambliss, now just 19, bagged the 2023 biggest buck scored by contestants and he took the deer with a bow and arrow in September. Still in velvet, the trophy buck had been given the nickname, Sonny, as he was observed during pre-season scouting.

"When we first laid eyes on him, we knew he would grow into a shooter," Chambliss said. "It was early summer and he was feeding in a bean field. He still had some growing to do although he was already out past his ears and looked heavy."

There was already a stand in place on a well-used trail leading to the bean field. As is customary for this deer-hunting tribe, the Chambliss fellows had trail cameras deployed in their favorite hunting spots.

"We immediately begin getting Sonny on camera. He wasn't on camera every day, but he was fairly regular," Chambliss explains. "We would glass him feeding in the beans several times each week leading up to archery season."

As September rolled around and season opened for archery, Sonny was a primary target. On the third day of bow season, the wind was right.

"Trail cameras told us that it's now or never. We know that each year, around the first week in September, red oak acorns begin to fall," the Fredonia hunter said. "Deer will change patterns over night when this happens."

Chambliss got to the stand several hours before dark on that afternoon, hoping the wind would remain steady. Several small bucks and does came down the trail early and fed past him without alarm. Light was

quickly fading and time was running out on his hunt.

"I looked behind me thinking the buck may have somehow used a different trail to the field. When I turned around, he was broadside at 25 yards. With him slightly quartering to me, I was able to get an arrow right where it needed to go," he said.

The buck didn't go far before crashing.

"As we all do, I called my parents and hunting buddies to tell them that I had just taken what was likely my biggest archery buck," he remembers.

The heavy eight had nice a kicker point and its velvet had already begun to shed.

"What is most impressive about the buck was his body. I was truly blessed to have everything come together and go as planned," Chambliss said.

Now, the tough part is finding wall space for the trophy.



Logan Chambliss with his winning deer.

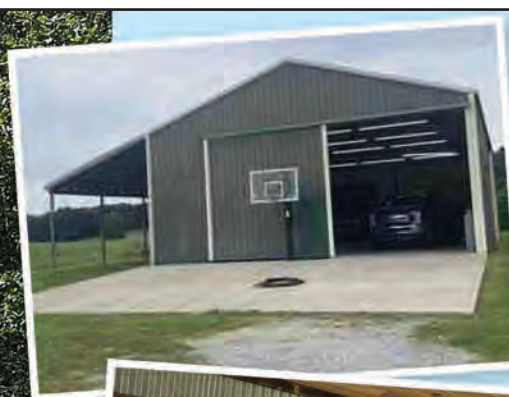
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Young deer hunter lands his first buck

STAFF REPORT

Hutson Lanham was five years old last November and just big enough to handle a deer rifle. What became a truly memorable outing wasn't his first hunt, but it was his first chance to be the designated shooter.

Everything fell into place on a cool fall morning, the second day of the modern firearm season. Young Hutson was huddled in a hunting blind with his parents, Tiffany and Dustin, waiting for an opportunity.

"I've been going hunting with my mom, dad and brother ever since I was born, probably before that," Hutson said "I was just never big enough to shoot the .223."

It was about 36 degrees and a very light wind was moving when Lanham got his chance at a buck. He had picked the spot for the blind and was ready at the trigger as dawn broke.

"At daylight some deer started coming on the field in front of us. (My parents) said I had to be quiet and that was really hard to do," he said.

The first sightings were all does, then out of nowhere a wide-racked buck appeared and chasing the females.

"I looked through the binoculars and said, 'Oh wow, that sucker is huge,'" Lanham recalls. "My dad looked and said he was a wide six point. Mom and dad asked

if that was the deer I wanted, I said, 'No.'"

The buck and his harem left the area as young Hutson's decision began to set in. Maybe he should have taken that deer.

"Then wouldn't you know, here they come back in the field," he said. "I decided I wanted to shoot that deer. My dad helped me get the gun up and ready," Lanham said, but the buck was standing in a position that didn't offer a good shot.

"I had to wait to see him good in the scope. Then he turned and I shot."

The buck ran off a bit before falling and Lanham was pumped. His first buck.

"I wanted to run to him right away, but my parents made me wait. When we finally made it to him, we noticed he had an infected eye and it was nasty," Lanham said. "That was the best hunt ever. I sure love deer hunting."

Registered in the Marion Big Buck Contest, Lanham took his harvest to Hodge's Sports and Apparel to be weighed and measured. His deer was tops in the youth division.

Sponsored by Hodge's and Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission, the contest rewards a registered youth hunter who harvests the biggest buck using a formula that includes the weight of the deer, scoreable points and spread of the antlers.

Hutson Lanham



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Harvest Log

As soon as the animal is harvested and prior to moving the carcass information that must be written on the harvest log includes the species and sex of animal taken, date and county where taken. A telecheck confirmation number must be obtained and recorded on the harvest log. A harvest log is included with any paper license or permit purchased from a license agent.

A printable harvest log is accessible by clicking the "Hunt" tab on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife online homepage and choosing "Hunting Home" from the dropdown menu.

License-exempt hunters, children younger than 12 years old, and those who only have a license authorization number may create their own harvest log by writing the information on a piece of paper or index card. Hunters and trappers must have the completed harvest log in their possession whenever afield during the current season.

Carry Proof

Hunters who buy their license or permit by phone or internet must carry while hunting: a picture ID and proof of purchase (an authorization number, paper license or computer print out). Paper licenses/permits must be signed and all information completed before hunting.

Most common game violations

KDFWR officials say these are the most common violations made during hunting season.

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2. Failure to call KDFWR Telecheck system.
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Safety Tips for Hunters

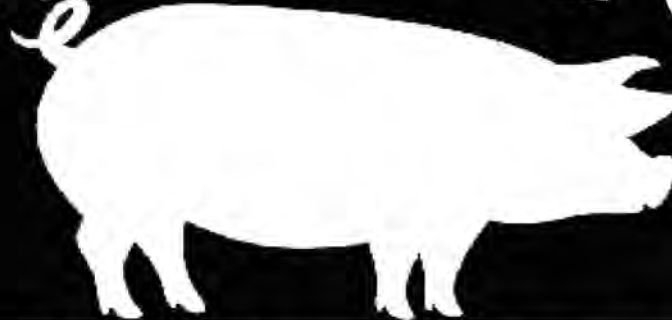
- ▶ Take a safety certification course. Check your state's fish and wildlife agency for available courses.
- ▶ Familiarize yourself with the area you want to hunt, and let someone know where you will be hunting and when you will return. It's also a good idea to put your hunting plans in writing, leaving copies in your vehicle and at home.
- ▶ Check weather reports and dress accordingly. Wear layers, and be prepared for the worst possible conditions.
- ▶ Check hunting equipment before and after every outing, and take care to properly maintain it.
- ▶ Always bring rain gear, a spare set of dry clothing and a first aid kit.
- ▶ Be sure of your target before shooting to prevent accidents or fatalities involving people or pets.
- ▶ Stay in designated hunt areas, and be alert when hunting near populated areas or trails. Remember that other recreationists are sharing the forest.
- ▶ Avoid wearing white or tan during deer season. Wear hunter orange or another highly visible color, and make sure dogs also wear a bright color on a vest or bandana.

Safety Tips for Non-Hunters

- ▶ Familiarize yourself with where and when hunting season is taking place. Plan your recreation activities based on this information, staying out of designated hunt areas.
- ▶ Staying on designated trails will improve safety and reduce any chance of entering designated hunt areas.
- ▶ Wear bright orange or another bright or fluorescent color that makes you easily visible. Avoid wearing black, white, tan, earth tones or animal colors.
- ▶ Remember to protect your dog as well with a bright bandana or vest, and follow appropriate leash requirements.
- ▶ Make your presence known with noises like whistling, singing or talking. If you hear shooting, raise your voice and let hunters know you are in the vicinity.

Sources: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

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County	Male	Female	Total	% Male	% Female	Male Visible	Male Not Visible	Archery	Firearm	Muzzleloader	Crossbow
Crittenden	1334	1334	2668	50%	50%	1168	166	321	1941	167	239
Livingston	810	785	1595	50.78%	49.22%	710	100	177	1122	188	108
Webster	979	1050	2029	48.25%	51.75%	832	147	231	1498	85	215
Caldwell	891	816	1707	52.2%	47.8%	809	82	217	1265	136	89
Union	592	614	1206	49.09%	50.91%	521	71	248	800	43	115
Lyon	578	456	1034	55.9%	44.1%	521	57	216	680	35	103

2022 DEER HARVEST RESULTS

County	Male	Female	Total	% Male	% Female	Male Visible	Male Not Visible	Archery	Firearm	Muzzleloader	Crossbow
Crittenden	1297	1410	2707	47.9%	52.1%	1145	152	295	2066	142	204
Livingston	816	897	1713	47.6%	52.4%	711	105	154	1295	133	131
Webster	1006	1123	2129	47.3%	52.7%	835	171	239	1581	98	211
Caldwell	953	900	1853	51.4%	48.6%	863	90	203	1395	146	109
Union	527	599	1126	46.8%	53.2%	459	68	252	736	43	95
Lyon	655	513	1168	56.1%	43.9%	591	64	184	774	66	144

2021 DEER HARVEST RESULTS

County	Male	Female	Total	% Male	% Female	Male Visible	Male Not Visible	Archery	Firearm	Muzzleloader	Crossbow
Crittenden	1380	1367	2747	50.2%	49.8%	1219	161	382	1997	174	194
Livingston	807	780	1587	50.9%	49.1%	713	94	132	1215	138	102
Webster	868	1003	1871	46.4%	53.6%	762	106	215	1397	90	169
Caldwell	942	791	1733	54.4%	45.6%	866	76	219	1263	121	130
Union	533	562	1095	48.7%	51.3%	474	59	218	726	52	99
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Hunters require certain gear to ensure safe and productive trips. Here are some must-have items for any hunter's packing list.

Hunting knife

No hunting expedition is complete without a quality knife, which is an invaluable tool. Knives come in different sizes. Many hunters carry a fixed blade knife to field dress a kill and for self-defense against larger animals. Every day carry knives, or EDCs, also are another sound investment. EDCs may be paired with other gadgets to form a handy multitool, which is vital in many different applications.

Trail markers/light strips

Hunters and outdoor enthusiasts can mark their way to a hunting spot or tree stand and see the path in the dark thanks to illuminated light strips. This helps avoid getting lost at dusk and dawn.

Hunting apparel

Hunting apparel includes coats, pants, waders, boots, hats, gloves,

and much more. Depending on the game to be hunted, attire will be patterned in camouflage to blend into surroundings or blaze orange to set hunters apart and make them more visible to fellow outdoorsmen. Deer cannot distinguish color, so bright orange is commonly worn during deer season. Sales associates from popular outdoor equipment retailers can advise about appropriate attire. Considerations to habitat and weather should be made.

Storage pack

Hunters require a lightweight, accessible pack that provides easy-to-reach storage. A variety of options are available, and there are even models that have a tree stand work shelf, rifle and bow mount, as well as a removable small items organizer.

Swiveling bi- or tripod

A small tripod can help hunters stay on moving game and remain steady for the shot. Pivoting or swiveling action keeps movement smooth and on target.

Binoculars

Every hunter can benefit from a good set of binoculars. High-quality binoculars will feature glare- and fog-resistant lenses.

Tree stand

A tree stand platform gives hunters the advantage of an elevated position, which offers better vantage points and keeps them out of the scent line of prey. Tree stands should be coupled with safety harnesses.

Investing in quality hunting equipment can make for a higher success rate and greater comfort while engaging in this popular hobby.

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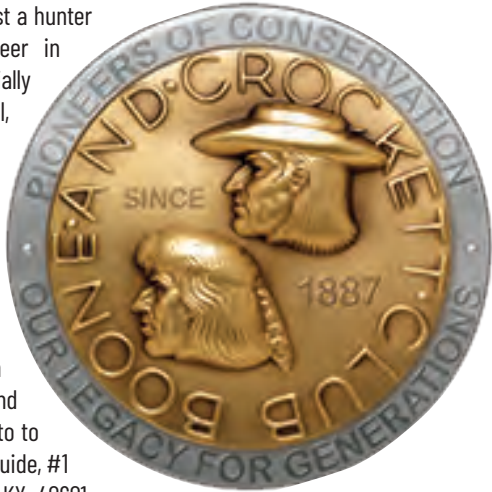


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How to improve your aim

If you want to be a better shooter, the key is to pay close attention to your breath. In general, to prevent the movement of your chest from throwing off your aim, you should pull the trigger during the natural pause in your breathing cycle.

As you take aim, inhale deeply and exhale with force. Then, take a second deep breath and let it out normally. Once your lungs are almost empty, hold your

breath. This will give you a five-to eight-second window to pull the trigger with precision.

Keep in mind that you won't always have time to coordinate your breathing with your shot. In a fast-paced situation, you must be able to hold your breath at a moment's notice. However, you can learn to maintain control of your breathing by practicing techniques such as nasal and belly breathing at home.



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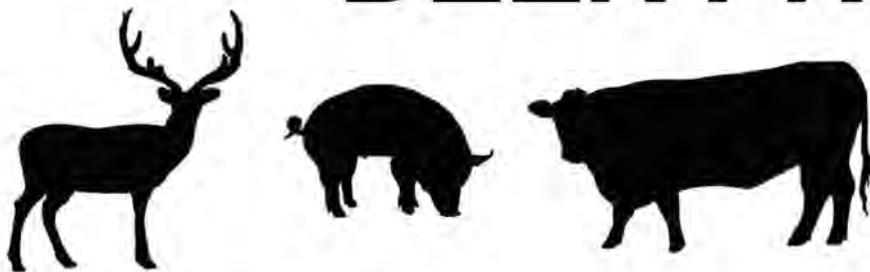
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Venison Meatball Sliders

Makes 14-16 sliders

- 1 pound venison meat
 - 1/2 pound pork shoulder
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 shallot, minced
 - 4 cloves garlic, minced
 - 6 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1/2 cup panko bread crumbs
 - 1 tablespoon plus 1 1/2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
 - 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
 - 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
 - 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 14 to 16 mini buns or rolls
- Grated mozzarella cheese for garnish

Clean the venison very well, removing all fat and silver skin, then cut into large chunks. Cut the pork shoulder into large chunks as well. Toss all ingredients together (except for the rolls and cheese garnish) in a large mixing bowl and combine well. Grind all ingredients together through the smallest plate on your grinder. Mix well, then test one meatball for seasonings by quickly sautéing a small portion in a pan and tasting it; adjust the seasonings if necessary. Form the mixture into golf ball-size meatballs by rolling between your hands. Deep-fry the meatballs for 1 minute in 350-degree oil; then remove and let the meatballs drain.

Marinara Sauce

Makes 5 cups

- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 ribs celery, chopped
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup dry red wine
- 4 cups canned diced tomatoes with juice
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh basil
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- Pinch of freshly ground black pepper

In a large saucepot, sauté the onion, garlic and celery in olive oil until soft. Deglaze with red wine and reduce until the pan is almost dry. Add the tomatoes, bring to a simmer for 8 minutes, and then puree with a stick blender until smooth. Stir in the herbs and seasonings; simmer for an additional 3-5 minutes, then serve.

Place the meatballs gently in the simmering marinara sauce; simmer for 15-20 minutes, until cooked through. Serve on mini buns or small rolls with an extra spoonful of marinara sauce for each one. Add a touch of grated mozzarella cheese to the top of each meatball, if desired.



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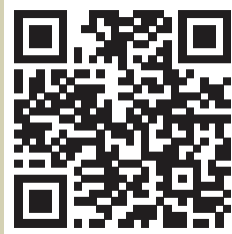
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Disposing of it on the side of the road is not a good idea, it is littering. This practice makes hunters look bad. Nobody wants to see or smell a deer carcass.

Be considerate of others. Just because you've taken a deer, that doesn't mean it's over. Disposing of the carcass is part of the process of deer hunting.

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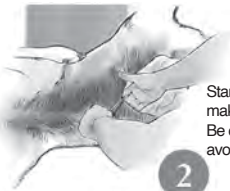




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1 Tag the deer and roll it onto its back—if possible, place it so the head is pointed upwards. When dressing a buck, remove the reproductive organs. To prevent the meat from tasting too much like wild game, remove the tarsal glands from the inside of the legs. Reaching between the back legs, cut through to the pelvic bone. With a hatchet, knife or flex blade, split the pelvic bone at the center. Free the anal tract by cutting a circle around the rectum.



2 Starting at the pelvic bone, make a slit up to the ribcage. Be careful not to cut deeply to avoid piercing the organs.



5 Reach into the chest cavity and locate the windpipe. By pulling the cut end forcefully, the other organs should follow.



6 Remove any remaining debris from the body cavity. In warmer weather, pack the cavity with ice to keep the meat fresh during transporting.



3 Cut and remove the belly skin, following the ribs down around each side of the deer to the pelvis.



4 Reach inside the chest cavity and cut the diaphragm away from the ribs. At the neck of the deer, insert the knife blade and sever the windpipe under the hide.



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