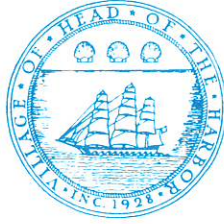


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January 27, 2021

Dear Friends,

Season three of the deer immunocontraception program will commence in early March. We anticipate this session will be 7-10 days with a follow up session in mid-April. Your cooperation is important to the success of this program in our Village. I ask that you read this letter carefully.

Field operations will be conducted, in accordance with a DEC permit, by trained personnel from HSUS, Tufts, and Avalon Nature Preserve. Female deer will be darted with an anesthetic. Once the deer is sedated, the field team will examine, weigh and measure the animal, collect blood for baseline pregnancy testing, inject the immunocontraceptive PZP-22 and a PIT tag (a microchip much like the ones used to identify dogs and cats), and place colored tags on the ears with identification numbers. The deer's vital signs will be closely monitored, and when the work up is complete, the deer will receive a sedation reversal agent and be released. This process takes approximately 30 minutes.

Bait Stations:

Deer feeders will be erected in early February prior to darting efforts. These stations automatically dispense small amounts of corn at pre-programmed intervals to help bring deer into areas where it is safe to dart. The feeders will be placed on the properties of village residents who have agreed to participate in the study. If you happen across a feeder please do not disturb the device, as proper operation of feeders is essential to the success of the project. In addition, the release of corn can be hazardous at eye level.

Darting:

Safety (for people and animals) is the top priority when darting deer. A CO2 cartridge, much like a paintball gun, powers the equipment used to deliver the dart with shots taken at a distance of less than 25 yards. Upon impact, the dart will deliver a dose of anesthetic into the

deer, with sedation occurring within 10-15 minutes. The dart is equipped with barbs that hold it in place and a radio transmitter. Most deer will flee after impact and may run some distance from the site of darting. If the deer is out of sight the field team will use radio telemetry equipment to locate the animal. Deer, while sedated, are not predictable. **PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE ANIMAL.** If no field staff are within sight, please call 911 and ask for Head of the Harbor police and report what you have found. In most cases the field team will be there within minutes to handle the deer. After the animal has been administered the reversal agent, field team members will remain on site until the deer is conscious and moving around. Please do not approach the team while they are working with a deer. Any disturbance can cause the deer to regain consciousness suddenly and create a dangerous situation.

All field team members will be wearing bright colored reflective vests with "Deer Project" in bold, and travel in and work from similarly marked vehicles. The team will retrieve the dart once the animal is located. On very rare occasions the team may not be able to locate a dart. Although there is no chance the dart will discharge spontaneously, on the off chance you encounter a stray dart, **PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH IT.** Call Head of the Harbor police department utilizing the 911 system and someone will be dispatched to retrieve it.

Property access:

No member of the field team will knowingly enter a property without prior consent from the property owner. We have determined several high priority areas in the village where large concentrations of deer have been observed. We will be making contact with residents in these areas in the next few weeks to discuss the project further and determine interest in participating.

Two ways you can participate as a village resident and land owner:

1. Allow the research team to work up a deer on your property should it enter your property after sedation.
2. Allow research teams to place trail cameras on your property to assist in population estimations.

Darting activities will be carried out in both daytime and nighttime hours during times when deer activity is highest. These timeframes may fluctuate with deer behavior and movement patterns.

Enclosed is a separate participation form that you may fill out and **mail to Avalon Nature Preserve, 200 Harbor Road, Stony Brook NY 11790** or scan and email to deer@avalonparkandpreserve.org.

Placing a green flag (which Avalon will provide) will signal to the team that you have permitted them to access your property as needed for the above activities.

Placing a red flag (which Avalon will provide) will signal to the team that you do not wish to permit any of the above activities to take place on your property.

Ways you can help the project:

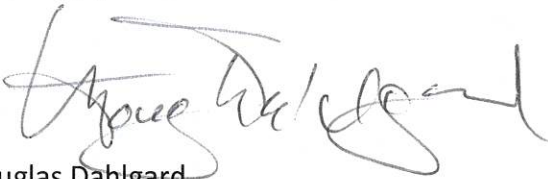
First and foremost you are the best source of information about deer whereabouts. Any information you have related to deer traffic on your property is valuable to the research team. If you have deer that frequent your property at the same times during the day or deer trails that the animals are using as corridors, we would welcome the information. You may email your observations to deer@avalonparkandpreserve.org

During the darting period we will also have a hotline number (1-888-337-1099) you can call to report deer activity. The number will only be active during the duration of field work operations.

Avalon Nature Preserve will also host the projects webpage, where you can access up to date information regarding the project throughout the duration of the study.

www.avalonnaturepreserve.org

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Dahlgard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Douglas Dahlgard
Mayor

Landowner Consent Agreement

This agreement is made by and between _____
whose address is _____ (the
landowner) , and the Village of Head of the Harbor, having offices at 500 North
Country Road, St. James, NY 11780.

- A. The landowner is familiar with the Villages efforts to manage and reduce the population of deer within the Village, referred to in this agreement as the Villages Deer Management Plan (DMP).
- B. The landowner understands that the Village has engaged the services of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), a non profit organization with offices at 1225 23rd Street NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC
- C. The landowner is willing to allow the Village, including the Head of the Harbor Police Department, and the HSUS to use the Landowners property in connection with the DMP as stated in this agreement.

For consideration set forth in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the Landowner and the Village agree as follows:

1. The Landowner owns the property located at _____, located in the Village of Head of the Harbor, NY.
2. The Landowner hereby consents to, and the Landowner hereby grants permission to the Village, including the HOHPD and the HSUS to take the following action(s):
 - a) Work up (draw blood for pregnancy test, administer immunocontraceptive vaccine, insert PIT tag and tag ears) sedated deer that may be on the Property as a result of darting on the Property or another adjacent property.
YES NO
 - b) Allow the research team to place trail cameras on your property to assist in population estimations.
YES NO
3. Any action taken on the Property will be in accordance with applicable Village Law, the guidelines set forth in the license issued by NYS DEC, and the agreement between the Village and the HSUS.

4. The Village agrees to indemnify the Landowner for, and save the Landowner harmless from and against, any and all losses, costs, damages, expenses, claims, liabilities, and obligations (including reasonable attorney fees) sustained or incurred by the Landowner as a result of the Village or HSUS performance of the actions that the Landowner has consented to in Section 2 of this agreement, except to any extent sustained or incurred as a result of any action of the Landowner.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Village of Head of the Harbor

Authorized Representative

Landowner(s)

Print name

Signature

Print name

Signature

Contact telephone number(s):
