**Non-Toxic Shotgun Cartridge Feedback**

 **2022/2023 Season – Game Use Only**

 *Please return by email to* *info@nontoxicsurvey.co.uk* *or call 07770 956867 for a postal address.*

 *Closing date for completed forms: 28th February 2023*

**Section One – The Main Type of Shotgun in Use\***

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| Make: eg Purdey |  |
| Gauge: eg 12”, 16” |  |
| Approx. year or decade of manufacture:  |  |
| Barrel length inches: |  |
| Barrel configuration: eg side-by-side |  |
| Chamber length inches/mm: |  |
| Right or First Barrel Choke: |  |
| Left or Second Barrel Choke: |  |
| Weight in lbs & oz.: |  |
| Proof marks if known: |  |
|  *NP (pre-1954) or NP 3 tons or NP 850 bar* |  |
|  *Fleur-de-Lys* |  |
|  *None of the above* |  |

\**Please use a new form for each materially different type of shot gun used*

**Section Two – How did you select your non-toxic cartridges & shot size?**

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|  |  *Answer “Yes” if applies* |
| My own research or choice |  |
| Cartridge retailer/Gunsmith/Gun dealer advice |  |
| Recommended or supplied by friends |  |
| I was informed that performance could be different to lead |  |

**Section Three – Description of the Non-Toxic cartridge being used in the field**

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| *Non-toxic cartridges only* | Cartridge 1 | Cartridge 2 | Cartridge 3 |
| Manufacturer: eg Eley |  |  |  |
| Name: eg Regal Steel |  |  |  |
| Pellet material: eg steel |  |  |  |
| Gauge: eg 12” |  |  |  |
| Length inches/mm: eg 67mm |  |  |  |
| Shot Size: eg 4/5/6 |  |  |  |
| Wad type: eg plastic or eco |  |  |  |
| Load weight in g or oz. |  |  |  |

**By ticking or putting a “X” in the box I confirm that**:

I am **NOT** in the gun or cartridge trade

My answers in sections 4 & 5 are based on actual in-the-field experience

For your information I have an economic interest in a shoot: YES or NO. …………………..

**Section Four – Cartridge-specific feedback**

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|  | Cart. 1 | Cart. 2 | Cart. 3 |
| **Q1. How do you rate this non-toxic cartridge? *(Answer Very Satisfied/Satisfied/Poor/Very Poor)*** |  |  |  |
| **Q2.** **Does this cartridge MATCH lead shot for**: ***(Answer Yes/No/Not Sure/Not-applicable)*** |  |  |  |
|  High birds – challenging weather conditions |  |  |  |
|  High birds – good weather conditions |  |  |  |
|  Oak tree-high birds |  |  |  |
|  Tall hedge-high birds eg partridges |  |  |  |
|  Wildfowl |  |  |  |
|  Grouse |  |  |  |
|  Other – please state |  |  |  |
| **Q3. Would you buy this cartridge again?** |  |  |  |
| **Q4. Would you recommend it to friends?** |  |  |  |

**Section Five – General feedback over the non-toxic cartridge issue**

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| ***Please answer where applicable: Yes/No/Not sure***  | **Answers** |
| **Q5. Has the use of non-toxic cartridges contributed to?** |  |
|  Any alteration to your gun eg chokes |  |
|  Any damage to your gun eg barrels, ejectors |  |
|  Confusion over which shot size to use |  |
|  A decrease in your clean hits to shots fired ratio |  |
|  An increase in pricked, flying on, or running quarry |  |
|  An increase in first barrel misses |  |
|  An increase in second barrel misses |  |
|  A noticeable increase in recoil  |  |
|  A need to alter my shooting style or timing |  |
|  An increase in visits to shooting schools/clay target ranges |  |
|  An increase in gun headache or shoulder pain or bruising |  |
|  Being unable to use my smaller bore gun eg 16” 28” 20” |  |
|  Having concerns over increased cartridge costs  |  |
|  I am thinking about or have already changed my gun |  |
|  I intend to shoot less frequently next year |  |
|  I am thinking about giving up game shooting  |  |
| **Q6. Given the all-clear from a shoot host I would choose lead/steel/bismuth/mixed non-toxic** |  |

Please opt me into the 2023/2024 season survey: Answer YES or NO …………………

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*If the findings generate any revenue, then 100% will go to game shooting or Radio HP nominated charities on a pro-rata basis. My time including any report costs are pro-bono. I have no affiliations with the gun and cartridge trade or with any gun lobby, bar a lifetime and very passive membership of BASC. I have been lucky enough to have used a lightweight side-by-side over the past 44 years. Many thanks, Oliver Wynne-James.*

 Email your feedback to info@nontoxicsurvey.co.uk – THANK YOU!