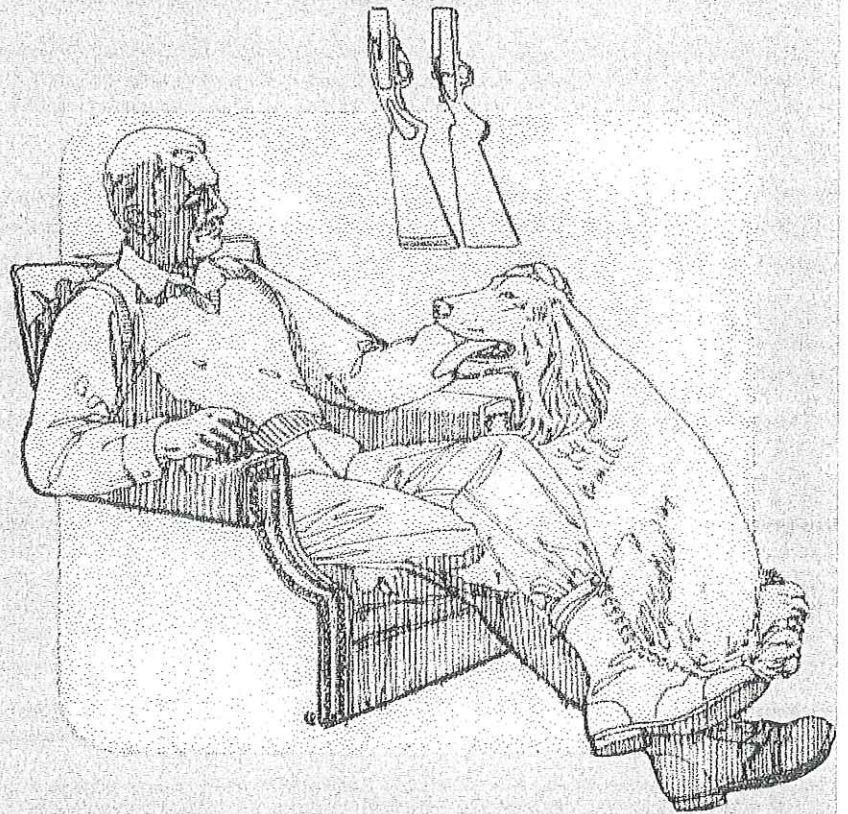


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Throughout history hunting has been a tradition of man. Until recent times man hunted, through necessity, for food. As civilization progressed, man's need to hunt for survival was reduced, so that now, most hunting is recreational. Notwithstanding this change in purpose, hunting has remained as a legitimate and viable activity in today's modern society.

Hunters themselves have long been concerned for the welfare of wildlife. Through their actions, hunters have identified problems such as:

- a) pollution and its effect on wildlife
- b) habitat and abuse
- c) helping to focus public attention on the plight of rare and endangered species

For example, hunters have been largely responsible for:

- a) initiating wildlife laws and their enforcement

- b) wildlife research and management

- c) establishment of parks and wildlife preserves

Hunters were instrumental in initiating and organizing institutions such as The Audubon Society and The American Ornithologists' Union. Today, hunters are active supporters of numerous local sportsmen clubs and organizations. These organizations reflect the sincere interest and dedication of hunters to the sound management of our renewable wildlife resources.

In addition, hunters contribute to the welfare of wildlife through their purchases of licenses and state and federal hunting stamps and payment of federal excise taxes on sporting arms and ammunition. The license fees and excise taxes amount to millions of dollars each year which provides nearly 80 percent of the working funds of state wildlife agencies.

Through your role as a hunter, your involvement and dedication will help ensure the continued availability of abundant wildlife resources throughout North America.



Notes

