



## State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING POSSESSION/IMPORTATION OF LIVE CERVIDS**

- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been detected in both wild and captive deer herds in New York and Pennsylvania.
- As of February 2017, New Jersey has tested 6,789 wild white-tailed deer, 141 captive white-tailed deer, 6 captive elk, and 2 captive reindeer. All samples to date have been negative for the CWD prion. The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife will continue to monitor the health of our wild deer herd through sampling and testing.
- **The ban on the importation of deer and elk put in place on April 15, 2002 is still in effect and will be strictly enforced. The species included in this ban are white-tailed deer, black-tailed deer, mule deer, red deer, sika deer, muntjac, reindeer, elk, and moose.**
- In the event that you are concerned about CWD, notice a decline in the health of your deer herd, and/or one or more of your deer die suspiciously with emaciation, please contact Jan Lovy at (908)637-4173 ext. 120 as soon as possible to discuss the situation and arrange for the testing of the deer.
- In the event of an unexplained death of a deer at least 1.5 years of age, please prepare the deer head for testing. Taking proper sanitary precautions, remove the head of the deer below the second vertebrae, place the head in a plastic bag, and refrigerate the sample immediately. These steps should be completed as close to the time of death as possible. **Do not freeze the specimen.** The refrigerated sample should be transported to the Division's Office of Fish and Wildlife Health and Forensics. Contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife for more detailed information.
- More information about Chronic Wasting Disease can be found on the on the USDA's website at [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/cwd/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/cwd/).