

# 2015 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons

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Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) to view and print regulations up to one month before they are available in hard copy.

Some seasons may be subject to change. Consult the hunting regulation pamphlet(s) or [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) before going hunting.



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## DEER \*

Archery & Crossbow	Sept. 12 - Jan. 3, 2016
Youth Deer Hunt	Oct. 10 & 11
Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities <sup>▲</sup>	Oct. 3 - 11
Gun	Nov. 21 - 29
Muzzleloader	Nov. 30 - Dec. 9
Statewide Antlerless Hunt	Dec. 10 - 13

\* All dates are subject to change through a rule making or a legislative process. Please check the *2015 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* for a complete set of dates and unit designations.

<sup>▲</sup> More information is available at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), keyword: "disabled deer hunt".

## GAME BIRDS

<b>Pheasant</b>	
Statewide	Oct. 17 (noon) - Dec. 31
<b>Bobwhite Quail</b>	
Statewide	Oct. 17 (noon) - Dec. 9
<b>Ruffed Grouse</b>	
Zone A	Sept. 12 - Jan. 31, 2016
Zone B	Oct. 17 - Dec. 8

### Sharp-tailed Grouse

Season is under review. Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) for updates.

### Hungarian Partridge

Statewide*	Oct. 17 (noon) - Dec. 31
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\* Closed in Clark, Marathon, and Taylor counties

### Crow

Statewide	Jan. 24 - Mar. 20 & Sept. 12 - Nov. 19
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## MIGRATORY BIRDS

### Early Canada Goose

Statewide	Sept. 1 - 15
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### Early Teal Season

Statewide	Sept. 1 - 7
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### Regular Duck and Goose

Dates will be established in mid August

### Woodcock

Statewide	Sept. 19 - Nov. 2
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### Mourning Dove

Statewide	Sept. 1 - Nov. 29
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## TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt	Apr. 11 - 12
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### Open Zones

Spring	Period A	Apr. 15 - 21
	Period B	Apr. 22 - 28
	Period C	Apr. 29 - May 5
	Period D	May 6 - 12
	Period E	May 13 - 19
	Period F	May 20 - 26

Fall	Statewide	Sept. 12 - Nov. 19
	Zones 1-5	Nov. 30 - Dec. 31



## SMALL GAME

### Cottontail Rabbit

Northern Zone	Sept. 12 - Feb. 29, 2016
Southern Zone	Oct. 17 (noon) - Feb. 29, 2016

### Squirrels (Gray and Fox)

Statewide	Sept. 12 - Jan. 31, 2016
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## WATERFOWL

### Canada Goose

Early Goose Season	Sept. 1 - 15
Exterior Zone North	Sept. 16 - Dec. 16
Exterior Zone South	Sept. 16 - Oct. 11; Oct. 17 - Dec. 21
Mississippi River Subzone	Oct. 3 - Oct. 9; Oct. 17 - Jan. 9, 2016
Horicon Zone Period 1	Sept. 16 - Nov. 1;
Horicon Zone Period 2	Nov. 2 - Dec. 16

### Snow, Blue, Ross's, White-fronted Geese and Brant

Same as the Canada goose zone or subzone in which you are hunting

### Ducks

Youth Hunt	Sept. 19 & 20
Exterior Zone North	Sept. 26 - Nov. 24
Exterior Zone South	Oct. 3 - Oct. 11; Oct. 17 - Dec. 6
Mississippi River Subzone	Oct. 3 - Oct. 9; Oct. 17 - Dec. 8

HALTER WILDLIFE, INC.



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A report to members on club events, activities and the enjoyment of upland hunting.

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## A NEW SEASON AT HALTER WILDLIFE

*I could open by saying - we expect a wonderful season this year because of the care and concern we apply to our club members etc., etc., etc., but as a change, I thought a bit of humor may be just what we need to approach the new season.*

*My partner Steve Monjar and I had a Design and P.R. firm in Chicago many years ago. We had a meeting last week to discuss this new season at Halter. After many hours of serious discussion (and a half bottle of 12-year old Scotch), this is what we came up with.*

*I hope you find it as humorous as we think it is - if not, fire me!*

## THE HUNTING PRESERVE OF TOMORROW

*Successful business enterprises work hard to avoid losing out to advancing technologies. So Halter Wildlife decided to look outside the box for fresh ideas. John invited proposals from forward-looking companies in unique fields to help shape "The Hunt Club of The Future."*

*The results were interesting to say the least! Here are the suggestions from our experts.*

### How about ...

- **Drone Technology:** Powerful drone aircraft eliminate the need for dogs by spotting birds using ground radar and Infra-Red detectors. Armed drones could use laser canons to cook birds on the spot!
- **Tunnel Boring:** (from the "Chunnel" folks): Beneath Halter's 1,000 acres, a vast network of tunnels connects trap-door release stations. As subsurface sensors detect hunters' movements, birds would be delivered by computerized monorail for release just as the hunter nears the release point.
- **Landscape Design:** Halter's existing natural growth with wild, native grasses make birds difficult to see. Manicured lawn would not only make hunting much easier, but by adding greens, bunkers and holes, Halter could offer a combined hunting-golfing experience! Special bags would accommodate golf clubs and your choice of shotgun.
- **Mortal Peril Adventures:** No more sissy birds for Halter Hunters! We'll help you breed a strain of attack Pheasants. "You'd better get them before they get you!" To address liability issues, hunters must sign a 308-page release form. Plus, each party is accompanied by a personal injury lawyer.
- **Virtual Reality:** For an exciting Virtual Reality Hunting Experience, the hunter wears a full coverage VR helmet with surround audio and 3D video. Hunters may choose from a menu of computer generated hunts, correct in every detail. Dogs bark and wings flap frantically. Laser shotguns bring home the game! Hunts culminate in a Virtual Reality wild game banquet with piped-in aromas.

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## THE PAST IS TODAY'S FUTURE

After carefully reviewing each proposal, John has decided that technology probably isn't the path to the future of Halter Wildlife. After all, what Members value most are the challenges and excitement of traditional upland sport in a completely natural setting. Plus, Members are made to feel comfortable in Halter's warm and rustic lodge, with friendly hospitality that includes excellent food and plenty of it. All close to home.

So, maybe it's best that the Halter Wildlife of the present IS our hunt club of the future ...

The Club's Opening Day is **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6th.**

Hunting begins at 8:00 am with reservations a must! And like you, John and the entire management staff at Halter Wildlife are looking forward to another exciting and memorable hunting season.

## HISTORY OF HUNTING CLUBS



Throughout the history of the world, hunting has been the sport of kings and landed gentry. But now in the United States, hunting is everyone's sport.

One interesting early reference to Club Hunting was a 1536 decree by King Henry VIII that a large area (now a part of the City of London) be set aside as a preserve dedicated to the shooting of Pheasant, Herons and Partridges. It isn't clear whether this area was a little shooting preserve for the general populace or more probably it was for the exclusive use of the King and his friends. In the U.S., with its wide-open spaces, hunt clubs were slow to form. But with urbanization, preserve popularity caught on; and in 1910 the first state hunting law was enacted by New York. Other states followed suit and in 1953 one of the first clubs opened to the public was Blonhaven Game Farm in Milton, WI.

The number of hunting clubs in Wisconsin has grown steadily since those early days.

## RULES REFRESHER:

Each year, at the beginning of the season, we reprint the short list, so that our new and old members alike can refresh their memories.

Copies of the rules and regulations are available in the club-house.

### NO EXCEPTIONS!

- All dogs must be leashed! In the parking lot or around the clubhouse.
- A hat and vest of blaze orange is a must (it's the law!)
- Any member hunting east of the railroad tracks will automatically lose their membership.
- No shot size larger than a No. 6 is allowed in Halter.
- No more than four is allowed in each hunting party.
- Each hunting party of four must have a member or a Halter employee in it.

By knowing the rules and sticking to them, we can all continue to make Halter a happy, smooth running organization where the accent is on fun, not legislation.

**When you're hunting at Halter, stay in your own field! And, when you're going to or returning from a hunt, use a designated route. DON'T CUT ACROSS SOMEONE ELSE'S FIELD!**

**Note:** We don't expect many members of Congress to be hunting with us this season, so the level of civility and sportsmanship at Halter Wildlife should remain just as high as ever.



## IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO MAKE HOLIDAY PLANS AND RESERVATIONS

Many member families have made Halter Wildlife an important part of their holiday traditions. And more and more businesses are finding that Halter is an ideal place to entertain Holiday guests as a way to say, "Thanks for your business!"

But it's also important to remember that the Holidays are the busiest time of year at Halter. Choice hunt times fill up fast and large parties reserve dining facilities and services well in advance. So if you've been thinking about a holiday extravaganza at Halter, make your reservations right away!

## Anatomy of a HUNTER



The true hunter is primarily a nature lover, a keen observer and a student of wildlife. Hunting is also a form of recreation but the harvesting of game is not the only satisfaction of a good hunt. The matching of wits, senses and skills with the animals is the real passion and enjoyment of hunting in general.

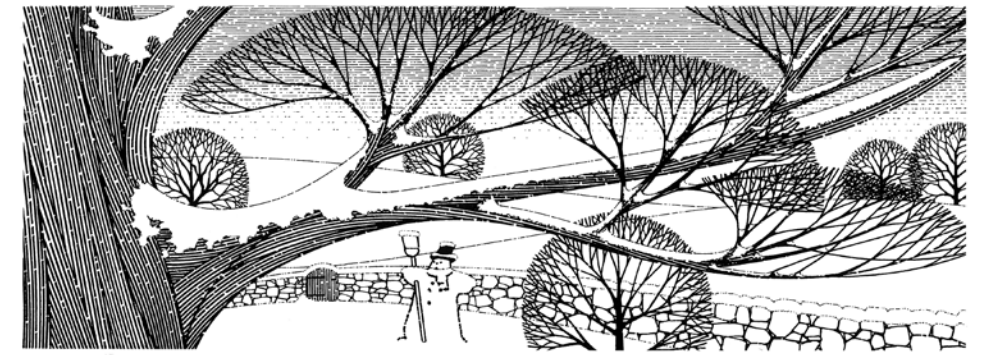
## TIBET DOG



Courtesy of *The Library of Natural History*, Edited by Richard Lydekker, Published in 1901

This dog is a magnificent animal, usually placed among the mastiffs, with which it agrees in the general physiognomy, and especially the large pendulous upper lips, or "fews," as they are technically termed. It differs, however, from all other members of the group by its coat of long shaggy hair, with a thick under-fur, and the large bushy tail, carried curled over the back. The development of this thick pelage is, however, probably an adaptive characteristic due to the nature of the winter climate of the regions of which it is a native. The expression of the countenance is stern and fierce, from the deeply-sunken eyes, overhanging eyebrows, and the deep folds into which the skin of the forehead and cheeks is thrown. The ears are pendent, and the greatest development of hair is on the throat and chest. In color these dogs may be either entirely black, black and tan, or tan and in size they are fully equal to the largest European dogs. The Tibet dog is used as a watch-dog in the villages and encampments in the Highlands of Tibet and the neighboring regions, extending westward into Ladakh, and southward into Sikhim. It is invaluable in protecting the flocks from the inroads of wolves and wild dogs. On reaching a Tibetan village or encampment in the higher regions of Ladakh, the traveler is assailed by the baying of at least half a dozen of these dogs, and until they are leisurely called off by the women, the sensations of the visitor, as the writer knows by experience, are sometimes the reverse of pleasant. In the more eastern portions of its range the Tibet dog, in common with sheep and goats; is pressed into service as a beast of burden.

## HALTER 2015 • 2016 SEASON



**Celebrate the Holiday Season by hosting your own special Halter Wildlife Holiday hunts and feasts for your friends, family and business associates.**

The club - and its kitchen - is very busy around the Holidays, so make your plans well in advance. To help out, here's Halter's schedule.

### THANKSGIVING:

Thursday, November 26, Clubhouse is open until 12:00 noon by reservation only. The kitchen is closed. Coffee and rolls will be available.

### CHRISTMAS:

Open until 3 pm, December 24.  
Closed Christmas Day, December 25.

### NEW YEARS:

Closed January 1, New Year's Day.

### CLUB HOUSE SCHEDULE:

Tuesday through Friday, the Club House opens at 8:00 am and closes at 5:00 pm. Saturday and Sunday hours are from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. The club is closed on Mondays

### RESTAURANT SCHEDULE:

On Saturdays and Sundays, breakfast is served from 7:30 am to 11:00 am but don't despair! Lunch is yours for the asking from 11:00 am. During the week, Tuesday through Friday, lunch is served from 11:00 am. Breakfast is available by reservation.

## What you Should Know About Feeding Your Dog

According to a number of well known vets - the following lists of foods are a "no no" and here's why!

- **Grapes & Raisins:** Can cause kidney failure.
- **Onions:** Destroy red blood cells and can cause anemia.
- **Chocolate:** Can cause seizures, coma and death. Baker's chocolate is the most dangerous.
- **Coffee, Coffee Grounds, Tea & Tea Bags:** Drinks and foods containing caffeine cause many of the same symptoms that chocolate causes.

- **Macadamia Nuts & Walnuts:** Can cause Weakness, muscle tremors and paralysis. Limit all other nuts as they are not good in general and their high phosphorus content is said to possibly lead to bladder stones.
- **Bones:** Cooked bones can splinter and damage internal organs. Raw bones have lots of extra fat & can cause pancreatitis.
- **Tomatoes:** Can cause tremors and heart arrhythmias. Tomato plants are the most toxic.
- **Avocados:** The fruit, pit, and plant are all toxic. Can cause difficulty breathing & fluid accumulation in chest, abdomen & heart.
- **Mushrooms:** These can be deadly.  
*Remember: A word to the wise...*



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