

HOW CAN I HELP WITH CWD?

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a progressive, fatal disease of the nervous system in deer, caribou, elk and moose. CWD was first discovered in Tennessee in December 2018. The damage done to portions of the brain – creating holes in the brain cells and causing a sponge-like appearance – is 100% fatal once contracted.

TWRA's disease management goals are keeping CWD from spreading, keeping the number of diseased deer in the affected area to a minimum, and reducing disease rates where possible. Here are some things you can do to help in Unit CWD.

FOR HUNTERS

- Keep hunting! Take advantage of the additional opportunities to harvest deer in Unit CWD.
- Harvest as many deer as bag limits allow.
- Abide by carcass transport restrictions for deer harvested in positive CWD or high-risk CWD counties (see page 29).
- Report anyone not abiding by transport laws to TWRA.
- Abide by carcass import restrictions for Tennessee if hunting out of state (see page 29).
- Follow the regulation prohibiting the placement of grain, salt products, minerals and other consumable products for wildlife in positive and high-risk CWD counties.
- Have deer from positive and high-risk CWD counties tested and follow best practices for carcass disposal.
- Report sick or abnormal looking deer to TWRA at tn.gov/twra/sickdeer.
- Abide by regulations regarding the use of urine lures or products (see page 13).

FOR LANDOWNERS

- Encourage hunters to harvest as many deer as their bag limits allow.
- For qualifying landowners, obtain a CWD Management Control Permit to take additional deer.
- Allow more hunting on your land.
- Follow the regulation prohibiting the placement of grain, salt products, minerals and other consumable products for wildlife in positive and high-risk CWD counties.
- Cover old mineral sites with twelve (12) inches of top soil/gravel.
- Test deer harvested on your land for CWD. Drop-off locations can be found at CWDinTN.com.
- Avoid planting small food plots.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS

While hunting in areas with CWD ...

- Strongly consider having deer tested for CWD before eating the meat.
- If your animal tests positive for CWD, do not eat meat from that animal.
- Wear latex or rubber gloves when dressing the animal or handling the meat.
- Minimize how much you handle the organs of the animal, particularly the brain and spinal cord.
- Do not use household knives or other kitchen utensils for field dressing.
- *For more information, visit CDC.gov.*

FIND OUT MORE DETAILS AT CWDINTN.COM

