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**Department of**  
**Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht**

Report on Coursing Meeting held at: Thurles District Coursing Club

**N.B.** Please fill in each box and use separate sheet for each day's coursing.

No. of hares at start of coursing	No. of courses run	No. of hares killed	No. of hares hit by dogs (muzzled)	No. of hares injured by dogs	No. of hares which had to be put down as a result of injuries.	No. of hares which died from injuries	No. of hares released	Time and date of release	Where released and numbers	Releases supervised by:
<b>Day 1</b> 29/10/16 71	56 + 1 trial	0	3 tipped 2 pinned	0	0	0	3	29/10/16	Details Confidential	Aine Lynch
<b>Day 2</b> 30/10/16 68	32 +2 back to slips	1	2 pinned 2 tipped	0	1 (02/11/2016)	1	65	30/10/16	Details Confidential	Aine Lynch Elaine Keegan



**General Comments:**

- (1) Were hares coursed more than once on any day? [ ] Yes [ ] No [X]
- (2) Did hares appear to be healthy? [x] Yes [ ] No . A number of hare's had minor injuries from ear tags and on the feet. These hare's were inspected and treated by the vet prior to release.
- (3) Were escapes adequate? [ x ] Yes [ ] No
- (4) Were all dogs muzzled? [ x ] Yes [ ] No . One hare was picked up by a dog. It was hard to tell if the muzzle had come loose or how the dog managed to do this as the muzzle was still on the dog.
- (5) (A) What method was used to mark the hare?  
X, ear tags. One hare had to have an ear tag replaced on day one of coursing as it's original ear tag had fallen out.  
Tag Method  
Ink Tattoo Method  
Spray Dye Method   
(please tick appropriate box)
- (B) Were hares earmarked prior to release? [ ] Yes [x] No -tags left in
- (6) Was Coursing Park in good condition? [x] Yes [ ] No
- (7) Was there a veterinary involvement in the running of the event? [ x ] Yes [ ] No  
Katriona Bourke
- (8) Was there a post mortem examination of hares found dead in the paddock? [ ] Yes [x] No, there were no hares reported as dying in the paddock. Any hares which did die did so as a result of injuries acquired during coursing.
- (9) Were the hares released in the same location that they were captured? [ ] Yes [x] No, but approximately – see below.

**Notes:**

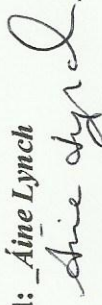
A pre-coursing inspection was held on Tue 25/10/2016. The paddocks where the hares were held were in good condition with plenty of food, shelter and water provided. The hares had good space to move around in.  
On day one of coursing the club had 71 hares boxed. On a whole the hares were in good condition. A couple of the hares needed some minor veterinary treatment for sores on the feet and around where the ear tag was. At the end of coursing on day one 3 hares were released, these hares had not been coursed that day and were not required for coursing the next day.



On day 2 the club had 68 hares boxed. 22 were not required for coursing so after being inspected by the vet these hares were released, supervised by Conservation Ranger Elaine Keegan. During the first interval the hares up to that point were reboxed and inspected by the vet. These hares were then released, supervised by conservation ranger Elaine Keegan. The remaining hares were reboxed at the end of coursing, inspected by the vet and released. All releases were supervised by Conservation Ranger Elaine Keegan or me. The releasing of hares was concluded by 3.30pm under very favourable weather conditions. One hare was killed on the field during coursing. A second hare was found to be sick at the point of release (though showed no obvious signs of being sick during boxing for release) and was placed back in the box and subsequently died. A third hare acquired a broken leg as a result of being pinned. The vet requested to take this hare into her care with the intention of operating to fix the leg. She was informed that if the hare survived long enough for surgery then NPWS would issue her a licence to be in possession of a protected Wild Animal and it would no longer be under the care of the club. However after 24 hours the vet deemed that the hare would not be strong enough to survive the surgery and was euthanised.

On a whole the club were courteous and facilitated all requests made by NPWS staff in attendance.

Signed: Aine Lynch



Date: 03/11/2016