



The MSPCA participated in conducting a survey to determine the public's attitudes on several wildlife issues.

Survey Results:

- 79% of Massachusetts residents that the use of body-gripping traps to capture and kill wildlife for recreation, which a majority of Massachusetts voters prohibited in 1996, should continue to be prohibited.
- 86% agreed that hunting on Sundays should continue to be restricted (as it has been for 100 years) so that citizens and their families to enjoy nature without worrying about conflicts with hunters.
- 86% of residents agreed that moose hunting should continue to be prohibited. There are currently only 800-1000 moose in Massachusetts and hunting has been prohibited since 1913.
- 89% agreed that the state board that oversees the management of wildlife should represent the interests of all Massachusetts citizens and not just the interests of hunters and trappers.

The above-mentioned survey was conducted via telephone among a representative sample of 1,000 adults (ages 18 and over) residing in. Respondents were divided between survey forms A and B, yielding a final sample size of 500 for each question and a margin of error of +/- 4%. The responses were collected by Pacific Market Research from August 24-30, 2007.

Survey Detail

This survey was conducted via Telephone among a representative sample of 1,000 adults (ages 18 and over) residing in Massachusetts. Respondents were divided between survey forms A and B, yielding a final sample size of 500 for each question and a margin of error of +/- 4%.

Trapping

The question asked, "Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The use of body-gripping traps to capture and kill wildlife for recreation, which a majority of Massachusetts voters prohibited in 1996, should continue to be prohibited." 79% of the participant agreed. The responses were collected by Pacific Market Research from August 24-30, 2007.

Hunting on Sunday

The question asked, "Hunting on Sundays has been restricted in Massachusetts for over 100 years, allowing citizens and their families to enjoy nature without worrying about conflicts with hunters. Do you agree with keeping this restriction?" 86% of the participants agreed. The responses were collected by Pacific Market Research from August 24-30, 2007.

Moose Hunting

The question asked, "There are currently only 800-1000 moose in Massachusetts, and moose hunting has been prohibited in this state since 1913. Do you agree with keeping this prohibition?" 86% of the participants agreed. The responses were collected by Pacific Market Research from August 24-30, 2007.

Property Owners

The question asked, "Some property owners and residents believe that hunters should seek permission before hunting on their land. Do you agree with this requirement?" 95% of the participants agreed. The responses were collected by Pacific Market Research from August 24-30, 2007.

Wildlife Board Presentation

The question asked, "Do you agree with the following statement? The state board that oversees the management of wildlife should represent the interests of all Massachusetts citizens and not just the interests of hunters and trappers?" 89% of the participants agreed. The responses were collected by Pacific Market Research from August 24-30, 2007.