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## **Deer Capture Coordinator and Technicians (several positions): Southwest Wisconsin**

### **Description**

The Wendy Turner lab at University of Wisconsin–Madison is seeking a deer capture/research coordinator to lead in the capture of adult white-tailed deer and three research technicians to work on the capture team. This effort is part of a USDA-funded research project evaluating ecology and behavior of adult deer relevant to transmission of chronic wasting disease. The captures will occur between January and March 2023 near Dodgeville, Wisconsin, with training, coordination, and preparation for the team beginning in December 2022.

### **Deer Capture Coordinator: Southwest Wisconsin**

The deer capture and field research coordinator will be expected to coordinate and assist in training the capture team, order and organize supplies, work with private landowners, as well as capture, collar, and investigate mortalities of adult deer. Primary duties include working with landowners to secure permission for deer trapping, access to mortalities and address complaints necessary to maintaining working relationships, assigning daily tasks to crew members for deer capture, maintaining vehicles and equipment used for deer research, scheduling and working with volunteers interested in the project. The coordinator will be responsible for ensuring data is collected quickly, accurately and legibly, data is entered into databases daily. Other duties include maintaining camera trap data streams. The coordinator will be part of a team that includes field technicians, area biologists and graduate students. Housing, work vehicles, and capture supplies will be provided. This full-time position will last approximately 6 months.

### **Qualifications for Coordinator:**

#### Required

- Previous wildlife capture and immobilization experience
- Ability to work long days, including early mornings and late nights, in all weather conditions, and on weekends
- Ability to hike long distances over varying terrain
- Ability to drive long distances and operate 4-wheel drive vehicles
- Comfortable sharing lodging
- Ability to follow protocols and work as part of a team
- Ability to communicate effectively with university and agency staff
- Ability to communicate and coordinate with private landowners
- Ability to effectively lead and coordinate teams

#### Preferred

- Experience with cervid captures, ideally of white-tailed deer
- Previous experience leading teams
- Prior experience with GPS collars, including set-up
- Have or are working towards a degree in wildlife ecology or a related field
- Experience locating collared animals using handheld telemetry

### **Deer Capture Technicians (3 Positions): Southwest Wisconsin**

Technicians will be expected to capture and collar adult deer. Other duties include maintaining capture sites and equipment, assisting with data entry and maintaining camera trap sites. The technicians will be part of a team that includes a capture coordinator, area biologists, and graduate students. Housing, work vehicles, and capture supplies will be provided. These full-time positions will last approximately 4 months.

#### *Qualifications for technicians*

##### Required

- Ability to work long days, including early mornings and late nights, in all weather conditions, and on weekends
- Ability to hike long distances over varying terrain
- Ability to drive long distances and operate 4-wheel drive vehicles
- Comfortable sharing lodging
- Ability to follow protocols and work as part of a team
- Ability to communicate effectively with agency staff and private landowners
- Prior experience conducting wildlife fieldwork

##### Preferred

- Have or are working towards a degree in wildlife ecology or a related field
- Experience locating collared animals using handheld telemetry
- Experience handling wildlife and working in remote areas

**To apply:** Applications for all positions should be emailed to [susan.laufenberg@wisc.edu](mailto:susan.laufenberg@wisc.edu).

Please include the following information:

1. A brief cover letter expressing your interest, qualifications, and the position to which you are applying
2. Resume highlighting relevant experience
3. Contact information for two references

**Dates available:**      **Coordinator:** November 2022-April 2023 (negotiable)  
   **Technicians:** December 2022-April 2023 (negotiable)

**Closing date:** Please email your application by September 21st, 2022 for the coordinator position. Please email your application by October 17th, 2022 for the technician positions. Positions will be open until filled.

**Salary:**                \$20/hour for capture coordinator  
   \$17/hour for technicians

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