

# New electronic deer registration helps hunters comply with transportation laws

This fall, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks rolls out a new option for transporting harvested deer that allows hunters to register their harvested deer through the internet, using photos taken at the harvest site. Once registered, the hunter may then transport the carcass without the head or evidence of sex being attached. To access the electronic deer check-in, go online to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks website, [www.kansas.state.ks.us](http://www.kansas.state.ks.us), and click "Hunting/Big Game/Deer/Deer Check-in."

This option was developed to address two important issues regarding deer carcass transportation. The first concern is about the movement of any material from a deer that may contribute to the transmission of Chronic Wasting Disease. While there is a lot yet to be learned about this disease, and how it is spread, it is

believed that its transmission could be diminished if certain body parts affected by the disease are not moved from the site where the deer is taken. Because Chronic Wasting Disease affects the brain and central nervous system, the transportation of a deer head and skeleton from one location to another is considered a likely means for the disease to spread. The new registration system allows a hunter to leave these items at the kill site, minimizing the possibility of spreading the disease.

The second concern is directly related to the first. Numerous states have adopted strict regulations to prevent the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease. Typically, these regulations do not allow the transportation of a deer head with brain tissue. Hunters have been cited in other states and had their deer confiscated for not complying with the transportation laws of that

state. The new registration system allows hunters to properly dispose of the head and legally transport the boned meat, as well as the cleaned skull cap and antlers, to the hunter's home.

The registration process requires access to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks website, either through a conventional, wireless, or air-card internet connection. Once logged on to the website, the hunter will need to submit two digital photographs, one legible close-up of the completed tag attached to the deer and a second showing the entire body of the deer with the head still attached. Hunters must enter the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks number from their permits, time and date the kill, and the county where the deer was taken. A confirmation number will be issued by email when the photos and data are successfully received. This confirmation number must be

retained during transportation, so the hunter should write it down.

This is the first electronic deer harvest registration in the nation using photo documentation. The hunter is walked through the whole registration process and given the necessary instructions. Once these steps are completed, the deer head may be removed and the carcass and antlers prepared for transportation.

The new system also accomplishes more than a traditional check station. It allows hunters to register deer without the inconvenience of driving to a check station. It also allows Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks staff to see the deer and the hunter's completed tag without the time and expense of maintaining a check station. This flexibility is a benefit to both

the hunter and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Hunters, particularly those transporting their deer out of the state, are encouraged to use this system in order to assist in the control of Chronic Wasting Disease and maintain compliance with the laws in other states. However, hunters may transport their deer in-state in the traditional manner with the head attached. All hunters, regardless of the method they use to transport a carcass, should dispose of the waste appropriately, such as burial or taking it to an approved landfill.

More information on Chronic Wasting Disease and transportation laws may be found on the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks website under "Hunting/Big Game/Chronic Wasting Disease."

## Hunting regulations now on line

Printed copies of the 2010 Kansas Hunting & Furharvesting Regulations Summary are available at Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) offices and license vendors around the state but hunters can view or download the summary now at the KDWP website, [www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us). Type "Hunting Regulations" in the search box at the department's homepage or click on "Hunting," then "Hunting Regulations."

This year's booklet contains several new regulations. The more significant new regulations involve big game and waterfowl and include the following:

New deer map, new boundaries for units 10 and 11 makes these units,

as well as units 10 and 14, adjacent units, but Unit 19 boundaries did not change;

Limited quota Antlerless Either Species permits are available in units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 17, and 18 on a first come, first-served basis (valid in the unit specified on the permit);

January extended white-tailed antlerless-only season is open in all units;

Any-Elk and Antlerless-Only Elk Hunt-Own-Land permits are available through March 14, 2011 (not valid in Morton county);

Any-Elk and Antlerless-only Elk general resident and landowner/tenant Elk permits are available through March 14, 2011 but are not valid on

Fort Riley or in Clay, Geary, Riley, or Morton counties;

The daily bag limit for ducks has increased from five to six ducks, which may include no more than one canvasback, two redheads, two pintails, two scaup, three wood ducks, and five mallards (only two of which may be hens). The daily bag may comprise six of any other duck, such as six teal, six gadwall, or six wigeon; and

Brant have been added to the species that may be taken in the Canada goose season.

As always, most season dates have changed to some degree, and other regulations are covered in this indispensable booklet. Download a copy now or pick up a printed copy.

## Fur harvesters rendezvous to be held in Osborne in October

Kansas furbearer hunting and trapping seasons begin Nov. 17, and to prepare both seasoned and novice trappers, the Kansas Fur Harvesters Association will conduct its annual rendezvous Oct. 1-3 at the Osborne County Fairgrounds in Osborne. The days will be filled with demonstrations on topics such as bobcat and other species-specific trapping, how to make water sets, predator calling, setting various trap types, calling, equipment care, and much more. Furharvester agent Lee Steinmeyer, Onaga, will give daily demonstrations on proper fur handling, and vendors of both new and used trapping equipment will present their wares for sale.

The public is invited to attend this fascinating and educational event.

Meals will be available on site. Hookups for campers are \$10 per night with a \$1 dumping fee per day. Primitive camping is free.

Kids games, a skillet toss contest, and a trap setting contest make this annual event even more fun. It's also the perfect opportunity for trappers and furbearer hunters to network, glean information on the latest techniques and equipment, and stock up on supplies for the winter seasons. The event will be highlighted Saturday evening, Oct. 2, when a fur coat (made by Fur Arts, of Kansas City, Mo.) is presented to Miss Rodeo Kansas 2011.

For information phone, Cleo Hahn at 785-346-4541 or Roger Macy at 785 346-2076, or visit the association website, [kstrappers.topcities.com](http://kstrappers.topcities.com).

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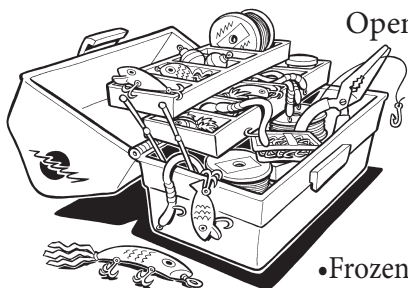
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