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# Virginia

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### Skilled Archers Tackle Fairfax Deer Problem

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A mushrooming white-tailed deer herd in Fairfax, a suburb of Washington, D.C., has created all kinds of seemingly uncontrollable problems. During one recent year, 167 deer collisions with automobiles were documented, but the number of unreported accidents was believed to be much higher. Deer carcasses removed that year from Fairfax public roads totaled 1,132.

"I counted eighteen in my yard one morning when I got up," said one homeowner. A ban on the use of rifles in the highly populated county makes control by hunters difficult, but Suburban Whitetail Management (SWM) of Northern Virginia, a nonprofit organization of skilled bowhunters, has attacked the problem, though not without opposition from the fund for animals and other animal activists.

SWM carefully selects bowhunters for removing the deer. All are top archer and they act only when requested to by a homeowner. The hunters dress in camouflage, take elevated stands in trees and hunt with nuisance permits obtained by the homeowners. During the regular hunting seasons they can use their own licenses and big-game tags if they choose.

"If someone has a problem with our efforts, we will back off," said a spokesman for the group. Homeowners can get permits to shoot the animals, but few have the equipment or the expertise to do so. The homeowners can keep the meat, but most prefer to donate it to charity, according to SWM. *—Bob Gooch*



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