



# **DEER HIDE PREPARATION**



1. Find a couple of volunteers (Lions/Lioness/Leos) who have time for serving together.
2. Place posters around your community on hide collection for your club **Before hunting season - List drop off locations.**
3. Deer Hide preparation area:
  - Put down plastic & cover with 3-4 inches of wood shavings or sawdust to absorb liquid.
  - Lay down pallet to stack hides on.
4. As hides come to you:
  - Thaw, if frozen, & unfold hides.
  - Check that **all legs and neck are fully cut open and remove head and lower legs.**
  - **Our buyer gives us 25 cents for each tail we save for them. Cut off the tails, count them and place in a plastic bag for pick up.**
  - Lay flat on pallet with hair side down.
  - Salt with at least 5 lbs. of salt for each hide...start salting from the outside edges inward to insure edges receive enough salt...

**USE FEEDING SALT - NOT ROCK SALT**

  - Stack 40 - 50 hides per pallet with hair side down each time.
  - Stack in separate piles of large and small hides . . . .  
(large hides are about 4 feet from hind quarter to shoulder)

## **Proper preparation of hides is important!**

5. Call Director Bernie at 715-669-5588 or email [lazysshires@centurytel.net](mailto:lazysshires@centurytel.net) for questions or pick up of prepared hides, or your delivery of prepared hides by mid January.

The Lions Camp & Director Bernie's home in Thorp are the main State collection/drop off areas.

