



CWD-positive deer information sheet

Any hunter who submits a head that is suspected of having CWD is notified directly (by phone) by Fish and Wildlife staff.

Initial Call

- to inform hunter that their deer failed the screening test and will be sent for further testing that generally takes ~10 working days

- hunters will be asked:

- * to verify species, sex, age (fawn, adult)
- * exact location and date of kill
- * size of antlers (if male!)
- * general body condition (poor, fair, good, excellent)
- * anything unusual about the animal?

- hunters will be provided with options for meat in case the animal is confirmed with CWD:

- * keep meat if it will be eaten by hunter
- * if not eaten by hunter, meat should be buried in a Class 2 land-fill or incinerated.
- * CWD-positive meat should NOT be fed to dogs nor left on the landscape

Confirmation Call

- to notify hunter of final result (usually confirmed CWD POSITIVE)
- to get final decision on whether hunter wants to keep meat or not.

If not....

- * hunter arranges for meat to be properly disposed (buried or burned)
- * a replacement licence will be arranged in Edmonton prior to the next seasons (in Aug) and hunter will be notified by AlbertaReIm.

Remind hunter that:

- * if replacement licence is a **draw licence**, hunter must **NOT** apply in the same applicable draw in the next season
- * if replacement licence is a **general licence**, hunter must **NOT** purchase a licence of this type OR any other licence that may create a violation in the licence combination rules.

Otherwise we will not be able to issue the replacement licence.

No decision needed about meat until final test results available

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Replacement Licence

Licence

- duplicate of the one on which the CWD POSITIVE animal was harvested
- same licence type, # tags for current season, same WMU (if applicable), same hunter

If **non-resident licence**: hunter must arrange local hunter host. Hunter host must purchase a Hunter Host Licence and name the hunter for the current season (before replacement licence can be issued)

If **non-resident alien licence**: due to the complexities and commercial aspects of guide allocations, replacement licences are not available. Hunters may of course keep any or all parts of the carcass.

* If meat will not be eaten, it should be disposed appropriately

* If carcass parts other than cleaned antlers and skull plate, or hide/cape were transported to another jurisdiction, the local wildlife agency will be notified that CWD positive material has entered their jurisdiction.

Additional Information

<http://esrd.alberta.ca/fish-wildlife/wildlife-diseases/>

<http://mywildalberta.com/Hunting/>

Licence issuance

Each hunter is encouraged to register online at albertarelm.com. All hunters are responsible for maintaining a current email address in their RELM profile.

A list of hunters eligible for replacement licences from the previous hunting seasons is sent to AlbertaRelm administrators prior to the beginning of the fall seasons.

Hunters with valid email addresses are notified that their replacement licence is available for them to obtain.

Hunters not registered on AlbertaRelm will be sent a notice via regular mail.

As with all licences, the hunter must first purchase a valid annual Wildlife Certificate.

A hunter must NOT have previously purchased the same licence type for the current season (the system will not allow two licences of the same type).