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<u>Frederick County is a destination location for deer hunters</u> November 12, 2021 Maryland, Frederick News-Post

... According to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 11,184 deer were estimated to have been killed by motor vehicles in 2018 in Maryland alone. Animal-vehicle collisions increase in October and November, as fall is deer mating season...

<u>Crash danger: How we're luring deer closer to highways</u> June 9, 2017 Maryland, Delmarva Daily Times

... If you could design the perfect natural feeding area for deer it would be long and narrow, to maximize the edges... the very design of a road creates borders full of food for deer and at certain times of the year draws them right next to traffic...

<u>Crittercams' show how animals avoid crossing the highway</u> December 21, 2011 Maryland, WTOP

... Ed Gates, a professor with the University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Science,... The photos also told a story that made him think the animals were teaching each other about the safer shortcuts through traffic: adult animals were taking their babies through the storm drains... Photos show ... deer, nuzzling their fawns as they moved through ... If animals really do adapt to them, additional storm drains could be installed along roadways to reduce vehicle-animal crashes.

Wildlife find path to safety under US roads January 2, 2012 Maryland, AFP

... a real surprise was the white-tailed deer ... "We had deer using a range of culvert sizes, which we found just amazing," Gates said, with 1,093 sightings in 63 culverts.... "Most studies previously have said deer need a fairly large culvert, that they needed to be able to feel unconfined and to see through the culvert to the other side," he said. "But we found them using

culverts where their heads were nearly touching the ceiling -- so if they're motivated... they'll use

a very small culvert."

Deer removal all in a day's work for SHA crew January 26, 2014 Maryland, Cumberland

Times-News

... State Farm Insurance estimates there are at least 30,000 times each year that a

vehicle driven in Maryland strikes a deer, according to Brian Eyler of the Maryland

Wildlife & Heritage Service... it is legal to possess a road-killed deer ... Many struck

deer go uncounted, Eyler said, either wandering into the nearby woods or fields where

they succumb or survive...

Maryland aims to curb wildlife carnage on roads (deer collisions cost about \$300 per pound of deer hit;

smaller deer mean less damage) January 2, 2011 Baltimore Sun

"The deer, the raccoons and opossums, they've been going through these culverts long before they had

to," said Robert E. Shreeve, who oversees work to mitigate the environmental impact of the highway

project.

Most collisions with wildlife are not fatal, but hitting a deer can be costly nonetheless. The average repair

bill is nearly \$3,000, according to the insurance industry,

"It's a big expense to run into a deer," said Shreeve, who lives in rural Carroll County, where deer abound.

"I've hit three of them," and repairs came to about "\$300 per pound" of deer hit.

The highway agency has compiled a database of animal-vehicle collisions, ...

New County Deer Report Shows Deer-Vehicle Collisions Hold Steady, Montgomery County

August 8, 2011 Maryland

...the number of deer-vehicle collisions (DVCs) recorded annually by the Montgomery County

Police Department. The total DVCs recorded for 2010 was 1,930.

Year: DVCs reported by MCPD

2002: 2,127

2003: 2,047

2004: 1,997

2005: 1,969

2006: 1,951

2007: 1,867

2008: 1,841

2009: 1,945

2010: 1,930

Deer-vehicle Collision Data 1994 – 2010 (Source – Montgomery County Police Department)

St. Mary's College studies economics of deer collisions December 18, 2013 Maryland, Maryland Community Newspapers Online

... One question asked residents their opinion of a one-time tax on county households to fund a deer-fencing project... t based on the 200 responses, households said they would be willing to pay \$28.31 to fund the theoretical project... the class statistically analyzed the survey data and concluded that residents placed an estimated \$1 million value on the proposal...

The fawn is injured, what should I do? Who can I call? April 21, 2012 Maryland DNR Sometimes fawns are injured by pets, vehicles or farming equipment. Injured fawns should only receive care from a licensed Maryland wildlife rehabilitator who is authorized to handle fawns. Fawn Rehabilitators will coordinate the transport and care of the fawn. You can get advice on what to do if you encounter an injured fawn, from a fawn rehabilitator. The following link provides access to contact information for wildlife rehabilitators who may be able to assist with fawn

rehabilitation:http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Plants Wildlife/rehab.asp

<u>Maine Moose Collisions Spark Calls for Hunting Regulation Changes</u>October 5, 2012 MPBN News

... Lee Kanter, a wildlife biologist and the state's moose and deer specialist, says the recent moose survey shows the population is larger than in past studies... that doesn't mean there are actually more moose out there - wildlife managers have simply refined their counting procedures ... Since 2005, Kanter says there's been a 39 percent decrease in the number of moose collisions on Maine roadways. The data comes from the Maine Department of Transportation...