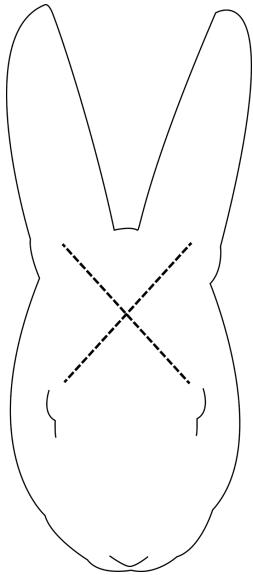
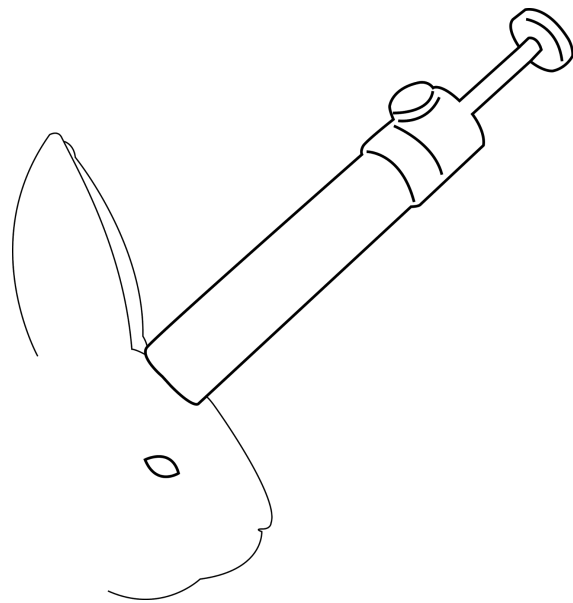


Congratulations on your purchase of **THE BALLISTA** penetrating bolt gun for small animal dispatch! While simple and easy to operate, its proper use necessitates practice like that required with any other method of dispatch. This short tutorial for proper dispatch of rabbits will help to make that learning process as short and easy as possible.



The correct placement for the bolt gun may be easily found by drawing a line from each ear to the opposite eye. The intersection of these two lines is where the bolt should penetrate for proper destruction of the brain, resulting in painless and immediate dispatch.

When fully cocked, the bolt sits entirely within the barrel of the device. Place the flat end of the barrel squarely against the target site. When activating the trigger apply gentle but firm downward pressure. Failure to apply downward pressure will result in “jackhammering” and the bolt will not properly penetrate.



NOTE: It is completely normal for a rabbit to shudder or rapidly kick after proper dispatch as muscles, and these motions are distinctly different from those made by a rabbit that is merely wounded. This is nerve action from pre-programmed neural networks in the spinal cord, and when these motions are observed it is an indication that the rabbit is fully dead. Familiarity with these motions will allow for rapid identification of improper dispatch so that corrective measures may be taken.

Troubleshooting

- Many beginners place the muzzle of the Ballista too far forward on the head, striking the nasal passages or only grazing the brain. Ensure that the muzzle is properly placed squarely over the brain before firing.
- Avoid the urge to flinch or peek at your target while pulling the trigger, as this will prevent proper downward pressure from being applied during firing.
- While a properly administered shot will cause instant death, it is possible for the animal to simply be rendered insensible (stunned) and for this reason it is best to immediately bleed the animal to fully guarantee death.
- When drawing the bolt to cock the Ballista, hold the device horizontal at shoulder height with the head of the plunger held between the second joint of the fore and middle fingers and the other hand firmly gripping the textured section of the barrel. Draw your elbows back, as if trying to make the tips of your shoulder blades touch. This uses your shoulder muscles and correctly aligns the drawing forces so that they are most effective.
- After cleaning, always re-apply a coating of oil to the spring, barrel interior, and trigger housing to keep the device operating smoothly. The spring is plated carbon steel and should not be allowed to remain wet for extended periods.