A simple “thank you” cannot express the extent of appreciation for those who go above and beyond to lend a hand. Such is the case with the many groups that have become invaluable Partners in Conservation for Oklahoma’s tremendous natural resources. Contributions and support for the Wildlife Department, from quality organizations like these, ultimately benefits sportsmen and women and the conservation of wildlife and habitat in Oklahoma. Partners listed here contributed at least $5,000 in 2018.

The Wildlife Department also extends sincere gratitude to the many other groups and individuals who provide support through monetary gifts or in-kind products and services in support of all Department activities. This list does not include our partners who contribute to the Department’s Wildlife Expo. Thank you, partners!

- **Quail Forever Oklahoma Chapters** for support of ODWC projects focused on habitat enhancements on Wildlife Management Areas and for support of the Stars and Stripes License Project, which provides hunting and fishing licenses to veterans and eligible family members.
- **National Wild Turkey Federation** for support of habitat enhancement on public and private lands statewide (including several WMAs open to public hunting), plus major support for ODWC outdoor educational programs.
- **Natureworks** for support of management on public lands in Oklahoma.
- **Oklahoma City Zoological Park, Oklahoma Zoological Society and Botanical Garden** for conservation field study projects and to help with expenses for various projects.
- **Blue River Fly Fishers** for the purchase of trout for the catch and release portion of the Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area and for general improvements to the area.
- **Larry and Brenda Potterfield, founders of MidwayUSA**, for their support of the Oklahoma Scholastic Shooting Sports Program and state tournament shooting events.
- **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation** for its support of habitat work on WMAs open to public hunting.
- **The National Rifle Association** for its contributions to the Beaver River and Pushmataha Wildlife Management Areas shooting ranges. The NRA also supported the renovation to the shooting range at Lexington WMA.
- **Northeast Oklahoma Fly Fishing Club** for research and management needs for the Wildlife Department’s streams management efforts.
- **Smallmouth Bass Rendezvous** for support of research by the Wildlife Department’s Fisheries Division.
- **Paul George Foundation** for supporting the involvement of 13 urban schools in the Department’s Oklahoma Fishing in the Schools Program in addition to partnering in a joint effort with the Department in 2019 to place a new kids’ fishing dock at South Lakes Park in Oklahoma City.
- **Bank of Oklahoma** for support of renovations to the Wildlife Department headquarters building in Oklahoma City.

**YOUR DOLLARS WORK FOR CONSERVATION**

If you’ve ever bought a hunting or fishing license, motorboat fuel, fishing tackle, ammo or bows and arrows, you’re a part of the most successful effort to conserve fish and wildlife in America: The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Anglers, hunters and outdoors enthusiasts pay a special excise tax whenever they buy items related to the outdoors, and that tax revenue is distributed back to the individual states. So each time an Oklahoman buys a license or outdoors-related merchandise, he or she is supporting important conservation efforts such as installing boat ramps or increasing hunting access.

- WDFR funds contributed to the complete renovation of Daulgren Lake at Lexington WMA.
- Skylar St. Yves
- Amanda Thomas
Do You Care About Wildlife?
Help Us Protect Them...

Operation Game Thief (OGT) is a program of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation designed specifically to stop illegal killing of the fish and game which belong to you, whether you’re an angler, sportsman or outdoor enthusiast. It’s a big problem with no simple solution. Help from public sportsmen and sportswomen makes all the difference.

Here’s why:

• One day before the opening of a recent deer season, two poachers killed four whitetail bucks.
• Late one summer night, three men steered their boat across a state reservoir, stopped at their illegal net site and hauled in a load of striped bass and other open-water fish they could sell for $1 a pound on the commercial market.

In each of these examples, you were the loser. You lost hunting and fishing opportunities or the chance to view wildlife in their natural surroundings. At the same time, law-abiding sportsmen received a bad reputation from those who fail to distinguish between legal and illegal hunting. OGT is something everyone can do to help wildlife and help us apprehend the poachers.

The OGT toll-free phone number is (800) 522-8039. Callers can remain anonymous.

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CWD
PROPER CARCASS DISPOSAL

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)
As of May 2019, Oklahoma has NOT detected CWD in the 10,000 wild deer/elk tested since 1999. Texas, Arkansas and Missouri have detected CWD in multiple deer over the same time period. Due to the close proximity of deer that have tested positively for CWD, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is recommending certain deer carcass handling practices to minimize the potential spread of CWD.

PROPER CARCASS DISPOSAL
The carcass of an infected deer can expose other deer to the disease, directly or indirectly. Long after an infected carcass decomposes, the soil will remain infectious for years, possibly exposing other deer to the prions that cause CWD. To avoid this exposure risk, proper disposal methods are recommended.

IMPROPER DISPOSAL

• Disposal in water: Do not dispose of carcasses in ponds, lakes or waterways. This has the potential to spread infectious prions to areas previously uninfected.
• Burning: Only commercial incinerators are capable of generating enough heat to destroy the prions.
• Transport to another property: Remains of harvested deer that are transported to a different property for processing should not be dumped on the landscape where it could infect the environment. Instead, the remains should be sent to a landfill. Burial on a different property is acceptable if the remains are buried deep enough so as not to become exposed to the surrounding environment by scavengers, thus making the prion accessible to deer in the area.

For more information cwd-info.org wildlifedepartment.com

PROPER DISPOSAL

• Burial on site: Whenever possible, deer carcasses should be buried on the property where it was harvested. Burial should be deep enough to prevent exposure to the surrounding environment by scavengers.
• Approved, lined landfills: Infectious prions are highly unlikely to migrate out of an approved sanitary landfill and infect other deer. Deer remains can be disposed of in household garbage that is hauled to a landfill via regular trash collection.
• Leave in place: If burial is not possible where the deer was harvested, the remains may be left on site. If CWD is already present on the property, it is unlikely to be spread by scavengers to another property where the disease is not found.

Operation Game Thief trailer is on the move!

Thanks to generous contributions from the Oklahoma Station Chapter Safari Club International and Safari Club International, the Department has equipped a traveling trailer to highlight the importance of obeying game laws. The Operation Game Thief trailer is hitting the roads and educating Oklahomans young and old about wildlife conservation. Keep your eyes peeled; the trailer may be coming to an area near you!
If you witness a violation, call your game warden or contact the Operation Game Thief hot line at (800) 522-8039.

If you can’t reach your local game warden and have an emergency or see someone committing a violation, call a game warden in an adjoining county, or your local sheriff’s office.

Law Enforcement Office Headquarters..............(405) 521-3719
(8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday)

To contact a game warden, call or send text to the number provided.

Oklahoma is a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. Most states are now Compact members. Violations in any member state can result in the loss of hunting or fishing privileges in all the member states.

Read more at wildlifedepartment.com

[Map of Oklahoma with districts labeled and game warden contact information]
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