Elks Veterans Leather Program



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State Leather Chair



- ► The State Leather Chair works with Lodges to collect salted hides that have been prepared for processing.
- ► They coordinate the most cost-effective way to transport these hides to the tanneries.
 - (If you need a semi to pick them up contact Chuck or myself)
- They collaborate with the Director of the National Veterans Service Commission and other Vice-Chairmen.
- They work to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of the Veterans Leather Program.
- Run meetings at state conventions.
- Order certificates for Lodges that participate.
- The State Leather Chair is a crucial link in the process of providing support to veterans through the Elks' Veterans Leather Program.



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District Chair



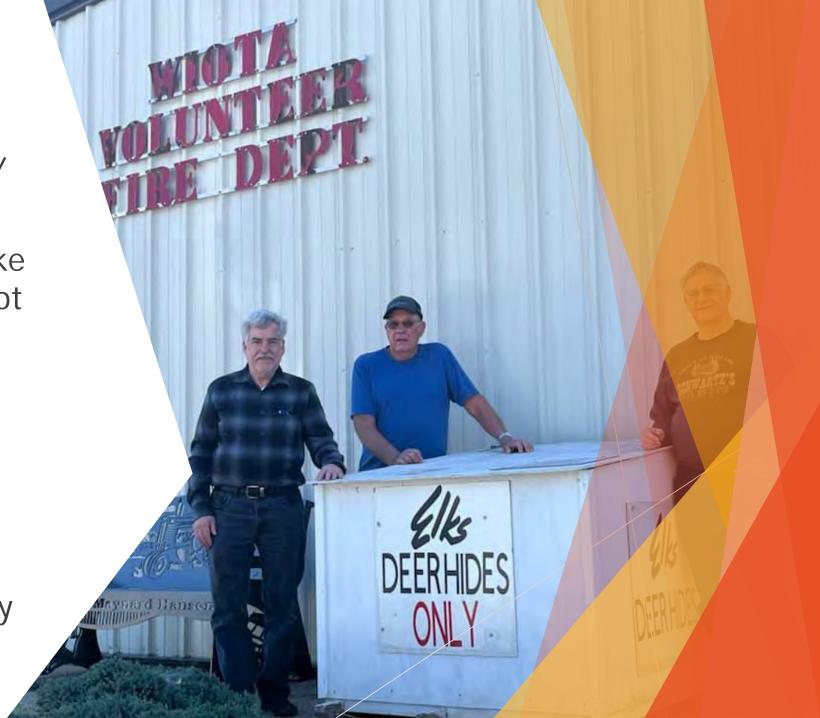
- ► Assist the State Chair
- ► Communication between all the lodges in your district
- ► Collection point for the lodges to drop their hides off once salted and packed
- Report numbers to your state chair on all lodges in your district
- Attend meetings at convention to discuss the program

Instructions

- Spread the Word Donated hides come from a variety of locations and individuals
 - such as hunters, farmers, ranchers, slaughter houses, locker plants, taxidermists and highway departments. It never hurts to ask! This program wouldn't exist without donations.
- Set up collection point(s)
- ► Have a location to prepare the hides

Collecting the hides

- Set up drop off locations/ check them regularly
- Examine the hides to make sure they are good and not rotten
- ► Hair test- gently tug the hair it should not fall out easily
- Odor- extremely bad smells
- Color- look for green/gray discoloration



Preparing the hides

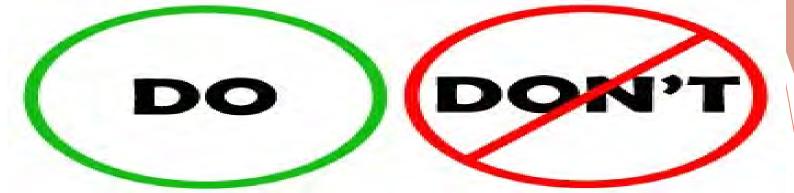
- ► Salt the hides
- ► You cannot use too much salt
- ► Cover the whole surface area
- Fold or roll your hides to keep contained inside
- ► Place in pallet box





Packing Hides

- ► Keep hides level
- Do not overload
- ► Shrink wrap if available
- Store in a dry cool place preferably not outside (hides will drain once packed and salted)
- Transport to your collection point















Thank You!