

SGHN. Position paper

Fox hunting championships (*Vulpes vulpes*)

SGHN manifests its official position on fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) hunting championships.

The organisation of fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) hunting championships in Galicia is deemed a backward activity, as they disguise as a sport an action which is focused on hunting a living being with no other aim but to kill.

The fox plays an important role in the ecosystem of Galician hills, controlling the populations of small vertebrates and removing dead animal remains that might become sources of diseases for wild fauna.

SGNH is completely against the administration financing this activity with public funds, as they have done on various other occasions, at least that is how it appears in billboards of such activities. It is outrageous that despite complaints from Xunta staff and the managers of this Chancellorship about the limited financial resources, public funds are being used for an activity that does not benefit Galician society.

There are no studies, reports or literature, of an independent nature, endorsing reasons of overpopulation, health or public interest.

The administration does not publish reliable studies about fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) population densities, either in municipalities where the hunting will take place or in Galicia as a whole.

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