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"Did You Know?"

The mole has a comparable strength that would allow a person to lift 4,000 pounds!! In other words, he goes where he wants to!!

What New Jersey Nuisance Trappers Need To Know

Welcome to the first addition of the New Jersey Wildlife Damage Control Association's newsletter. First, I would like to let you know a little about us. We are a group of dedicated nuisance wildlife trappers that have organized together to help one another and to protect our industry by uniting.

In the short time we have been established we have already overcome several challenges. We fought against state licensing requirements and have also acquired a lawyer on retainer to guide us through the gray areas in both game and non-game codes, while answering any questions members may have regarding their own business.

We have through our research found that depredation permits are needed for animals previously thought to be illegal to control. The permits have now been made readily available on our website.

In the future, we will do everything in our power to keep this industry thriving. We thank you for your support and urge you to become a voting member because "One voice may go unheard, but many will not!!"

Our Mission Statement

It will be the policy of the New Jersey Wildlife Damage Control Association to enhance, promote and protect a sensible and scientific approach to wildlife damage management.

We Will...

- Promote sound conservation, legislation and administrative procedures
- Build and encourage a commitment to wise use and proper management, lethal and non-lethal, of the wildlife resources and natural resources
- Support only those animal control programs that are biologically and economically justified

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2006 Vendors:

Safeguard 800-433-1819

Batrap 315-682-2050

Nixalite 800-624-1189

ACES 800-338-ACES

WCT, Inc. 800-235-0262

Jameson's 724-938-2002

Westchester Wildlife 203-746-5664

Bird Barrier 800-503-5444

Leggett's 301-432-8480

Workhorse Snares 610-381-4958

Minnesota Trapline 320-599-4176

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PVE 610-845-0511

ACP 856-863-0088

WCS 877-684-7262

Saver Wildlife 201-933-9700

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First Annual Seminar: A Big Hit!!!

From the smiling faces when you walked in the door to the blizzard like conditions when you walked out the door, **what a day!** I must say this was one of the best seminars I have ever attended. There were several times when you could look around the room and everyone was laughing, while talking to complete strangers and trading tips. Have you *ever* seen that many door prizes? Thank goodness Mrs. LaPierre was there or we may have had too many!!

But seriously there was a great selection of baits and lures from some of the best manufacturers on the east coast not to mention the traps, tools and that mist net. The seminar really covered a wide range of topics that every wildlife damage control professional is always looking to improve upon but rarely are seen all together in one place.

Well then there was my favorite part of the day, the food! Breakfast was great but lunch was even better. It was not what I expected from a hotel banquet caterer and who can say no to a buffet.

Thanks to all that attended we are hoping for an even better turnout next year. Be sure to come to the meetings, read the newsletter, and check out the website for information regarding next year's seminar. If you have any suggestions be sure to let your regional director know. We want to make this the best training seminar around!

A Special "Thanks"

A very special thanks must be given first to the guest speakers who took a day out of their busy schedules so to come to Toms River and share their knowledge with us.

Thank you Jim Dreisacker (*Solving Bat Problems*), John Shamro (*Using Snares To Help Control Nuisance Wildlife*), Phil Nickols (*Dealing With Nuisance Skunks*), Kirk LaPierre (*Tricks of The Trade*), and Alan Huot (*Secrets To Controlling Moles*), and last but not least Ron Jones, our master of ceremonies.

There were many people that worked very hard behind the scenes. Without them this entire event would never have gotten off the ground. We thank you all for your hard work and dedication!