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**RESOLUTION TO THE DOOR COUNTY CONSERVATION CONGRESS
HEARING HELD APRIL 14, 2008**

TITLE: USE OF TRAINED DOGS TO RETRIEVE DOWNED (WOUNDED) GAME

THE PROBLEM:

EVEN THE MOST EXPERIENCED HUNTERS LOSE GAME THAT CANNOT BE FOUND, ONLY TO HAVE THAT NATURAL RESOURCE WASTED.

AT PRESENT THE STATE LAW PERMITS THE USE OF DOGS FOR WATERFOWL HUNTING, MOST UPLAND GAME, AND IN SEVERAL COUNTIES TO ALLOW FALL HUNTING FOR WILD TURKEY WITH TRAINED DOGS WHILE IN POSSESSION OF HUNTING WEAPONS, WITH A MUCH HIGHER SUCCESS RATE OF RETRIEVAL OF THE WOUNDED GAME SPECIES. THERE HAVE BEEN NO ADVERSE PROBLEMS IN THESE AREAS.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, THAT THE CONSERVATION CONGRESS AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN DOOR COUNTY HELD APRIL 14, 2008, RECOMMEND THAT RETRIEVAL OF WOUNDED GAME BE ALLOWED AND ENCOURAGED IN ALL COUNTIES WHERE HUNTING FOR THE SPECIES IS ALLOWED WHILE IN POSSESSION OF THE WEAPON USED TO HUNT THE GAME, AND THAT SUCH WEAPON BE ALLOWED TO LEGALLY FINISH THE HARVEST, SO THAT WOUNDED GAME IS NOT WASTED. THIS COULD START WITH TURKEY RETRIVAL, AND BE EXPANDED TO OTHER GAME SPECIES.

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