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“A Kinder, Gentler Way to Cull the Deer Herd

Westchester Mayor Proposes Injecting Deer With Birth Control

Mayor Peter Swiderski Plans To Submit Application For Idea

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Birth Control Proposed for Deer in New York

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Deer Birth Control is Coming, So Look Out for Debauched Deer Orgies

THANKS, OBAMA: our hard-earned tax dollars are now going towards supplying the wanton deer of the New York City suburbs with whore pills. (Side note: if anyone is interested, I'm amenable to developing The Wanton Deer of the New York City Suburbs as a new Real Housewives-esque franchise).

Anyways, now the doe population can continue to fornicate all through the temperate deciduous forest, regardless of whether or not their fellow Americans agree with their lifestyle choices. According to the New York Times, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, mayor Peter Swiderski is implementing experimental immunocontraception (a process that uses an animal's own immune system to prevent it from fertilizing offspring) in order to combat deer overpopulation — a huge problem in suburban New England, where deer-related car accidents are becoming increasingly common and Lyme disease dangerously rampant. Also they are eating all the tulips.

Mayor Swiderski tried to encourage a few methods before settling on contraception, including hunting (impractical and dangerous) and netting the deer and then sending them to a slaughterhouse (a cruel method that resulted in a doctored photograph of Swiderski with a Hitler mustache making rounds on the Internet). Quoting the famous old adage, he notes that "deer murder sabotage is easy. It only takes a few people with vials of coyote urine to drive..."
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Hastings-on-Hudson is about 4 miles north of the Bronx.
TOWN TO PUT DEER ON THE PILL

Alternative to hunting them

By DANIEL D. SNYDER

Communities in New York’s Westchester County have long used hunters to control deer populations, but now one town, Hastings-on-Hudson, is taking a more progressive approach. The town, together with Tufts University’s Center for Animals and Public Policy, will conduct the first experiments in deer regulation using immunocontraception, or, more simply, birth control.

More than 50 residents have already volunteered to help with the experiment, tracking the animals so they can be trapped and treated.

“It’s brilliant,” said center director Dr. Allen T. Rutberg of the contraceptive vaccine, which will use the animal’s own immune system to prevent it from fertilizing offspring. “It works on a lot of animals, even elephants.”

The small town, which measures only about two square miles, is believed to be home to some 70 to 120 deer.

The program will cost an estimated $50,000 for the first two years, but Hastings mayor Peter Swiderski is confident the issue is pressing enough to warrant the effort. In 2011 there were 16 car collisions reportedly involving deer, and Mayor Swiderski himself contracted lyme disease from a deer tick, as did his entire family.

The town plans to submit the proposal to the State’s Department of Environmental Conservation within a month.
NY village trying birth control to trim deer herd

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Scientists and humane groups hope the program, which seeks to capture and inject female white-tailed deer with a contraceptive made from pigs’ ovaries, can become a model for other places that are too congested or compassionate to consider killing.

“We’re hearing all about ‘Don’t kill Bambi’ and all the jokes about deer condoms,” Mayor Patar Swiderski said, “People are having their little chuckles. But deer have a pretty big negative effect on the community.”

Under the plan, which will begin this winter if approved by the state Department of Environmental Conservation, as many as 90 percent of the does in Hastings will be tranquilized; inoculated with the contraceptive, then tagged and released. The deer population is estimated at up to 1,200, a density of 60 per square mile. That’s three times the deer density that some studies have tied to a decline in plant and animal species.

The goal is a 35 to 40 percent reduction in five years.

Stephanie Boyles Griffin, a senior director at the Humane Society of the United States, said, “There are thousands of communities in the U.S. that are looking for alternative ways to manage the deer populations. If successful, she said, “Hastings would be the first open suburb in the U.S. to manage deer exclusively through the use of immuncontraception.”

Swiderski said he had heard about such experiments and approached expert Allen Rutberg, director of the Center for Animals and Public Policy at Tufts University.

Rutberg went for a walk in Hastings, saw plenty of deer and deer damage, and figured
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If the state approves the program, does in Hastings could be hormoneized, then injected by next winter.
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