

THE DALERD CO.'S ORGANIZATION OF HUNTING IN DEREKEGYHÁZ

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The subject of this presentation is about one of the Southern Great Plain Forestry CO.'s area, which is located in Derekegyhaz, and about its organization of hunting. The centre of the DALERD CO. is located in Szeged, and it has 5 areas: Derekegyhaz-Tompahat, Asotthalom, Gyula, Biharugra and Ladany-forest. The total area is 22581 ha. Derekegyhaz-Tompahat has 5220 ha (net 4714,1 ha), it is mostly agricultural (85,5%), but it has some forest areas too (3,3%). A partridge reservation area can be found in Tompahat and it joined to the National Partridge Reservation Program (500 ha). The head hunter in Derekegyhaz is Andras Szabo, and there are 4 professional hunters too. Popular fair game here is the roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*), wild boar (*Sus scrofa*), ring-necked pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*), hare (*Lepus europaeus*), wild and reared mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) and there is woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*) monitoring too. Because there is Partridge Reservation Program in Tompahat, the partridge (*Perdix perdix*) is a requested game, 1500 mate is put out to the area every year. Available services are rover renting, in emergency there are exchange cars, outside meals, interpreters in English, German and Russian, shooting range for different type of shootings, fishing lake, bugler for hunting, game pickers, beaters, working dogs, seeking with dogs after shooting, rifle refillers, motorboat for reared mallard hunting, etc. The DALERD CO. process the meat of the games, it becomes oven-ready. They store the meat in a cold store until the guest departs, and they can give a freezer bag if it is requested. They process the trophy, and a taxidermist can make preparations too. Older and damaged people also can hunt here. There is an equipped hunting lodge with 15 rooms, restaurant, and a timber program house, which can hold 150 people.