

Illinois Deer in the News Archive

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[A deer is finally freed, with some sedation, from a rope swing in Barrington](#) September 1, 2021 Illinois, DailyHerald.com

... the deer was frantic and running in a circle, at times leaving its feet and swinging by its antler ... "His adrenaline was so pumped that it took us three rounds of anesthetic to get him groggy," Keller [posted on Facebook](#)....

[At Lake Bloomington. Stephanie is quite a hit](#) October 20, 2013 Illinois, Bloomington Pantagraph

.... Stephanie is a white-tailed deer, an orphaned, formerly injured young fawn brought back to good health by a kind soul in the Lake Bloomington area... She has become a "pet." Everyone's. In all of Lake Bloomington... Homeowners give her apples, shelled corn, nuts. She also likes peanut butter, especially Skippy Extra Chunky, if you're buying...

[Authorities try to save deer stuck in Des Plaines river](#) December 10, 2013 Illinois, Chicago Tribune

... firefighters could see the young buck's head poking out of the icy, cold water... firefighters had to use their upper bodies to break the ice... The medical team operated on the buck for almost 40 minutes but could not revive the deer ...

[Boystown Deer Forced to Move](#) June 16, 2011 Illinois NBC Chicago
By Dominic Trombino

Animal Control says it needs to move the three deer after area residents began feeding the babies milk from bottles and organic apples from Whole Foods, The Sun-Times reports. Officials have said that feeding the deer could be ..

[Boystown: Deer injured, Animal Control Called...](#) June 15, 2011 Illinois By Jessica Cilella
The Chicago News Report is saying that a mother deer living in Lakeview has been injured and that Animal Control would be taking action this morning. Here's more: The deer that had all of Lakeview abuzz, has been injured. ...

[Buck briefly stranded in back yard pool](#) September 29, 2015 Illinois, My Journal Courier

... A buck swims in an above-ground pool Tuesday. Police and animal control officers were called to help the animal, which eventually found its way out of the pool, jumped a

fence and was last seen running toward the Illinois School for the Deaf campus... “I still can’t figure out how the deer got in there to begin with,” ...

[Deer Gives Birth After Being Hit By Car In Naperville](#) May 31, 2018 Illinois, Patch.com

... the deer gave birth to the fawn "shortly after she died." The fawn had broken its leg in the womb ... fawn was recovering and had stood up despite its cast and broken leg...

[Deer hunters move into fields as season opens](#), deer know to stay in the campsite -

November 16, 2012 Illinois, The State Journal-Register

With 230 firearm hunters at the Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area this weekend, it might be surprising to learn the safest place for a deer is the site campground. “You drive around the campground in the middle of the night and it will be full of deer, because they know they are OK in there,” said site superintendent Michael Wickens. “When the hunters come back (at night), the deer are right there.”

[Deer Living in North Side Courtyard Will Be Moved](#) June 15, 2011 Illinois MyFox Chicago

Lake View residents who have been feeding a deer and two fawns living in a courtyard in the North Side neighborhood may be well-meaning, but the result of their nurturing is that the animals will be moved away. City Animal Care and Control ...

[Deer starts family in trendy Boystown](#) Chicago Sun-Times June 13, 2011 Illinois By Katie Drews

A mother deer found an unlikely home -- the heart of Boystown — and gave birth in recent days to two fawns, who are now living near Belmont and Halsted. Amid the bustling North Side neighborhood, the doe landed in a ...The doe’s newborns appear to be doing well. They can prance around the small stones, but they are not strong enough to keep up with mom, who often leaves during the day to forage. “Moms leave their fawns alone every day and it’s perfectly normal,” said Dawn Keller, executive director of Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation.

[Discover Chicago's Version of Pablo Escobar's Wild Hippos, Fallow Deer](#) July 3, 2014

Illinois, ChicagoNow

... In the 1930's a wealthy Chicago businessman ... imported a herd of seven fallow deer from Asia... The fallow deer do not interbreed with the white tail deer native to the area, but given time and a habitat relatively free from predators, the fallow deer slowly became the dominant species spotted around Waterfall Glen... in the mid 90's both the fallow and white tail deer herds ... have been culled ... There are believed to still be around 40-50 fallow deer in the preserve ...

[Flying pumpkins and kissing reindeer generate tourism dollars](#) September 21, 2011 Illinois, Prospectus

Wanting to attract more customers, Julie and Mark Hardy determined they needed something unique and decided to purchase two reindeer from Alaska. The deer were flown down to Illinois on 747 aircraft in special crates. The following year thirteen more were purchased. Of the sixteen reindeer at the ranch today, only one of the original reindeer, named Aleyska, has surpassed the normal fifteen year lifespan. "I had no idea the reindeer would attract people from all over the country. [Hardy's Reindeer Ranch in Rantoul, Illinois]

[Girl fawns over rescued deer](#) January 5, 2016 Illinois, Journal Gazette and Times Courier

... She got a call from a neighbor in June that a pet dog had just dragged a several-day-old fawn into the yard but had been stopped from using it as a chew toy. Would Wehrle like to take it, please? ... And it just so happened that Crystal Wehrle had a state license to keep deer ...

[Grand jury indicts Kiernan over alleged deer poaching](#) October 9, 2012 Illinois, Morris Daily Herald

... According to prior reports, Kiernan was one of three men charged in November 2011, following an 11-month deer poaching investigation including multiple states and Canada. More than 40 charges were initially filed against him, related to allegations that he unlawfully took a total of 24 deer in Illinois and Canada over a 10-year period...

[Illinois Public Land Deer Hotspots for 2018](#) August 20, 2018 Game and Fish

... It has been found that [deer-and-vehicle accidents](#) are an accurate barometer of herd population trends. The Illinois Department of Transportation manages one of the most comprehensive databases in this field for the entire country...

[Jefferson County woman learns fate of pet deer](#) July 15, 2016 Illinois, WSIL TV

...The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has granted Rhonda Crawford to the ability to keep her two pet deer, Jude and Dude, after a legal battle over ownership rights..... [Facebook page for Dude and Jude](#)

Update, July 15: Dude and Jude are Staying at Home... I just got the news that Dude and Jude get to stay with us. We aren't allowed to get anymore nor are we EVER allowed to move them...

[Fate of Jefferson County pet deer remains unclear](#) June 21, 2016 Illinois, WSIL TV
... A Jefferson County family took in two deer after they lost their moms. But the Illinois Department of Natural Resources says the Crawfords have them illegally so they can't keep them... see the family's petition on [Change.org](#)

[Jefferson County woman fights to keep pet deer](#) June 15, 2016 Illinois, WSIL TV
... Five years ago, Rhonda's uncle spotted the baby buck they now call Dude next to the carcass of his mom... Last week, she received a \$150 ticket and was given an ultimatum: turn the deer over to another woman with a wildlife rehabilitation permit or shoot them...

[Kids learn about deer at Youth Antler Hunt](#) April 13, 2015 Illinois, Pantagraph

... Fifty-six children participated in the first-ever antler hunt, the first sponsored by the association to raise awareness about nature and white-tailed deer herds. The antlers, which are shed over the fall and winter ...

[Lake View deer safely moved to new, grassy spot in Chicago](#) June 20, 2011 Illinois The family of deer that had been living in Lake View now has a new home. Chicago Animal Care and Control relocated the animals early Saturday morning to a more suitable place in the city with plenty of grass and space to roam around. For the trip, dubbed "Operation Doe A Deer," animal control officers tranquilized the mother deer and wrapped the two fawns in blankets.

[New digs for Lakeview deer](#) June 18, 2011 WLS

A deer and her two fawns that were being fed by Lake View residents and living in a "tiny" courtyard in the North Side neighborhood were relocated to a safer area early Saturday. At 4 am they were taken to a "much more suitable" private property

[Man allegedly sold deer, raccoons to Ill. eateries](#) October 15, 2013 Illinois, Seattle Post Intelligencer

... A Chicago man sold deer, raccoons and other wildlife to markets and restaurants in that city's Chinatown district for use in meals ... officers received complaints of Moy purchasing whitetail deer from members of the public ...

[Rare white deer attracting attention in Sangamon County](#) July 12, 2013 Illinois, The State Journal-Register

... A white deer was photographed in southern Sangamon County recently in the company of three deer of normal coloration...

[Rural King recalls deer corn](#) May 17, 2013 Illinois, KFVS

... Deer Corn was distributed to 63 retail stores in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan... it has the potential to be contaminated with aflatoxin...

[Saving the musk deer](#) May 2, 2014 Illinois, Jacksonville Journal-Courier

... The future of an increasingly rare, predominantly Asian animal is in the hands of a young Illinois College chemistry student... "Unfortunately, the deer have been hunted to near extinction in pursuit of [muscone] ... Nick aims to provide an alternate, economically viable method of producing muscone in order to save the musk deer." ...

[Shed collecting pays dividends](#) December 19, 2012 Illinois, ChicagoNow

... Deer grow their antlers beginning within a day or two after they shed the previous year's growth. ... if an antler is injured it will often grow in a "non-typical" shape. Even

after shedding, the next year's antler and all future antlers are likely to develop in that same pattern... fence crossings are a good place to check for sheds.

[Tangled Deer Antlers Separated After Illinois Police Officer Shoots Them Apart](#)

February 15, 2013 Huffington Post

The bucks got stuck last week in Illinois after a bitter duel ... One of the officers was able to shoot the bucks' racks apart, but one deer did have to be euthanized after being freed, while the other one survived ...

[The weirdly inspiring story of a deer swimming in Lake Michigan](#) May 31, 2017 Illinois, WGN-TV

... . A gaggle of geese in the water nearby swam towards the deer as it struggled on the shore. "They kept squawking at it and scaring it or encouraging it ... Either way, the deer eventually made its way up the rocks and onto a nearby walking path. "If it wasn't for [the geese] I don't know if the deer would have made it up the bank ...

[The worst Christmas story ever: Wisconsin vs. Charlotte the deer](#) December 15, 2011

Wisconsin, Chicago Tribune

... starring Charlotte, the deer who thinks she's a horse. She runs with the horses. She teases them and tries to get them to chase her ... Charlotte seems quite healthy now, but she does come from a CWD [chronic wasting disease] zone. ... the state of Wisconsin wants to kill her ... threatening the man who rescued her, Marvin Graaf, 49, with up to eight months in jail ...

[Tribune readers save Charlotte the deer for Christmas](#) June 16, 2012 Illinois, Chicago Tribune

It looks as if Charlotte the deer — the gentle creature who thinks she's a horse — isn't going to be killed for Christmas by the state of Wisconsin after all. Wisconsin politicians just couldn't handle the angry heat applied by Chicago Tribune readers. That's right, Tribune readers saved her ... Gov. Scott Walker pardoned Charlotte and said he wouldn't let the state put her to death. He even issued a news release titled "Gov. Walker Saves Charlotte the Deer."

[To the rescue: Pekin cops save drowning deer](#) March 13, 2015 Illinois, Morton Times News

... a young doe thrashing in the deep, frigid waters ... had to wrestle with the deer to secure the rope around its neck and a leg ... Their reward was the pause the deer gave to look back, as if in thanks, before disappearing into nearby woods ...

[Trooper gave civilian his shotgun to shoot wounded deer](#) January 7, 2018 Illinois, Peoria Journal Star

... An Illinois State Police trooper has been disciplined for lending his service shotgun to a civilian to put down a wounded deer... its hind legs incapacitated ... the Journal Star has contacted state police headquarters in Springfield and requested any written firearms policy. There has been no response...

[TV Show Charged With Hunting Violations](#) December 4, 2014 Illinois, WSIL TV

... An Illinois Conservation Police investigation into the Wired Arrow Outdoors television show has resulted in the company's owners, pro-staff members and guests being charged with 134 wildlife violations, including the taking of 18 deer illegally in Illinois...

[Uncommon white deer seen near Murphysboro](#) June 15, 2012 Illinois, STLtoday.com

... A white doe runs into a wooded area near the intersection of Ava Road and South Mudline Road outside of Murphysboro, Illinois on Thursday, June 14, 2012. The doe might be an albino but it could also be a leucistic deer. The doe had young fawn, brown in color ...

[West Dundee Fire Department helps rescue deer trapped on Fox River](#) February 19, 2016, Illinois, Chicago Tribune

... "The deer probably went out on the island, and when he walked back, he fell through," Strossner said. "He was able to get his front feet on the ice but couldn't get his back legs up. ...

[Why Do I Hunt?](#) January 24, 2013 Illinois, Bowhunting.Com (blog)

... As I was cutting my bowhunting teeth, I measured success by the number of things I could make dead. Any deer was a good deer to me. Somewhere along the line however, that changed. I suppose it has a lot to do with the fact that as I started to manage my hunting properties and improve the deer herd, I started to enjoy building relationships with specific deer and watching them grow... I silently cringe every time I hear someone say they shot a button buck ...

[Wildlife center hoping to fit deer with prosthetic leg](#) July 3, 2012 Illinois, Aurora Beacon News

... The Fox Valley Wildlife Center is hoping a deer that had a leg amputated after a farming accident will recover enough to receive a prosthetic leg. The center's wildlife rehab specialists are optimistic in the recovery ... Anyone interested in helping with the animal's medical expenses or possible permanent shelter at the center can send donations to P.O. Box 385, Elburn, IL 60119 or visit

www.foxvalleywildlife.org. [see video below