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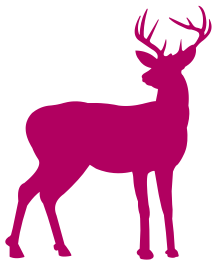
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## Message from your President

This will be my final address to you as your president. I will continue to support you as a board member. Thanks to all of you for your support through the nineteen years. It is important for all of you to continue to lobby all levels of government in support of your rights to own firearms and hunt in a lawful manner. We are outnumbered by those who do not own firearms or enjoy the sport of hunting. Many of them are very vocal in their opposition to us and would like to see firearm ownership eliminated and all animal life left to be. That situation just won't work because we on the other hand wish for a world where we can coexist with the antis and respect their right to their opinions while we remain lawful firearm owners and harvest game in a safe responsible and ethical manner. The main purpose of this organization is to advocate for that right and we need your support to meet that end. In closing, be a proud member of this organization and never miss the chance to voice your opinion on your right to own a firearm and be able to hunt in a legal and ethical manner. Good luck on this year's hunt and your pursuit of a tag. Be safe.

*Andy Millar*  
 OHCA President

### Financials for OHCA

From March 18, 2023 to July 31, 2023

Debits	Bank charges	29.83
	Ann fee publications mail CPC	256.55
	Prepare & Mail out STAND (2022)	2310.60
	Office supplies	44.40
	Meeting cost	216.76
	POB annual rent	205.66
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Credits		
	Balance fwd Sept 30, 2022	5289.22
	Revenue from dues	125.00
	Donations	120.00
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	<b>Balance in bank</b>	<b>2461.42</b>

Does not include cost of this newsletter.

## Message from the Minister

Ontario is home to so much natural beauty. With millions of acres of majestic Crown land and a wide range of wildlife species, our province offers world-class hunting opportunities to Ontarians and to those from around the world. I am extremely proud of the longstanding hunting tradition in Ontario, and am honoured to lead the ministry responsible for the sustainable management and stewardship of Ontario's natural resources. Hunting is a wonderful way to connect with nature and spend quality time with family and friends. It is an opportunity to share knowledge and pass along traditions. It also promotes the values of stewardship, conservation and sustainability, which are essential to ensure future generations are able to enjoy the same hunting experience that we have today. Hunting opportunities in Ontario are world class, and we all have a role to play to make sure they remain this way. Hunting is at the core of my ministry, and we value our partnership with Ontario's hunters. Thanks to this shared commitment in preserving our natural heritage, we have been successful in maintaining healthy wildlife populations. In 2022, we graduated a class of 45 new Conservation Officers, fulfilling our government's promise of hiring 25 new officers. This year, our new recruits will be gaining experience in the field along with the rest of our compliance team. The work they do safeguards our natural heritage – work that has been ongoing in Ontario for 130 years and will help protect the province's natural resources for generations to come. I am pleased that this year, we are able to give hunters who take part in a controlled deer hunt season more time to plan. We're doing this by making the application period and the results of the controlled deer hunt draw available earlier. This year, the controlled deer hunt draw will be open July 1-31 and the results will be released September 1. In the future, my ministry will also be engaging with the hunting community to further discuss and explore better ways to support and improve black bear harvest management in the province. By using information gathered from our black bear population monitoring, we will ensure black bears continue to be managed sustainably. Hunters play an important role in population monitoring each year. By submitting your hunter reports and a tooth from your harvested bear, you will help us support black bear management. Please remember to submit the tooth - you will receive a crest in return! Hunter reporting provides critical information not only for bears, but all wildlife management in Ontario. Mandatory hunter reporting has led to increased response rates and improved hunter reporting data, which has led directly to increased opportunities for Ontario's hunters. I would like to thank you, as always, for your co-operation in following Ontario's hunting regulations. By working together, we can continue to ensure future generations of Ontarians are able to take part in this valuable activity. I wish you the best of luck as you hunt and remember to be safe!

Sincerely,  
Hon. Graydon Smith  
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

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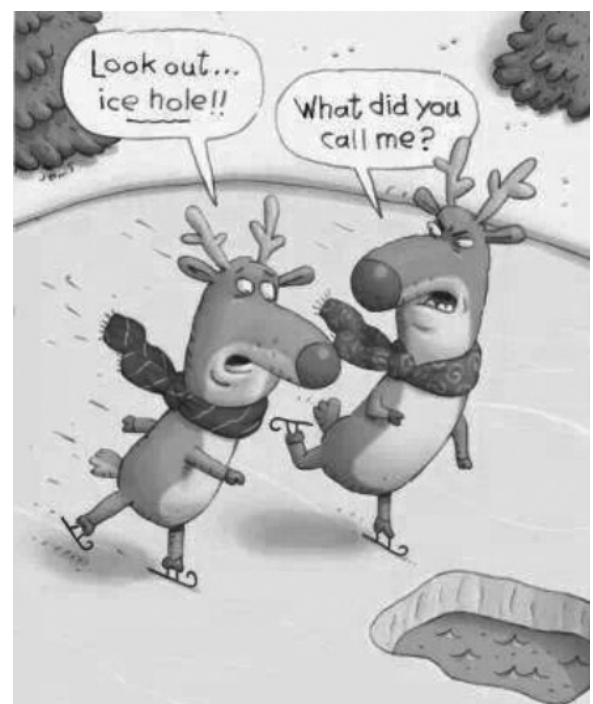


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# General Regulations Hunting Regulations Summary 2023 • 2024

## Summary of Firearms Restrictions Related to Roads and Trails

- You must not shoot from or across a right of way for public vehicular traffic anywhere in Ontario.
- You must not possess a loaded firearm on or near a right of way for public vehicular traffic in most of Southern Ontario.
- You must not possess a loaded firearm on or near a right of way for public vehicular traffic during an open gun season for deer or elk in large portions of Central and Northwestern Ontario.

**Note:** A right of way for public vehicular traffic includes a road or trail open to public use by vehicle traffic. Please refer to the table below for the specific restrictions and applicable geographic areas.

## Restrictions Applicable Geographic Areas

- No discharge of firearms from or across the travelled portion of a right of way for public vehicular traffic All of Ontario
- You must not possess a loaded firearm on or within 8 metres of the travelled portion of a right of way for public vehicular traffic (or its fenceline where one exists) Brant, Bruce, Chatham-Kent, Dufferin, Durham, Elgin, Essex (except the single-tier municipality of Pelee), Frontenac (except the lower-tier municipalities of Central and North Frontenac), Grey, Haldimand, Halton, Hamilton, Hastings (except the lower-tier municipalities of Bancroft, Carlow/Mayo, Deseronto, Faraday, Hastings Highlands, Limerick, Madoc, Marmora and Lake, Tudor and Cashel and Wollaston), Huron, Kawartha Lakes, Lambton, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, Lennox and Addington (except the lower-tier municipality of Addington Highlands), Middlesex, Niagara, Norfolk, Northumberland, Ottawa, Oxford, Peel, Perth, Peterborough (except the lower-tier municipalities of Galway- Cavendish-Harvey and North Kawartha), Prescott and Russell, Prince Edward, Simcoe, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Toronto, Waterloo, Wellington, York. You must not possess a loaded firearm on or within 8 metres of the travelled portion of a right of way for public vehicular traffic (or its fenceline where one exists) during an open gun season for deer or elk Lower-tier municipalities of Central and North Frontenac in the geographic area of Frontenac, Haliburton, lower-tier municipalities of Bancroft, Carlow/Mayo, Deseronto, Faraday, Highlands, Limerick, Madoc, Marmora and Lake, Tudor and Cashel and Wollaston in the geographic area of Hastings, the lower tier municipality of Addington Highlands in the geographic area of Lennox and Addington, Muskoka, the lower-tier municipalities Galway-Cavendish-Harvey and North Kawartha in the geographic municipality of Peterborough, Renfrew, the single-tier municipalities of Alberton, Chapple, Dawson, Emo, Fort Frances, La Vallee, Morley, Rainy River and the geographic townships of Morson, McCrosson, Tovell, Dance (excluding Lyons Bay Road and Lost Creek Road), Kingsford (excluding Fleming Road), Miscampbell (excluding Boffin Road), Pratt, Nelles, Spohn and Sutherland all within the Territorial District of Rainy River, and the single-tier municipality of Kenora, geographic townships of Boys, Ewart, Forgie, Gidley, Glass, Gundy, Kirkup, Pellatt and the unorganized area south and east of the geographic township of Boys township, south of the geographic township of Pellatt and west of the single-tier municipality of Kenora to the shore of Lake of the Woods all within the Territorial District of Kenora.

## Cormorant Controversy

Ontario's government has passed new hunting regulation that allows hunters who hold small game permits – that's approximately 197,000 hunters – to kill up to 15 cormorants a day. The new hunting season will run from September 15 to December 31 – a total of 111 days.

*Those for the regulation change say.....*

In large amounts, cormorant droppings can kill trees and other vegetation due to the high acidic nature of their droppings as well as destroy traditional nesting habitats for some other colonial water birds. They also believe that the birds will deplete native fish stocks in these areas.

*Those against the new cormorant hunting regulation say....*

Cormorants are native birds that have almost become extinct twice in the last century. They argue that the birds eat only non commercial fish and invasive species like Gobi.

The new limits provide 111 days for about 197,000 hunters to each kill as many as 15 birds a day.

Provincial bird counts have estimated that there are approximately 143,000 adult, breeding cormorants in the province. They add that it's easy to see that Double-crested Cormorants in Ontario could be brought to near extinction in just one season.

## Use of Vehicles, Boats, Drones or Aircraft

Aircraft, including drones and balloons, may not be used while hunting. Vehicles (includes any kind of vehicle that is driven, propelled or drawn on land or ice by any kind of power, including muscular power, and includes snowmobiles, and the rolling stock of a railway) or boat may not be used for chasing, pursuing, harassing, capturing, injuring or killing any wildlife. It is illegal to have a loaded firearm in or on, or discharge a firearm from, an aircraft, vehicle (including snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle) or motorboat (a motorboat is considered a boat with a motor that is attached to the boat and that is capable of being used as a means of propulsion) or anything towed by the boat. A loaded firearm may be carried in, and discharged from, a canoe or boat that is being paddled, with no motor attached. There is an exception to the prohibition on loaded firearms in a motorboat if you are hunting double-crested cormorants in accordance with the regulations or waterfowl in accordance with the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1997.

## Hunting Etiquette for ATV riders

Legal off-road vehicles must always travel on the shoulder of the road unless it is unsafe or impractical to do so. Off-road vehicles are prohibited from use in all construction zones. This means if you come upon roadwork or construction signs you must find an alternative route to get to your destination. If the marked vehicle speed limit is 50km/h or lower the maximum an off-road vehicle may travel is 20km/h; if the posted limit is above 50km/h the maximum speed you may travel is 50km/h.

- All passengers must be wearing helmets on both ATVs and in side-by-sides, must when stopped on an ATV you will be expected to safely remove yourself from the vehicle without pointing your firearm in the direction of a person.
- All passengers must be wearing seat belts in side-by-sides, and be over the age of 8.
- You must show that your firearm is unloaded whether you are carrying it over your shoulder or in a case. Provide your driver's license, registration, ownership and insurance for the vehicle, along with your hunting license, outdoors card and possession license.
- You may be asked to show that you are in possession of the proper hunting safety orange apparel including jacket and hat. If you are returning from a successful hunt you must also show the police your game.
- Along with copious safety precautions required while hunting with ATV, proper etiquette is also necessary. Hunting etiquette with an ATV includes the following essentials.
- Avoiding private property
- Avoiding excessive speeds on nature trails while being mindful of damage to the terrain.
- Avoiding sensitive wetlands.
- Minimizing tree and shrub cutting to improve your path.

Consideration for other hunters is also important while hunting with ATVs. Allow a clear path when stopping your vehicle on a trail, so other riders may pass. Ensure that your bike is in good running condition. Make sure your exhaust system functions properly and avoid refueling while afield. When traveling on difficult trails, or to and from a tree stand, park your bike in a safe spot and try to walk on foot the rest of the way.



# Hunting Changes Over Past Three Years

## 2020 changes

### Additional areas with calf tag quotas

- In 2020, we added calf tag quotas in Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) 37, 40, 41, 42, and 47. To hunt a calf in one of those WMUs, hunters must successfully apply for a calf tag through the draw.
- The hunting season for calf moose was extended in all nine WMUs with a calf tag quota (37, 40, 41, 42, 47, 48, 55A, 55B and 57). All calf tags for these nine WMUs were issued through the draw and were valid for the full length of both the bow and gun seasons.

### New bow hunting seasons and quotas for moose

- We added new bow hunting seasons and created additional quotas in WMUs 46, 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63.
- The Southern Ontario bow season is now seven days long and begins the first Saturday in October (WMUs 46–50, 53–63).
- We established separate bow quotas in WMUs 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41 and 42 where separate bow hunting seasons already existed.
- All WMUs with separate bow and gun seasons now have separate bow and gun quotas.

## 2021 changes

Beginning in 2021, moose tags are distributed to Ontario residents using a points-based tag allocation process. Learn how moose tags are distributed to resident hunters.

### Changes to tag types and harvest management

- Tag types include:
  - o bull tags valid only for harvest of a bull moose
  - o cow/calf tags valid for either a cow or a calf moose
  - o calf tags valid only for the harvest of a calf moose

### Calf tags

- Calf tag quotas are implemented in all WMUs with a moose season and the calf season will be extended to the full length of the moose hunting seasons.
- Calf tags are no longer issued with a moose licence, but hunters may apply for calf tags for specific WMUs through the allocation process.
- Calf tags are valid for the full length of all moose hunting seasons in each WMU (regardless of firearm types allowed).

### Licensing and fee changes

Hunters only pay for the products they require, depending on their success in the allocation process.

### Residents

- Hunters pay a fee of \$15.00 to apply for a tag instead of being required to buy a moose licence before applying.
- The cost of a resident moose licence was reduced to \$35.29.
- If a hunter claims a tag they were awarded through the allocation process, they are required to purchase a licence and their tag.
- After purchasing a moose licence, hunters can party hunt with a tag holder.
- Moose tag fees reflect hunter demand and ensure continued support for the management of this valuable resource.

## Non-residents

- Non-residents will pay a higher moose licence fee and the same tag costs.
- Most non-residents will have the additional cost of purchasing a moose hunt from a tourist outfitter (see below).

## Benefits of licensing and fee changes

The new fees are expected to cost most resident moose hunters about the same as they currently pay when averaged over time (approximately \$50 per year).

These changes address hunters' concerns about fairness by shifting costs from unsuccessful applicants to hunters who are awarded and claim a tag.

## Cost savings

A hunter's average cost per year will be lowered by:

- claiming less expensive tag types
- sharing tag costs in a larger party
- purchasing tags and licences less frequently

In 2020 the cost of a resident moose license was \$50.29.

Hunters are no longer required to purchase a moose license before applying to the tag allocation process. The application fee for a tag is \$15. If a hunter is unsuccessful in the allocation process and chooses not to purchase a moose hunting licence to party hunt with another tag holder, they will save \$35.29 per year.

If a hunter prefers not to apply to the allocation process, they can save \$15 and still purchase a \$35.29 moose hunting licence to party hunt.

## Earlier timing of moose gun hunting season in Southern Ontario

- As of 2021, the gun hunting season for adult and calf moose in Southern Ontario (WMUs 46–50 and 53–63) begins earlier, on the third Monday in October, as it did before 2017.
- As of 2021, all WMUs have calf tag quotas to control calf harvest. As a result, it is no longer necessary to align the start dates of the calf seasons in Southern and Northern Ontario to limit calf harvest.
- Starting the moose gun season earlier addressed concerns we heard from hunters about the moose and deer gun hunting seasons being too close together.

## Elimination of special non-resident moose hunting opportunities

- Non-resident landowners and immediate relatives of Ontario residents may only acquire their own tag to hunt moose by purchasing a hunt from a tourist outfitter.
- If a non-resident is an immediate relative of an Ontario resident who holds a moose tag, they may purchase a non-resident moose hunting licence to party hunt with their relative during an open non-resident season. The non-resident may only hunt on the valid tag of their immediate relative.



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## Black Bear Seasons

Our 2023 spring Ontario black bear season will begin May 27th - June 3rd and June 4th-11th (2 weeks) and 2023 fall Ontario black bear season will begin on September 1st-7th and September 8th-15th ( 2 weeks) .

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident open
1A, 1C, 1D, 2–6, 7A <sup>[1]</sup> , 7B, 8–10, 11A, 11B, 12–19, 21–50, 53–64, 66–69, 71–76	May 1 to June 15
82A <sup>[2]</sup> , 83, 84 <sup>[2]</sup>	May 1 to May 7
1A, 1C, 1D, 2–6, 7A <sup>[1]</sup> , 7B, 8–10, 11A, 11B, 12–19, 21–45	August 15 to October 31
46, 47, 49, 50, 53, 64, 66, 67, 69, 71–76	September 5 to November 30
48, 54–63, 68	September 1 to November 30

### Notes:

- <sup>[1]</sup> Only bows and muzzle-loading guns are permitted in WMU 7A.
- <sup>[2]</sup> Indicates bear hunting is only permitted in the geographic townships of Keppel and Sarawak in WMU 82A, the geographic township of Amabel in WMU 84.
- The shooting of cubs or female bears accompanied by a cub is not permitted during the spring season.

### Deer season dates for rifles, shotguns, muzzle-loading guns and bows – 2023

This table lists the open season dates for deer hunting in the rifles, shotguns, muzzle-loading guns and bows seasons by residents and non-residents in 2023.

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident - Open season	Non-resident - Open season
1C, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17	September 16 to December 15	None
2, 3, 4, 5, 11B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A	October 7 to December 15	None
6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 11A, 12A, 12B	October 7 to December 15	October 7 to November 15
10	October 28 to December 15	October 28 to November 15
21B	October 7 to December 15	October 9 to November 15
22, 23, 24, 27, 30, 33, 34	October 7 to November 15	October 9 to November 15
25	September 16 to December 15	September 18 to November 15
26	September 16 to October 31	September 18 to October 31
28, 29, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63A, 63B, 64A, 64B	November 6 to November 19	November 6 to November 19
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43A, 43B	November 20 to November 26	November 20 to November 26
45	November 11 to November 19	November 11 to November 19
82A, 82B, 83A, 84	November 6 to November 12	November 6 to November 12

## Controlled deer hunt

Earlier draw results availability is one of several changes to Ontario's controlled deer hunt in 2023. The province has committed to changes including new timelines around the application period and draw results, along with dates for when additional tags and farmer and landowner validations will be available.

The controlled deer hunt draw application period was open from July 1 to 31 and results will be available Sept. 1, nearly six weeks earlier than previous years. Also, additional tags will become available Sept. 8, and farmer and landowner controlled deer hunt validations became available starting July 1.

## Fall wild turkey season – shotgun or bow

Wildlife management unit	Resident and non-resident - open season	Bag limit
59, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66A, 67–70, 72–78, 80–82, 84–87, 89–94	October 10 to October 22	One wild turkey

## Fall wild turkey season – bow

Wildlife management unit	Resident and non-resident - open season	Bag limit
59, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66A, 67–70, 72–78, 80–82, 84–87, 89–94	October 1 to October 31	One wild turkey

**Note:** A hunter may only purchase one fall wild turkey tag (valid for either a male or female) and may only harvest one turkey during the fall seasons.

### Turkey hunting requirements

Anyone wishing to hunt wild turkeys must have the following:

- Outdoors Card
- small game licence listed on your licence summary or on the back of your Outdoors Card
- wild turkey tag (for the appropriate spring/fall season)
- proof of firearm accreditation if you are hunting with a gun

## Recipe of the Season - Crock Pot Lemon Turkey Breast

- 2 pounds boneless wild turkey breast
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon rosemary
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic

Mix all ingredients but the turkey. Pour the mixture over the turkey breast in a Crock-Pot and cook on low 6 to 8 hours, basting the turkey occasionally with the sauce.

# Indoor Hunting-Dog “Train and Trial” Areas no longer Banned

Story picked up from ‘Canada’s National Observer’ July 12, 2023

Ontario has lifted a long-standing ban on new “train and trial” areas where dogs learn to hunt captive coyotes, foxes and rabbits. The decision permits the establishment of additional penned hunting facilities and allows for the transfer of existing licences to new owners, both of which were previously banned under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. Animal rights advocates have strongly criticized this move, deeming the training exercises conducted at these facilities both unethical and inhumane. They argue such practices inflict extreme distress, unnecessary suffering and even death upon wild animals.

“The animal rights community is opposed because of the cruelty to the coyotes, foxes and rabbits who are enclosed in these pens and for the dogs who are trained to hunt these animals down,” said Liz White, director of Animal Alliance of Canada and leader of the Animal Protection Party of Canada.

“Even if no animal is physically injured, the stress of hours of chasing and being chased is a problem. However, animals will get hurt if there is a confrontation between the wildlife animal, especially coyotes and dogs. The training in these compounds leads to severe mauling and death during hound hunting outside of train and trial pens in wildlands.”

In 1997, the Ontario government decided to stop granting licences for new train and trial areas and gradually phase out existing operations as owners retired or left the business. At that time, there were 50 to 60 train and trial areas in Ontario; now there are only 24.

White said at the time, a Progressive Conservative government led by Mike Harris agreed to phase out train and trial compounds by changing the Game and Fish Act, which later became the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. Now, some 26 years later, another Progressive Conservative government has reversed its decision. White also argues it is cruel that trappers have to go out and trap coyotes, foxes and rabbits in order to supply these train and trial compounds.

“Coyotes and fox are caught in leghold traps, which in and of themselves can be terribly cruel. Compound operators often have multiple coyotes, foxes and rabbits in order to ensure an adequate supply of these animals for the dogs to chase. They are held in captivity — not (at) the same standards as other animals kept in captivity. The level of stress in these wild animals in close proximity to humans is very stressful.”

The decision permits the establishment of additional penned hunting facilities and allows for the transfer of existing licences to new owners, both of which were previously banned under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. #Ontario

The Ontario government invited public response to its planned train and trial amendments this spring, with the window for comment closing in mid-May. The province said all comments received would be considered before a decision is made. According to the animal rights advocacy group Animal Justice’s website, thousands of its supporters and several animal protection groups submitted comments during the consultation period urging Ontario to uphold the ban.

At the time of public consultation, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry told Canada’s National Observer the purpose of train and trial facilities is to help professionals train dogs to only track specific wildlife, exercise the dogs in the off-season and run trialing competitions.

The ministry said these facilities must be operated responsibly and meet strict regulatory requirements under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, including care standards for wildlife.

Lesley Sampson, founding executive director of Coyote Watch Canada, said reversing the ban will allow an increase in the number of these facilities, instead of letting them simply decline until there are no more.

“The greater problem is that the existence of these facilities entrenches the practice of running dogs on wild animals outside the compounds as well.”

There is a very easy, quick solution to these facilities that would be more ethical and humane for training dogs in hunting activities, Sampson said. It is called a scent drag: the compound owner drags a scent bar throughout the compound and the dogs have to follow the scent. No other animals are involved, the dogs are

safely penned and no animals get hurt, she added.

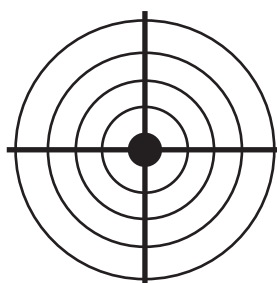
Pro-hunting groups like the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters say the term “penned hunting” is misleading and is not part of the activities at train and trial areas. It says the dogs do not capture any wildlife within a train and trial area, nor do dog handlers or hunters carry firearms.

Canada’s National Observer reached out to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for comment but did not receive a response in time for publication.

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## Rules for Orange Wear

All licensed hunters, including bow hunters, falconers, wild turkey hunters, bear hunters, and trappers who are hunting under their trapping licence, during a gun season for deer, elk or moose, are required to wear hunter orange. This requirement does not apply to persons who are hunting double-crested cormorants or migratory game birds, except woodcock. In addition, all licensed bear hunters hunting during the open season for black bear, that is not a gun season for deer, elk or moose, are required to wear hunter orange. A hunter orange garment and head cover must be worn. The hunter orange garment must cover a minimum of 400 square inches (2,580 square centimetres) above the waist and be visible from all sides (a vest made up of only a front and rear panel may not be visible from all sides). The hunter orange garment must be solid, and cannot contain open mesh or camouflage orange. A garment with 400 square inches of hunter orange that also includes retro-reflective silver or yellow stripes meets the requirement. Any backpack that is worn must not completely conceal the hunter orange from being visible on that side. As a best practice hunters should have hunter orange on their backpacks. The hunter orange on the head cover must not contain camouflage material. The hunter orange head cover may have open mesh, a peak or brim color other than hunter orange and a crest or logo which does not completely cover the hunter orange on the side where it is affixed. Hunters using ground blinds should take steps to make their blind clearly visible to other hunters who may be in the area. Use of hunter orange material on the outside of the blind is an appropriate method to mark a ground blind except when in a tree stand.



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Rifle	Yes – Centre-fire rifle only	Yes – Centre-fire rifle only	No
Shotgun	Yes – Shotgun not smaller than 20 gauge when using shot; shot size must be SG or number one buck or larger.	Yes – Shotgun not smaller than 20 gauge when using shot; shot size must be SG or number one buck or larger.	Yes – Shotgun not larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge, using shot size of 4, 5, 6 or 7.
Muzzle-loader	Yes	Yes	Yes, shotgun only
Bow	Yes – Bow must have a draw weight of at least 22 kilograms (48.5 lb.) at a draw length of 700mm (27.6 in.) or less.  Arrows must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.) long and have at a minimum a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide broadhead with at least two sharp cutting edges.	Yes - Bow must have a draw weight of at least 18 kilograms (39.7 lb.) at a draw length of 700mm (27.6 in.) or less.  Arrows must be at least 600mm (23.6 in.) long and have at a minimum a 22mm (0.87 in.) wide broadhead with at least two sharp cutting edges.	Yes – Bow must have a draw weight of at least 18 kilograms (39.7 lb.) at a draw length of 700mm (27.6 in.) or less.  Arrows must be at least 600mm (23.6 in.) long and have at a minimum a 22mm (0.87 in.) wide broadhead with at least two sharp cutting edges.
Crossbow	Yes – Crossbow must have a draw length of at least 300mm (11.8 in.) and a draw weight of at least 54 kilograms (119 lb.).  Bolts at a minimum must have a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide broadhead with at least two sharp cutting edges.	Yes – Crossbow must have a draw length of at least 300 mm (11.8 in.) and a draw weight of at least 45 kilograms (99.2 lb.).  Bolts at a minimum must have 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide broadhead with at least two sharp cutting edges.	Yes – Crossbow must have a draw length of at least 300 mm (11.8 in.) and a draw weight of at least 45 kilograms (99.2 lb.).  Bolts at a minimum must have 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide broadhead with at least two sharp cutting edges.

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Until recently the association was based out of Huntsville where founding member and long-time president Jack Newton began the organization. With his passing, the organization has undergone structural changes, and is now being operated out of Fenelon Falls with Andy Millar as the president.

Mr. Millar is aware of the constant challenges that face the sport of hunting and says, "The Ontario Hunt Camps Association is a necessary voice to ensure that hunters continue to enjoy the right to hunt." He admits that while the organization can-not change the mind of governments bent on making changes for the "betterment of society as a whole", they can influence the scope of those changes and how they affect hunters.

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