

GLOSSARY OF FOX HUNTING TERMS

- AWAY - When a fox has left the covert.
- BRUSH - A fox's tail.
- CAST - A planned move in the search of a lost line.
- CHECK - An interruption of the run.
- COLORS - The distinctive colors that distinguish one hunt from another.
- COUPLE - Two hounds of any sex.
- COVERT - (pronounced "cover") A patch of woods or brush where a fox may be found.
- CRY - The sound given by hounds when hunting.
- CUB - A young fox.
- CUBHUNTING OR CUBBLING - Early hunting before the formal season.
- DRAW - To search for a fox in a certain area.
- EARTH - A place where a fox goes for protection.
- FIELD - The group of people riding to the hounds.
- FIELDMASTER - The person designated by the MFH to control the field.
- FIXTURE - The time and place of the hunt.
- GATE CROWD - Riders led by a Master that follows the field, but do not go over jumps.
- GATEMASTER - The person that controls the gate crowd.
- GONE TO GROUND - The fox goes to ground for shelter.
- HILLTOPPERS - Riders who follow the field at a distance and a slower pace.
- HOLD HARD - Stop please.
- HONOR - A hound "honors" when he gives tongue on a line found by another hound.
- HUNTSMAN - The person who controls the hounds in the field.
- LINE - The trail of the fox.
- MASTER - The MFH. The person in command of the hunt.
- RIOT - Anything that hounds might hunt that they should not.
- SCENT - The smell of a fox.
- SPEAK - To give tongue.
- STAFF - The huntsman and whippers-in.
- STERN - The tail of a hound.
- TONGUE - Cry when a hound is on a line.
- VIEW - Seeing the fox.
- WHIPPER-IN - A staff member who assists the huntsman.