

Number of defendants proceeded against at magistrates' court for offences under the Hunting Act 2004, England and Wales, 2005-2012<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

Offence description	Section	2005		2006		2007		2008 <sup>(3)</sup>		2009		2010		2011		2012	
		Proceeded against	Found guilty	Proceeded against	Found guilty	Proceeded against	Found guilty	Proceeded against	Found guilty	Proceeded against	Found guilty	Proceeded against	Found guilty	Proceeded against	Found guilty	Proceeded against	Found guilty
Hunting a wild mammal with a dog	SS.1 & 6	2	2	10	4	57	44	41	31	77	49	46	33	60	49	79	48
Knowingly permitting land to be entered or used in the course of hunting a wild mammal with dogs	SS.3(1) & 6	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Knowingly permitting a dog to be used in the course of hunting a wild mammal	SS.3(2) & 6	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	5	3	3	3	1	1	-	-
Participating in a hare coursing event	SS.5(1)(a) & 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	5	-	-	11	6	2	-
Attending a hare coursing event	SS.5(1)(b) & 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Knowingly facilitating a hare coursing event	SS.5(1)(c) & 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Permit land to be used for the purpose of a hare coursing event	SS.5(1)(d) & 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entering/Permitting/Controlling or handling a dog at a hare coursing event	SS.5(2)(a)(b)(c) & 6	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>48</b>

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(1) The figures given in the table on court proceedings relate to persons for whom these offences were the principal offences for which they were dealt with. When a defendant has been found guilty of two or more offences it is the offence for which the heaviest penalty is imposed. Where the same disposal is imposed for two or more offences, the offence selected is the offence for which the statutory maximum penalty is the most severe.

(2) Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that these data have been extracted from large administrative data systems generated by the courts and police forces. As a consequence, care should be taken to ensure data collection processes and their inevitable limitations are taken into account when those data are used.

(3) Excludes data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July and August 2008.

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