



USE OF DOGS IN WOLF HUNT

- Wisconsin is the only state in the country that allows dogs to hunt wolves.
- Hound dogs are allowed to hunt wolves through wolf breeding season.
- Accredited veterinarians have publicly opposed the use of dogs in hunting wolves.
- A majority of the 2013 Conservation Congress voted against the use of dogs to hunt wolves.
- Wolf biologists, animal behaviorists, and former NRB Chair, hunter and veterinarian Dr. David Clausen have testified against the use of dogs in wolf hunt and anticipate "violent" wolf-dog confrontations in woods. Dr. Clausen stated, "this is dog fighting".
- Wisconsin Mainstream Hunters oppose the use of dogs to pursue wolves.
- DNR Regulations allow 6 dogs to trail & track a wolf during the wolf hunt but there are no resources to enforce regulations; confirmed reports of more than 6 dogs at a time
- Unleashed hound dogs are run far from their owners during wolf hunting in the woods.
- In the future, bird dogs and domestic pets may be put at an increased risk as wolves come to see all dogs as a threat.
- Dogs are not necessary to hunt wolves (78% of wolves were killed by Day 14 of 2013 hunt).
- Unrestricted use of dogs in hunting wolves violates Wisconsin's animal cruelty and animal fighting laws.
- 7-month old wolf pups separated from adult wolves are extremely vulnerable to unleashed marauding & aggressive hound dogs; Pup mortality is already 70%.
- Deer hunters report that unrestrained packs of dogs running through public hunting grounds harass and disburse game.
- 221 hound dogs have been killed in confrontations with wolves during bear hound training.
- Depredation payments will not be applied during wolf hunt with dogs; consequently, unreported hound dog deaths are anticipated.
- In the 2013 wolf hunt carcass inspections, DNR allowed fur/hide removal and up to 30 days for wolf carcass inspection; Consequently, results of potential dog-wolf fighting was "inconclusive". It is unclear why the DNR did not set up criteria for carcass inspection that would have allowed for "conclusive" results.
- When the "dogs on wolves" portion of the wolf hunt begins, wolves will have been habituated to 7+ months of bear hounders' bait sites and hound dogs may be sent in from these sites; approximately 3,770,000 gallons of bait are put down in Wisconsin during bear-dog training and bear hunting season.
- Captive LIVE-BAIT training of canids (coyotes/fox) is a by-product of hound hunting.



