



# LADIES - LET'S GO HUNTING

*"In Greek and Roman times, the Goddess Diana lived as a huntress, roaming the wildest parts in the countryside."*

1. Join the growing trend of women that are choosing to pick up a bow or rifle and join the hunting fraternity. You are not alone — women represent the fastest growing sector of the hunting community.
2. Women hunt for the same reasons that men hunt: it ties us into the natural world, so we better understand our roles as stewards of wildlife and wild places.
3. Hunting is a personal choice. Hunters respect their right to hunt, as well as the right of others who choose not to hunt.
4. Female hunters make up 10% of the Alberta hunting population, and average 44 years of age. However, 20% of youth hunters (age 12 to 17) are female.
5. Hunting is a social activity and is a gathering of family and friends. The camaraderie of time spent together and the celebration of those shared experiences is what makes this activity so appealing.
6. Hunting may be used to distinguish oneself from others. A woman who takes up hunting has the opportunity to participate either in a highly independent manner, within a family context (extended family, spouse, and children), or with another group of women hunters. In each scenario it is a meaningful, skill acquiring, and highly admirable activity.
7. When asked what they think about their mothers who hunt, many young adults proudly express "Its cool."
8. The people whom you spend time with hunting enhance the quality of the experience. Choosing your hunting partners is critical and it may not necessarily need to be a spouse or boyfriend.
9. Modern technology and equipment advances allow equal opportunities to hunt. The same factors influence hunter participation and success for both men and women: equipment selection and self-limitations as a hunter.
10. Women who hunt and provide for themselves take pride in that accomplishment. This responsibility and empowerment creates a sense of independence and is an act of conviction, courage, and self-respect. There is a profound deep sense of self-satisfaction, similar to a woman that runs her first marathon or wins the longest drive competition on the golf course.
11. There is pride in eating and sharing a meal that you have taken from the field to the table. This seems to bring out the best in people in terms of sharing.

# KEY CONTACTS

# FACT SHEET # 14

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<b>Babes With Bullets</b>	<b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.babeswithbullets.com">www.babeswithbullets.com</a>
<b>Girls With Guns Clothing Apparel</b>	<b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.gwgclothing.com">www.gwgclothing.com</a>
<b>International Coalition For Women in Shooting and Hunting (WISH)</b>	<b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.ic-wish.org">www.ic-wish.org</a>
<b>National Rifle Association—Women on Target</b>	<b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.women.nra.org">www.women.nra.org</a>
<b>National Wild Turkey Federation</b>	<b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.nwtf.org">www.nwtf.org</a>
<b>Shooting For Women</b>	<b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.shootingforwomen.com">www.shootingforwomen.com</a>
<b>Shooting Industry Magazine</b>	<b>Web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.shootingindustry.com">www.shootingindustry.com</a>
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