

# YouGov Survey Results

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Since 2004 it has been illegal to hunt wild animals (including foxes) with dogs in England and Wales. Hunting was banned in Scotland in 2002. Do you think hunting foxes with dogs should remain illegal, or should it be made legal again?

Hunting foxes with dogs should remain illegal	81	69	91	89	73	90	87	76	77	84	75	82	83	80	81	81	81	81	85	84	81	76	80
Hunting foxes with dogs should be made legal again	9	20	4	3	17	4	6	14	12	6	4	7	11	12	9	9	9	8	5	9	8	10	10
Don't know	10	12	6	8	10	6	6	11	11	10	21	11	7	8	10	10	10	11	10	7	11	15	10

"Trail hunting" is the practice of laying a scent trail using a rag soaked in animal scent for hounds and riders on horseback to chase. Advocates say that this allows people to simulate hunts without actually harming an animal, but critics say it is sometimes used as a smokescreen for actual fox hunting. Do you think trail hunting should be made illegal, or should it remain legal?

Trail hunting should be made illegal	50	34	62	50	45	64	53	48	46	55	47	53	52	47	49	52	50	50	59	52	50	47	49
Trail hunting should remain legal	29	47	18	28	40	21	28	36	36	22	19	26	31	35	32	25	30	25	19	30	29	26	32
Don't know	21	19	20	22	16	15	19	16	18	23	35	21	17	18	19	22	20	25	21	18	21	26	19

How important, if at all, do you think hunting is to rural communities in the UK socially and economically?

How important do you think hunting is \*\*socially\*\* to rural communities in the UK?

Very important	8	15	6	5	11	3	7	11	9	7	5	7	9	10	8	8	8	6	3	9	9	6	9
Fairly important	27	39	21	24	34	17	28	32	30	25	25	23	32	32	28	26	28	28	23	27	24	28	30
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>39</b>
Not very important	24	21	26	29	22	28	26	23	25	23	26	24	20	27	25	22	24	19	28	25	24	24	23
Not important at all	22	11	30	23	15	35	24	18	21	23	20	25	21	19	21	24	21	24	26	21	24	18	21
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>
Don't know	19	14	18	19	17	17	16	16	15	23	24	21	19	13	18	21	19	22	20	19	19	25	17

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Hunting foxes with dogs should be made legal again	9	8	11	12
Don't know	10	11	8	9

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Trail hunting should be made illegal	50	51	47	50
Trail hunting should remain legal	29	27	38	35
Don't know	21	22	16	14

How important, if at all, do you think hunting is to rural communities in the UK socially and economically?

How important do you think hunting is \*\*socially\*\* to rural communities in the UK?

Very important	8	7	7	13
Fairly important	27	26	37	25
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>38</b>
Not very important	24	23	23	30
Not important at all	22	22	19	21
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>51</b>
Don't know	19	21	13	11

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How important do you think hunting is

**\*\*economically\*\* to rural communities in the UK?**

Very important	5	13	3	2	8	1	4	9	7	4	5	5	5	7	6	5	6	5	2	6	6	4	6
Fairly important	17	26	11	15	25	12	16	21	19	16	15	13	21	22	17	17	17	17	16	16	16	15	20
TOTAL IMPORTANT	22	39	14	17	33	13	20	30	26	20	20	18	26	29	23	22	23	22	18	22	22	19	26
Not very important	26	26	31	28	24	17	28	27	27	24	20	26	24	30	28	23	26	23	22	27	24	24	27
Not important at all	31	17	37	33	22	51	34	24	31	30	34	35	29	24	30	32	30	33	36	31	32	31	29
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	57	43	68	61	46	68	62	51	58	54	54	61	53	54	58	55	56	56	58	58	56	55	56
Don't know	21	18	19	21	21	18	18	19	16	26	26	22	21	16	19	24	21	22	23	20	22	27	19

Snare traps are thin wire nooses used by gamekeepers and farmers to trap animals such as foxes and rabbits.

Would you support or oppose a ban on snare traps in the countryside in England?

Strongly support	42	39	51	42	36	61	46	45	37	47	28	39	47	50	42	43	41	49	49	39	41	39	43
Somewhat support	19	19	18	24	21	13	20	17	20	18	24	19	18	18	21	16	19	21	18	19	18	19	19
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>
Somewhat oppose	13	16	9	9	14	10	11	14	16	11	16	12	13	13	13	12	14	9	8	15	15	14	12
Strongly oppose	9	13	8	6	13	6	8	11	10	9	7	9	10	11	8	12	10	4	8	11	8	9	10
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>
Don't know	16	13	14	18	16	10	15	13	17	15	25	21	13	8	16	17	16	18	18	16	17	19	15

Would you support or oppose banning puppy farms?

Strongly support	65	66	72	67	65	73	70	71	58	72	44	63	71	71	64	67	63	67	82	62	63	54	68
Somewhat support	13	12	13	15	12	10	12	11	16	10	15	15	9	13	14	11	13	15	7	15	14	9	13
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>81</b>
Somewhat oppose	5	6	4	3	6	1	5	4	6	4	8	6	4	4	6	5	6	6	1	5	6	10	5
Strongly oppose	7	8	4	6	8	8	5	7	6	8	10	6	7	8	6	7	8	5	3	12	6	6	6
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>
Don't know	10	8	7	9	9	8	8	6	13	6	23	10	8	4	10	9	10	8	6	7	11	20	9

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Not very important	26	26	27	24
Not important at all	31	30	28	34
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Don't know	21	23	16	14

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Would you support or oppose a ban on snare traps in the countryside in England?

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Somewhat support	19	19	15	23
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>66</b>
Somewhat oppose	13	14	12	12
Strongly oppose	9	10	7	11
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>
Don't know	16	18	14	10

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Somewhat oppose	5	5	5	5
Strongly oppose	7	7	7	6
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>
Don't know	10	11	9	6

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Would you support or oppose a ban on electric shock collars for dogs?

Strongly support	55	49	63	56	53	68	60	56	50	60	50	55	60	53	55	56	54	60	65	53	53	55	55
Somewhat support	17	16	16	21	18	10	17	16	19	15	21	18	15	15	18	15	17	18	17	16	19	11	18
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>73</b>
Somewhat oppose	8	12	5	8	10	9	6	9	10	7	12	7	8	9	9	7	9	9	4	10	10	9	7
Strongly oppose	10	15	7	7	10	6	8	11	9	10	5	9	9	13	8	11	10	5	8	12	9	9	9
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>
Don't know	10	9	9	8	9	8	9	8	12	8	13	10	8	10	10	10	11	8	6	9	9	16	10

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Somewhat oppose	8	9	7	8
Strongly oppose	10	10	6	9
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>
Don't know	10	10	12	9

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