

Cookie Policy

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This Cookie Policy explains the cookies and browser-storage entries used by Motherhunt across `mhnt.app`, `motherhunt.com` and the related localized hosts (`es.` , `cn.` , `ru.`). It is part of our [Privacy Policy](#).

Cookies are small text files stored by a website in your browser. Browser storage includes local storage (persistent) and session storage (cleared when you close the tab). Motherhunt uses these technologies to keep the service working, remember choices, protect accounts and synchronise app state. We do not use cookies to fingerprint your device or to share data with advertising networks.

1. Consent categories

The Platform groups storage entries into four consent categories defined in `apps/mhnt/src/lib/cookies/categories.ts` :

Category	Required	What it does
Necessary	Always on	Signs you in, keeps your session, remembers your locale, secures the app and records your consent itself
Preferences	Optional	Remembers UI choices such as filters, query cache and per-lot visibility preferences
Analytics	Optional	Reserved for measurement of how the Platform is used. No analytics cookies are currently set.
Marketing	Optional	Reserved for marketing measurement. No marketing cookies are currently set.

The Analytics and Marketing categories exist so they can be honoured if we ever integrate a measurement or marketing tool. Until that happens, no entries in those categories are written. Reown AppKit wallet analytics are explicitly disabled in our configuration.

The app remains usable without optional preferences, analytics or marketing consent. There is no cookie wall. You can review and change your choices any time through the "Cookies" button in the footer. When you withdraw consent for a category, the Platform deletes the entries already written in that category through `purgeCategory` .

2. How consent is stored

Your consent choices are stored in a first-party cookie:

Key	Storage	Category	What it holds	Lifetime
cookie-consent	Cookie	Necessary	JSON document with versioned, timestamped on/off state per optional category	Up to 180 days

The cookie uses `Path=/` , `SameSite=Lax` and is `Secure` in production. In production it is scoped to `mhnt.app` (with cross-subdomain enabled); in local development it is scoped to `localhost` . It is readable by client-side code so the banner and preferences manager stay synchronised after hydration.

If the consent cookie is missing or invalid, Motherhunt treats the user as having no optional consent and shows the opt-in UI after hydration.

3. Cookies and storage we actually set

The complete list of entries the Platform may write to your browser. Items marked **(MANAGED)** are tracked in the registry at `apps/mhnt/src/lib/cookies/categories.ts` and are gated by consent. Items marked **(SHARED)** are written directly by shared utilities outside the registry but are necessary to operate the Platform.

3.1 Necessary

Key	Storage	Match	Purpose
<code>better-auth.session_token</code>	Cookie	exact	Authentication session issued by <code>better-auth</code> (MANAGED)
<code>better-auth.session_data</code>	Cookie	exact	Compact session payload cached client-side to reduce database hits (MANAGED)
<code>better-auth.session_data.*</code>	Cookie	prefix	Additional session-data chunks written by <code>better-auth</code> (MANAGED)
<code>better-auth.dont_remember</code>	Cookie	exact	"Do not remember me" flag for non-persistent sessions (MANAGED)
<code>better-auth.dont_remember.*</code>	Cookie	prefix	Additional do-not-remember slots written by <code>better-auth</code> (MANAGED)
<code>cookie-consent</code>	Cookie	exact	This Cookie Policy's own consent record (MANAGED)
<code>tx_sync</code>	Local storage	exact	Tracks in-progress blockchain transaction synchronisation so the UI can recover after a page reload (MANAGED)
<code>mhnt_pending_transactions</code>	Local storage	exact	Holds pending on-chain transactions you initiated so the UI can show their status until they are confirmed (MANAGED)
<code>OAUTH_RETURN_TO</code>	Session storage	exact	The page to return to after an OAuth sign-in round-trip (MANAGED)
<code>recent-locale</code>	Cookie	exact	Remembers your latest locale across localized hosts and cross-domain handoffs (SHARED)

Necessary storage cannot be disabled through the cookie manager because it is required for the service to work correctly. Disabling it in browser settings will sign you out and break sign-in, the wallet connection flow, language continuity and the consent record itself.

3.2 Preferences

Key	Storage	Match	Purpose
REACT_QUERY_OFFLINE_CACHE	Local storage	exact	Persisted TanStack Query cache so the app can hydrate instantly on the next visit (MANAGED)
lot-visibility-pref:v1:*	Local storage	prefix	Per-lot visibility preferences for agency members (MANAGED)
filters	Local storage	exact	Saved filter state on browse pages (MANAGED)

These entries are only written if you have granted **preferences** consent. If preferences consent is revoked, managed preferences storage is purged immediately and future preference writes are blocked until consent is restored.

3.3 Analytics

Currently empty. The category is exposed in the consent banner so you can pre-set your preference. If we add an analytics integration in the future, it will be listed here before being enabled through the consent layer.

3.4 Marketing

Currently empty. Same approach as for analytics.

4. Third-party cookies set by integrations

A small number of additional cookies may be set by third-party scripts loaded only when you actively use a related feature. These are out of our control and are governed by the third party's own policy:

- **hCaptcha** — sets a temporary cookie on the sign-in page to run the bot-protection challenge. See hcaptcha.com/privacy.
- **Reown / WalletConnect AppKit** — when you open the wallet-connect modal, it may set storage entries to remember your last-used wallet. See reown.com and the policy of the wallet you connect with.
- **VK** — if a model uses VK to confirm their identity, VK sets its own cookies on its sign-in page. See vk.com.
- **Cloudinary** — image and chat-attachment hosting. Cloudinary does not require cookies for delivery; we serve over res.cloudinary.com without cookies.
- **Public blockchain or node infrastructure** — may apply when wallet providers, RPC providers or wallet apps load their own pages.

We never read or write to those third-party cookies ourselves.

5. Managing your choices

You can manage your cookie choices in three ways:

1. **In the footer** — click "Cookies" to reopen the consent banner.
2. **In your browser** — every modern browser lets you list, block and delete cookies. Note that blocking necessary cookies will sign you out and break core features.
3. **By email** — write to support@motherhunt.com if you need help.

If you opt out of a non-necessary category after having previously opted in, we delete the entries we already wrote in that category.

6. Do Not Track

Most browsers send a "Do Not Track" signal. There is no industry-wide standard for it. The Platform treats absence of explicit consent as a refusal to set anything beyond the necessary category.

7. Changes to this Policy

When the cookie registry changes — typically when an entry is added to `MANAGED_REGISTRY` or when a new integration is enabled — we update this document. The latest version is always reachable from the footer.

8. Contact

Questions about cookies and consent: support@motherhunt.com.