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American Wild Turkey Hunting Dog Association
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Delegate:

The American Wild Turkey Hunting Dog Association and the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation are asking that you share this information at your April 13th Spring Hearing meeting regarding DNR Wildlife Question 42 that would allow the use of dogs for turkey hunting statewide starting in 2010.

The use of a dog during fall turkey hunting is a long-standing tradition in many other states in the country. Twenty-nine of the forty-four states in the country that allow fall turkey hunting allow a hunter to use a dog during the hunt. The neighboring states of Michigan and Iowa all allow fall turkey hunting with dogs. The practice involves the hunter and his or her dog sitting in a solitary location, the dog being sent out to break up a flock of turkeys, returning to the hunter, who then calls in a turkey for a shot similar to spring turkey hunting.

The practice of fall turkey hunting with dogs was allowed on a trial basis in nine counties for the last two years. The counties were Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Vernon, and Wood. The trial period went by with no hunter conflict and no biological or safety problems at all.

Voting yes on Wildlife Question 42 would allow a new hunting opportunity in Wisconsin that has been used by other hunters across the country for generations. **The American Wild Turkey Hunting Dog Association and the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation strongly encourage you to vote yes on Question 42.** Thank you for your consideration.

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