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Assist with the catching of breeding stock



Overview

This standard describes your role in catching gamebirds. It is aimed at those who work in game conservation on either a full- or part-time basis, and can be applied to any sporting estate or game farm.

To meet this standard you will be able to:

1. set catchers and catch gamebirds
2. handle gamebirds and establish them in breeding areas
3. care for gamebirds in a breeding area

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 carry out work safely in line with health and safety requirements
- P2 prepare and establish catchers suitable for the collection of game
- P3 monitor and maintain catchers on a regular basis
- P4 identify and remove gamebirds from catchers in a manner which minimises stress
- P5 handle and transport gamebirds in a manner which minimises stress and meets all legal requirements
- P6 remove and release non-target species in a manner which minimises stress
- P7 assess and report on the physical condition and health of gamebirds
- P8 observe and report on the performance of the catching operation

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 identification and sexing of breeding stock
- K2 the legal restrictions controlling the catching and transport of gamebirds
- K3 how to prepare and maintain catchers according to legal requirements
- K4 how to position catchers to obtain best results
- K5 how to identify both target and non-target species
- K6 how to handle and transport game birds in a manner that minimises stress
- K7 the advantages and disadvantages of closed flock and caught-up systems
- K8 how to assess the condition and health of gamebirds
- K9 the health and safety requirements associated with the handling of game bird stock and other wildlife species

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Glossary

For you to fully understand the content of the standard, and the activities it describes it is important that you are able to understand the terms used within the standard.

The definitions below should help you with this.

Game

Pheasant, partridges, duck

Closed flock

A breeding stock which is maintained in captivity throughout its life

Catcher

Device used to catch live gamebirds in accordance with legal requirements

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