

Wisconsin Deer Donation Program

The Wisconsin Deer Donation Program is marking the 10th year of providing ground venison to food pantries across the state! Hunters, you can help feed needy people throughout Wisconsin this fall by taking the following 5 simple steps.



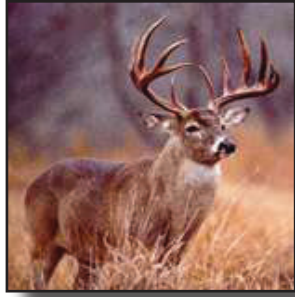
Donation Process

1. Donate any legally harvested deer taken outside the Chronic Wasting Disease Zone by dropping it off at a participating processor by January 4, 2010. Deer taken outside the CWD Zone are registered with a silver metal tag. Only silver tagged deer may be donated to this program.
2. Field dress the deer and register it at a Wisconsin DNR registration station prior to donating the deer.
3. Call First! Contact one of the participating processors before dropping the deer off to verify the processor has space to accept your deer.
4. Donate the entire deer to receive the processing for free. (Head and/or antlers may be removed for mounting.)
5. When dropping your deer off at a processor, please sign the simple log sheet indicating your desire to donate the deer. The donated deer will then be processed and the venison will be distributed to charitable organizations to help feed Wisconsin's needy.

Processors which are participating in the 2009 Wisconsin Deer Donation effort in Washington County are:

Gehrings Meat Market, Hartford, WI - 262.644.6272
Kewaskum Foods, Kewaskum, WI - 262.626.2181

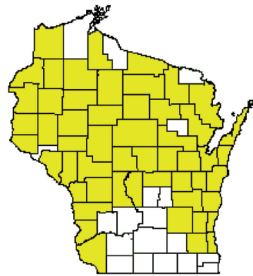
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The Hunter Service Testing Program, a cooperative effort between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection; Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association; Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic

Laboratory; and the United States Department of Agriculture is being continued this fall. This program is designed to provide chronic wasting disease (CWD) testing opportunities to hunters from areas of the state not already sampled as part of the DNR CWD surveillance effort. The program is built upon a network of private veterinary practitioners who are trained and approved to extract samples for CWD testing.

Each participating veterinarian will determine the fee that they will charge the hunter for sampling services and testing costs. The veterinarians will also decide when they will begin accepting requests for sampling and testing.



The following link provides details of veterinarians across the state that may be able to sample registered, hunter killed deer for CWD. Hunters should contact veterinarians directly. Samples will be extracted at each participating clinic and sent to a USDA certified laboratory for testing. Results will be returned to

the veterinarian who submitted the sample and shared with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

More information at the following website:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/WHEALTH/issues/cwd/doc/vets>.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/damage/donation/dropoff.htm>