

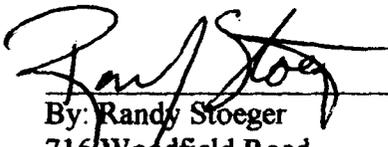
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A proposal to expand possession limits of rabbits for falconry birds:

There are about 65 practicing falconers in Wisconsin. Falconry is a 4000 year old sport of training birds of prey to catch small game. Most falconers do not hunt their birds during the summer to avoid catching baby animals. Instead they feed their hunting companions through the summer as the birds molt their feathers preparing for the next hunting season. One of the falconer's main interests is providing a varied diet of natural foods during this time. This would be simplified if the possession limits on rabbits would be raised from 6 per person to 30 per bird. Rabbits could be kept frozen with the fur and skin on to prevent temptation to use them for human food. Thirty rabbits would be enough to take a bird through the molt, when combined with other foods. This change would have no impact on any wild rabbit population, and would enhance the lives of our birds. Please consider making this option available for falconers and their birds.

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