



## **TWA Position Statement on Ownership of Deer**

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TWA supports public ownership of wildlife resources, and is, and will remain, opposed to any efforts that result in conversion of Texas' wild deer to private ownership. TWA strongly supports the position that our native white-tailed and mule deer are to remain publicly-owned wildlife regardless of the natural or manmade situations in which they are found; and that deer intentionally released from breeder pens upon release remain the property of the people of the state of Texas. We believe deer breeders should continue to enjoy and benefit from certain privileges extended by statutes governing deer breeder permits. TWA also believes reasonable TPWD oversight as provided through statute is desirable for both the continued integrity of the breeder industry and the protection of wild deer.