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2013 Urban Deer Archery Hunt on path to another record-breaking year

The City's organized deer population control program not only reduces urban deer accidents, but feeds Morgantown's hungry.

MORGANTOWN – Hunt organizers are hinting that this year's numbers in Morgantown's Urban Deer Archery Hunt may again top previous numbers.

Rick Bebout, Volunteer Hunt Coordinator, said that as of the end of October, 83 deer had been taken.

Not all hunters are choosing to keep the deer for themselves. Thanks to partnership with local food kitchens, pantries, and shelters, hunters can request that Backwoods Taxidermy process their meat and donate it. Fifty-one of the 83 have been donated, or 61%.

The Bartlett House has already been the recipient of a September 26th donation of almost a half-ton of venison.

Year	Hunters	Deer Taken	Donated Venison
2011	67	45	400 lbs.
2012	77	118	1,617 lbs.
2013 (mid-season)	90	83	935 lbs.

Bebout said that the numbers of donated venison grow more rapidly throughout the season, as these hunters usually claim the first for themselves and have enough to last the winter.

The Urban Deer Archery Hunt runs September 7 to December 31, 2013.

Find more information on the Urban Deer in Morgantown at
<http://www.morgantownwv.gov/residents/urban-deer/>.

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