

Captive Cervid Hunting Facility Requirements

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) registers and inspects all Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) susceptible farmed (captive) cervid facilities, regardless of the type of operation—hobby, breeding or hunting.

The following criteria must be met for all cervid hunting sites that maintain CWD-susceptible species, including: white-tailed deer, elk, red deer, sika, mule deer and moose.

Fencing

Minimum 8-foot fence that prevents ingress and egress of cervids.

Herd Inventory

Records must be kept of all animals bought and harvested.

Records must include:

- Name
- Address
- Date entered preserve
- All animal identification
- Date harvested or found dead

Escaped animals must be reported to BOAH within one business day of the discovery.

Inspection

BOAH staff will review records and conduct a visual inspection of the preserve once each year.

Animal Identification

All animals must have two forms of ID:

- One must be an official, tamper-resistant ear tag bearing a U.S. shield and a 15-digit number beginning with the “840” prefix or the NUES silver, steel tag.
- The second, unique form of ID may be another ear tag, an electronic implant, a flank or ear tattoo, or the Indiana cervid herd tag. Current Indiana cervid herd tags and NEABA ear tags are classified as “unique” secondary IDs.

CWD Testing

All harvested animals and those found dead over 1 year of age must be tested for CWD. Samples are required to be submitted to an approved laboratory by February 1st following the hunting season.

All other tuberculosis, brucellosis, import and in-state movement requirements apply.

Hunting facilities must be at least 30 feet away from breeding facilities. Fence line contact is not allowed.

For more information, go to BOAH’s website at: www.in.gov/boah or call or e-mail Shelly Chavis, DVM (260) 450-2139 or schavis@boah.in.gov.



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