Collared & ear-tagged deer are legal to harvest with your Wisconsin deer license.

If you’re deer hunting this season and you see a collared deer, treat it like you would any other. The presence of collars and ear tags is not an indication of a deer’s health or CWD status. Whether to harvest a collared animal is up to you. We encourage hunters to ignore the collars in their harvest decision making.

If you do harvest a collared deer, give us a call. **(608) 935-1940**

We’ll retrieve the collar and ear tags. We’ll also provide you with information about your deer such as age and movement maps. If there is no answer, please leave a message with 1) the collar frequency or ear tag number, 2) the date of harvest and 3) your contact information with area code.

We’re collaring deer to monitor their survival.

It’s part of the Southwest Wisconsin CWD, Deer & Predator Study, research from the DNR’s Office of Applied Science to understand how chronic wasting disease impacts our herd. Visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword “CWD research” to learn more.

Collar or no collar, we encourage CWD testing.

Visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword “CWD sampling,” or call (888) 936-7463 to learn more.