

The Formentera office of rural affairs announced today that as of yesterday, Sunday 18 October, until 3 January, will be open season on small game hunting in Formentera. Regulations in place, which allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays as well as national and regional holidays, also establish the specific hours of the day when it be done: from half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset.

Formentera has got six hunting seasons, and three hunting clubs: La Mola, Es Cap and Porto Salè. It is worth remembering that hunting with firearms is expressly prohibited within 100 metres of inhabited areas or 25 metres of public arterials. Hunting is also prohibited along areas of public coastline and around water reservoirs.

Huntable species
Animals that can be hunted locally this season are rabbit, hare, quail, partridge, pheasant, wood pigeon, common turtledove, collared turtledove, Eurasian woodcock, starling, thrush, mistle thrush, “grívia” and fieldfare. The following waterfowl can also be hunted: mallard, Eurasian wigeon, northern pintail, Eurasian teal, garganey, northern shoveler, gadwall, common pochard, tufted duck, common snipe, Eurasian coot and common seagull.

Hunting with dogs
A maximum of 10 dogs per hunter – or 12 dogs per two hunters – must be respected. Only in the case of special authorization may four hunters use up to 40 dogs on a hunt.

The maximum number of animals that can be caught, per hunter per day, are: 20 thrush, 12 wild turtledove, 4 Eurasian woodcock, 2 partridge if caught using a decoy and 4 without, 8 anatidae (birds of the duck, goose and swan family) and a maximum of 2 of other duck species. It is prohibited to practise blind or standing hunting for capture of the Eurasian woodcock.

For more information, please visit this link for Formentera’s complete hunting regulations:

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