

## **Hunters Help Technologies Field Dressing Guide**

HHT tools have been designed and manufactured to provide big game hunters a safer and more efficient means of field dressing big game animals.

As the field dressing procedure always utilizes a sharp knife, care and attention must be given to any sharp cutting surface.

### **A Brief Description of HHT Field Dressing (fd) Tools**

**g-tool:** The *HHT gut tool* provides the means to open the belly of a big game animal in a manner that keeps the hunters fingers away from the cut and also keeps the knife blade away from the animal's internal organs.

**tp-tool:** The *HHT trachea tool* provides the means for the hunter to reach up and past the heart and lungs to sever the trachea. It is also used to trim around the diaphragm and cutting other veins and tissues while removing the gut package. A flip out saw is conveniently mounted to provide a means of "coring" the pelvic cavity to remove the bladder.

### **Field Dressing a Whitetailed Deer using HHT fd-tools**

Congratulations!

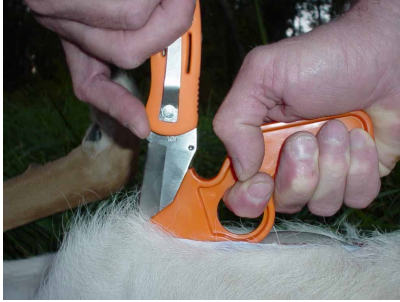
Your hunt has been a success. You've tracked and recovered your trophy! Now the real work begins and you're about to use the "**best for the mess**"! HHT tools were designed for novice as well as trophy hunters to make your field dressing job a safer, easier and quicker experience.

Always approach any downed deer cautiously. Observe from a short distance watching for any breathing or movement. Once you've determined that the deer is dead, unload your weapon. Fill out and tag the animal in accordance with your State's tagging laws. Besides the HHT tools listed above, you will need a sharp knife, a pair of quality gut gloves, and a few short lengths of light rope or string. It is a safe practice to hang something blaze orange above the area you'll be working.

#### **Step 1**

Roll the deer over and onto its back. If desired, it may be helpful to tie the front legs to surrounding trees or brush as shown in the illustration. At this point pull on your shoulder length gut gloves. Stand over the deer, at the shoulders, facing the hind end. Find the area where the stomach and breast bone meet. Using a sharp knife carefully cut a two inch slit in the hide where the stomach and breastbone meet. The cut can be in either direction. Cut with care so as not to cut any of the internal organs.

## Step 2



With practice, this can be accomplished in one fluid motion with a slight up and down knife motion. Others



Grasp the HHT g-tool in the non-knife hand. Still facing the rear of the deer, insert the g-tool into the slot. With a firm grip, pull the deer hide tight to the g-tool. Holding your sharp knife in the other hand, insert the knife into the g-tool slot with the sharp blade facing up and out. See picture. Carefully move both hands together toward the rear of the deer. Cut the belly hide all the way to the anus. In the case of a buck, remove the penis in accordance with your State's field dressing laws.



**NOTE: THE HHT tp-tool MENTIONED IN THE FOLLOWING STEPS ARE IN PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE SOON!**

## Step 3

Return to the diaphragm and breastbone area. See illustration. Using your sharp knife, locate the diaphragm skin just below the breast bone. Make a small cut in the diaphragm being careful to not nick any other internal organ. Push one edge of the HHT tp-tool fork thru the small cut. Use your non-tool hand to push the gut sack out of the way and cut the diaphragm skin all the way around and to the backbone area on both sides. Once loosened, reach up into the chest cavity with both your free hand and the HHT tp-tool. Holding the lungs and heart out of the way with the free hand, push the HHT tp-tool fork past the heart and lungs while locating the trachea between the tp-tool fork, above the heart and lungs. Sever the trachea by pushing the tool's sharp blade thru in one fluid motion.

*Note: The tp-tool was designed to be more maneuverable than a knife at this point however, the tool still has a sharp blade. Careful moves are in order whenever working with sharp tools!*

## Step 4

Using your non-tool hand, start moving and pulling out the gut/lung/heart package. Use the tp-tool to loosen and cut connecting tissues and veins while moving the gut package toward and out of the stomach cavity. Take care when approaching the pelvis where the intestine enters the pelvic cavity. Use a couple of pieces of string or discarded twist ties to tie off the intestine to prevent fecal matter from spilling into the stomach cavity. Cut the intestine between the ties. Complete removing the gut sack as previously

described. At this point, leave the heart and liver with the gut pile. I also like to move the deer away from the gut pile to give myself a cleaner work space.

### **Step 5**

Position yourself at the rear of the animal now facing the chest. With a sharp knife, slit the remaining hide and meat directly centered over the pelvic bone. The center can be identified as the high spot that runs the length of the bone from the pelvic opening back toward the deer's anus. Now carefully flay back the meat from the center of the pelvis out to the right and left about two inches. See illustration. It helps at this point to bend the rear legs toward the ground while making the short flay cuts.

With the tp-tool saw blade in the extended position, locate the high spot or centerline of the pelvic bone. Position the saw blade about an inch right or left of center. This positions the saw blade over the thinnest area of bone and away and not over the center of the bladder. With gentle pressure pull the saw thru the bone. Let the saw do the cutting. Re-position and repeat until the blade breaks through. Repeat the procedure an inch of center on the opposite side. After a few cuts, you will feel the bone break loose. Be certain that the bone is cut free on both sides.

Hook your finger under the pelvic bone and lift. See illustration. Use the HHT tp-tool to cut and loosen connecting tissues and veins while lifting. At this point, you are removing the bone, bladder, and remaining intestine in one piece! Keep cutting and lifting until the entire group flops over and hinges near the anus. Cut around the anus and that's it! You're done!

### **Step 6**

Return to the gut pile for one last bit of work. Locate the heart and liver. The heart is generally located within a thin but sturdy tissue sack. Keeping your free hand clear, cut through the sack to expose the bare heart. Grasp the heart with your non-knife hand and lift well above the gut pile. Carefully cut the heart free. Set the heart aside for now.

The procedure is basically the same for the liver except that there is no tissue surrounding the organ. Find where the liver is connected and lift well above the gut pile. Carefully cut the liver free. Grasp the liver in one hand and with the other, pull your gut glove off on over the liver. Tie both ends of the gut glove together to provide a handy carry bag. Now repeat the same procedure for the heart.

Now you're really done! Wrap your HHT tools and knife in the washable pouch and close. Remember to clean the tools, knife, and pack as soon as you return home or back to camp.

Be safe and good luck on future hunts!

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