

Hunters Ethics

Terms and Conditions

I am aware my performance and actions, while operating under the umbrella of the NZDA Farmers Assist Program, reflect on all NZDA hunters and the national association as a whole. Everything I do can be taken as carried out under public scrutiny, and viewed by those not used to the realities of pest eradication, and I will act as such with the highest standards and ethics.

Our code of ethics outlines the individual member's ethical responsibilities to the association and the community at large.

A peculiar virtue in wildlife ethics is that the hunter ordinarily has no gallery to applaud or disapprove of his conduct. Whatever his act they are dictated by his own conscience, rather than by a mob of onlookers. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of the fact.
— Aldo Leopold. The Sand County Almanac.

I will ...

Approach recreational hunting from the highest possible level of ethics, having due regard to the welfare of the animals hunted, and prevention of cruelty to the same. Not hunt or carry a firearm on property without the proper approval of the owner, occupier of controlling authority and shall strictly observe any conditions imposed upon him. Be a responsible firearms owner and abide by current Firearms Laws. Avoid unnecessary or deliberate damage to the environment, respect property, and other users of the outdoors. Advocate sensible conservation practices at all times and promote New Zealand's biodiversity 'in situ'. Practice the Field Guidelines when out hunting. Be exemplary members of NZDA by promoting and abiding by its Rules, Field Guidelines and this Code of Ethics.

As well as agreeing to abide by any rules or stipulations laid out by the landholder relating to access, allowed species, property care, carcass disposal etc.

When an invited guest on private land I will ensure I act in accord with the country code including leave all gates as I found them, take all my litter home, and leave stock machinery and crops alone.

I will only visit the site under direct invitation of the Farmer/ landholder. I will notify them each visit. I will not bring anyone who is not accredited under the NZDA Hunters Assist Program. Dogs will only be used after authorization by the Farmer/ Landholder.

I will ensure my Farmers Assist accreditation, NZDA Membership, and NZ Firearms Licence are up to date.

I will comply with the provisions of the Health & Safety at Work Act 2015, and other legislation, Standards, Codes of Practice and Guidelines providing for the Health & Safety of People at work. Including the NZDA Farmers Assist H&S manual.