

GUIDANCE ON LEAD

The Country Food Trust produces three ready meals – The Country Casserole, The Country Curry and The Country Bolognese. These contain meat that has been shot rather than farmed. The Casserole and Curry despite being scanned for lead twice may contain traces of lead and each food pouch carries an appropriate lead warning. The Bolognese uses venison shot without the use of lead and therefore does not contain lead.

The Country Food Trust takes its responsibilities regarding lead very seriously and lead detectors are used at both the game dealer and again at our food production company. We regularly test our products for lead to ensure that this detecting is helping to keep lead to the minimum in our products. However, please be aware that the FSA states that there is no official safe limit for lead.

The Country Food Trust is also able to provide chilled or frozen game meat to charities that cook their own meals onsite. If your charity elects to take this meat then please be aware that whilst it comes from local game dealers that are Approved Game Handling Establishments it may or may not have been scanned for lead.

Since 2012, The Food Standards Agency has advised people not to consume game meat that has been shot using lead too frequently. This is especially important for toddlers and children, pregnant women and women trying to conceive, because exposure to lead can harm the developing brain and nervous system. We would therefore ask you to ensure that you do not feed these vulnerable groups with either our two meals or the chilled / frozen game meat.

A link to the FSA's guideline on lead in food can be found here:

www.food.gov.uk/safety-hygiene/lead-shot-game

Before we supply these products, it is important for organisations that are distributing or using our food to read and understand these guidelines

Many thanks

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I confirm I have received and read The Country Food Trust's guidance on lead. I would like to receive meals or chilled or frozen game meat from The Country Food Trust, some of which may contain traces of lead.

Charity Name

Registered Charity Number

Signed

Name and Position (print)

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Date