



## CURING HINTS

### **Purpose of curing.**

To protect flayed hides and skins from micro-organisms, and to render them storable for a prolonged period of time.

There are many methods to follow, but remember to delay curing, will ensure your disappointment at the end of the day. It only takes 6 hours for the bacteria to destroy the root of the hair, causing hairslip and thus losing what could have been a beautiful hide.

### **Basic Guideline to curing your animal hide.**

- Skin the animal as soon as possible after shooting.
- Remove all excess fat, blood and meat.
- Wash off all the blood and dirt from the skin.
- If possible, soak the skin for a minimum of 3 hours, even better overnight in saturated salt solution (about 20kg of salt per 100 litres of water) together with a bactericide (Dettol - about 50ml per 100 litres of water).
- Remove the skin from the solution, open and flatten the skin on a clean surface with the flesh side facing up and cover the entire area well with salt.

### **Hints:**

It is important as a guideline to use equal quantity of salt to the weight of the skin. The skin must lie in salt for at least 3 days, after which the skin should be dried out.

There is nothing wrong in drying a skin in the sun and the sooner the skin is dehydrated the better. Should there not be enough time to dry the skin properly, the skin must be rolled in salt and dried at destination.

***For any possible advice or any assistance, please feel free to contact us at Oasis Tanning Company.***

