

## Program Overview

Bountiful City is working with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) to implement a pilot program to catch and relocate mule deer.

The program catches deer on select properties within City limits, then transports and relocates deer to a farther and safer location from Bountiful City limits.

This pilot program will determine both the viability of deer removal within Bountiful and the cost effectiveness of the effort.

## Partners & Resources

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## MULE DEER



**CATCH & RELOCATE PROGRAM**

## Program Progress

The goal of the catch and relocate program is to catch a minimum of 200 deer by the spring of 2015.

Regular updates about the progress of the program is available on the Bountiful City website at:

[www.bountifulutah.gov/DeerPlan.aspx](http://www.bountifulutah.gov/DeerPlan.aspx)



## Catching Deer

The deer traps are simple and humane. The design is similar to a large dog kennel, with a metal-barred frame and netting that surrounds the top and sides.

Food, such as apples, are placed in the traps to attract the deer. Once a deer steps into the trap, a latch is released, which drops the netting to the entrance.



During daytime hours, the traps are set open to allow deer to move in and out freely. In the evenings, DWR employees set the traps to catch the deer. Doing so allows the deer to become comfortable with the traps during daytime hours and keeps deer more calm in the trap during the nighttime hours.

## Participation

This program is strictly “catch and relocate.” Hunting within city limits is illegal.

The catch and relocate program is not on private property without the permission of landowners. Property owners with more than a half-acre lot may contact the City and be considered to participate by signing a release form.

After a release form is signed and submitted to Bountiful City, DWR reviews the various available properties and determine where to set up traps, based on migration patterns and other factors.

Submission of a release form does not guarantee the use of all available properties during the program. While the City welcomes those who would like to participate, there are currently more properties than traps available. DWR will contact property owners based upon the factors mentioned above.