## **Peck Farm Research Update Summer 2020**

In this summer update of the Phase 4 Peck Farm research, we continue to evaluate the evolving positive health status of the remaining 4 deer and 1 bull elk on the quarantined farm. Summer progress of the deer and elk is showing good results as the seasons are set to change to the "Fall Mode" for these deer and 1 elk held under quarantine for exposure to CWD 4.5+years.







Left to Right - Red 1, Purple 1, Purple 2 (8-15-2019) buck fawn as of August 14, 2020.

As the summer months give way to Fall's reduction of daylight we are reminded of the many changes that comes with the deer's hormone patterns and environmental conditions. Buck Red 1 is already changing into his fall hair coat as Purple 1 shows good body shape for the pending breeding season. We look to continue the vigilance of observations as the season changes bringing increased risks for exposures to stress from weather conditions, parasites, flies or bacterial organisms found around the farm which could impact your deer / elk health.







Left to Right -- Purple 1 shows good mothering care of her fawn purple 3 at 21 days of age. At 46 days Purple 3 enjoys chewing Aspen leaves off the branch. Elk 1 shows early signs of antler hardening as fall approaches.

Interested in supporting this continued research or just have a question

Contact me or your Board members to have a conversation about supporting CWD research.

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