HUNTERS: Help Fight Chronic Wasting Disease

It is extremely important to continually monitor Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). A harvested infected deer can no longer make direct contact with other deer, helping slow the disease. CWD is 100% fatal. Infected deer may not display symptoms and testing is the only way to know if a deer is infected. Together, we can ensure the health of Iowa’s deer herd for future generations.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Three ways you can fight CWD:

1. PROVIDE THE SAMPLE. The DNR collects tissue samples in every county and by thorough testing, the disease can be tracked. All you need to do is CALL and a DNR biologist will come to you to collect a sample.

2. STOP THE SPREAD. Do not use feed or salt-mineral licks to attract deer. These baited sites increase the concentration of deer which spreads the disease.

3. PROPERLY TRANSPORT AND DISPOSE. Do not leave a carcass or bones to decay on the land. Disposal with residential waste is permissible. Contact your local waste hauler for requirements. Make absolutely sure not to transport and dump carcasses outside of the area where the deer were shot, as this will spread the disease to new areas.

Thanks for being part of the fight.