

# Chapter Policy on Chronic Wasting Disease

## \*\*DWR News Release (update as of March 2023)

Fairfax County, Prince William County, and Arlington County are being added to DMA2 for the 2023-2024 deer hunting season. Fawn rehabilitation and deer carcass transport restrictions go into effect May 1st. Whole deer carcasses and any parts containing brain and/or spinal cord tissues originating from Fairfax, Prince William, or Arlington counties may only be transported to locations within Fairfax, Prince William, Arlington, Loudoun, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Culpeper, Page, Madison, Orange, Frederick, Clark, Warren, and Shenandoah counties.

- Following Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) regulations, any deer harvested in a Virginia Damage Management Area (DMA) or harvested in any surrounding state shall not be allowed on Chapter property for skinning and/or processing.
- Following DWR regulations, no member shall dispose of food scraps on any Chapter property. **All scraps should be placed in a trash bag and disposed of.** This is not only a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) concern, but also to not encourage skunks, raccoons, opossums, foxes, and other creatures to come near the clubhouses.
- Fairfax County Deer Management Program (DMP) will be collecting deer heads harvested in Fairfax County parks for CWD testing from October through November. DMP will place a cooler/freezer along the side of the archery shed for collection of these deer heads. Chapter members who are participating in DMP will be able to drop off their deer heads at this location. Chapter members may also escort non-Chapter members in the DMP to drop off their deer heads at this location. Instructions will be available in the cooler/freezer.

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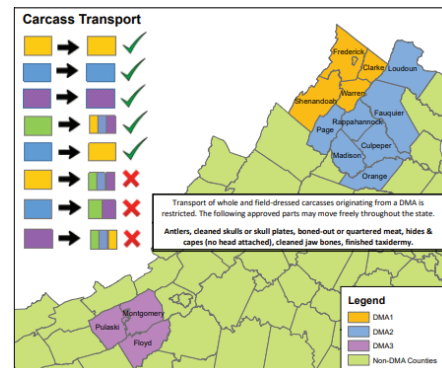
## CWD Regulations in Virginia

CWD is a major concern for DWR. CWD was discovered in 2020 on the western edge of Loudoun County and resulted in the creation of a new Damage Management Area (DMA-2).

DWR has since created a third DMA in the southwest region of the state. This is all spelled out in the [2021-2022 VIRGINIA HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS](#).

Two points of particular importance to us here in Fairfax County are:

- Whole deer carcasses originating from within a DMA cannot be transported into a non-DMA county. **For Chapter members, it is illegal to bring any deer taken from a DMA to the Chapter for skinning and/or processing.** Deer harvested in Fairfax, Prince William, or Stafford Counties are okay to process at the skinning station. Any deer from Loudoun, Fauquier, Culpeper, other counties west, or from any other state, may not be brought on Chapter property.



- It is now illegal to feed deer at any time of the year in many counties of Virginia including Fairfax. It's difficult to find this regulation, but it is in the 2021–2022 VIRGINIA HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS on page 45 and states:  
“Deer Feeding Prohibitions: Feeding of deer is prohibited year-round in Albemarle, Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Clarke, Craig, Culpeper, Dickenson, **Fairfax**, Fauquier, Floyd, Franklin, Frederick, Giles, Greene, Loudoun, Louisa, Madison, Montgomery, Orange, Page, Patrick, Prince William, Pulaski, Rappahannock, Roanoke, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren, Wise, and Wythe Counties, and all cities and towns within these counties.”  
Based on this new regulation, Cub Run Archers highly recommends we no longer throw food scraps out on the property. Not only for the deer concern, but also to not encourage skunks, raccoons, opossums, foxes, and other creatures to come up to the clubhouse.