# TURKEY HUNTING TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND SAFE HUNT.

## **ASK A BUDDY**

Get your buddy to get behind you 15-25 yards to do your calling and the bird will get closer to you to make the shot.

# **EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM**

Get to your spot and setup well before sunrise. Most Turkeys are tagged in the first hour.

#### **BOX CALL BASIC**

If you're a beginner, try a box call. It's easier until you master "dragging slate" or "mouthcalls."

#### **BE ONE WITH THE BUSH**

Cover up. Cover up. Cover up. Camouflage clothing, face paint and wear gloves. The more you are concealed the better your chances. Your movement should be very slow and try and stay concealed. Some folks just can't sit still so a Chair Blind works wonders for them having a successful hunt.

# **DECOYS**

Use decoys to improve your chances especially early in the season. Rough up your new decoy a bit to get the newness off and add feathers if you have them.

## **GUN CHOICE**

A 12 gauge shotgun with #5 shot in a 3 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch chamber and an extra full turkey choke will work. A #4 and #6 shot would work as well. Take your gun out and check your pattern to a head shot to see which shot you like before your hunt. Youth usually lean toward using a 20 gauge shotgun.

## THE SHOT

Aim for the head and wait on the Turkey to get within your range. Oh, yeah and don't destroy your decoy in the process!

# THE STORY

Take plenty of pictures of your harvest to back up your stories. These are the times you and your buddy will remember for a lifetime. Be safe out there and Happy Hunting from Neuse Sport Shop!

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