

Donating Game Birds to The Country Food Trust to help feed people in need

The Country Food Trust is appreciative of any support Shoots can give that will help us to feed people in need. We have outlined below how you can take part, and the parameters we have in place to ensure it is a financially viable way of feeding people.

Outline

The Country Food Trust can only deliver frozen pheasant breasts to charities, not birds in the feather. We ask Shoots that would like to donate their birds to also pay for the processing in the form of a £1 per bird donation to the CFT. This money is used to pay the Game Dealer for the frozen game meat and deliver it to charities that feed people in need.

Rules

- All birds must be processed by a Game Dealer that is an Approved Game Handling Establishment (AGHE).
- The minimum number of birds we can accept is 2500.
- Estates may work together to reach this minimum, but all must use the same AGHE.
- Funds must reach the CFT prior to birds being delivered to the Game Dealer.
- If a Game Dealer cannot produce to the required specification, or agree the price, the CFT reserves the right not to deal with that Game Dealer.

The Process

1. The Shoot sends an email to the CFT, stating the number of birds they wish to donate. Full contact details of the Shoot and those of the proposed Game Dealer must be provided. The email should also confirm that the shoot has the £1 per bird funds available to be paid to the CFT.
2. The CFT will contact the Game Dealer to confirm that they are happy to take in the birds and deal with the Shoot. The CFT will agree the price to be paid for the meat and ensure they can produce the meat to the correct specification. Currently this means frozen breast meat packed in 2 kilo units.
3. Once agreed, the CFT provides the Game Dealer with a Purchase Order for meat to the value of the donation from the Shoot.
4. The Game Dealer agrees to take in the nominated number of birds from the Shoot and processes the game birds before requesting delivery details.
5. The CFT nominates a charity to receive the game meat and pays the Game Dealer on delivery.

Game Dealers

Game Dealers are paid on delivery to the charity. Usually, the collection is organised by the recipient charity, but game dealers may be asked to deliver locally.

Please contact The CFT at enquiries@thecountryfoodtrust.org if you have any further questions.

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