

Tumbleweed Taxidermy
Basic Field Care
(Call my cell 785-462-0411)

General: Two types of hair, feather, or scale loss

1. Mechanical-due to rough handling
2. Bacterial-temperature 40 degrees or more

Note: Depending on temperature, roughly 24-48 hours to preserve skin from time animal is killed. Animals in frost-free freezer are good for approximately 6 months-then, possible freezer burn may occur.

Birds: -Shoot with smallest shot size to ensure a clean kill.
-Do not wring neck of bird.
-Plug mouth & vent with cotton.
-Wipe off excess blood.
-Smooth feathers, wrap in plastic & freeze.

Deer: -Do not cut throat to bleed.
-If must drag deer, ensure dead and shoulders are elevated off ground.
-Wipe excess blood from hair-do not use hose, (water is a bacteria conduit).
Try to keep hide dry.
- Cut cape 3"-4" behind shoulders, skin close to back of head & cut. Leave head for taxidermist to skin.
-Wrap cape & head in plastic, put on ice and ensure cape kept out of water.
-Dry ice can also be used. Put inside cape near head but do not let dry ice directly contact hide (Wrap dry ice in towel or paper)

Fish: -Take pictures to note colors.
-Sprinkle with 20 Mule Team Borax to preserve color.
-Wrap in plastic first, then newspaper and freeze.

Bobcats, Coyotes, Fox: -Clean out entrails to minimize hair slippage on predators. Make minimal incision on belly to remove.

Safety: -Rubber gloves & wash hands thoroughly.

Legal: -Migratory bird tag required on all waterfowl.
-Bobcats, must be tagged with permit until skin not in raw state. (Until hide is tanned.)