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## FIELD CARE and PREPARATION



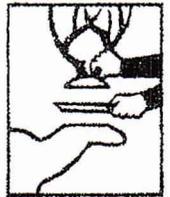
### FOR SHOULDER MOUNTS:

Make initial cut as shown in the diagram cutting up from flesh side as you make incision. This will prevent cutting hair. Make initial cut along back of neck and a second cut forming a "T" running to the base of the horns. Cut carefully around horns or antlers and cut the skin away from the base. On antlered game, a heavy screwdriver is useful in prying skin loose around antlers.

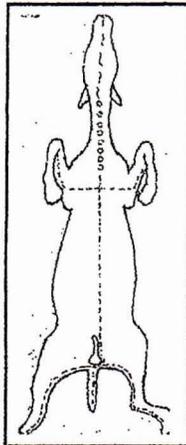
Cut ear cartilage from skull on the inside and clean the meat away from the base of the ear. Skin down the skull, being careful not to cut through the skin, especially around the eyes. Use the fingers of the free hand as a guide on the outside to be certain you are not cutting into the lids.

The lips should be cut close to the skull leaving the lips attached to the skin. The inside of the lips should then be split. Also, split nose cartilage and eyelids. Ears should be turned inside out.

Make sure that scalps are cut long enough for the type of mount desired. Scalps for these mounts should be cut BEHIND the forelegs in order to include enough of the brisket for a full shoulder mount. It is best to have the whole front half minus the feet. It is not necessary to clean the skull. The top of the skull with horns or antlers is all that is needed. Merely saw off the top of the skull through center of eyes after skinning is completed.



**SALTING:** Remove ALL flesh and fat; salt well - rub salt into scalp - and roll up overnight; shake off damp salt; then turn scalp flesh side out, RESALT, stretch and semi dry in shade. When all liquid has drained, roll up for shipping flesh side out. Do not let skins dry in folds, as hair will slip. Fine dairy or table salt is best. Ship as soon as possible.



### FOR LIFE SIZE MOUNTS:

Make initial incision on dotted line (.....) as shown in the diagram. See below for detailed instructions on skinning around hooves and paws.

On Bears and Cats, continue a center cut through (ooooo) line. This will allow removal of the head. On Swine and Zebra rugs, continue a center cut through (-----) line. This is sometimes needed to remove heads on Warthogs, etc.

For antlered or horned animals, cut the back of the neck as shown above. Stop the incision at the base of the neck. Skin the animal as normal, cutting away from the incision. Turn ears, eyes and lips and remove flesh and fat. Salt carefully. Life-size hides use a lot of salt.

### HOOVES:

Cut initial incision between dewclaws and up to base of hooves. Carefully skin leg down to hoof. Find knuckle joints on each hoof bone and cut through with knife. Do not leave toe bones in; the hair around hoof will fall out. Salt well.



### PAWS:

For Bears, Cats and Wolves, skin along (- - -) line. Carefully skin around leg and expose toe bones. Find last knuckle and cut through with knife. Be careful, it is easy to cut through skin around toes. On Bears, pads are larger and may require to be cut through.

