

# ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF DOG HUNTING IN WEST VIRGINIA 2007

ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF ORGANIZED DOG HUNTING IN WEST VIRGINIA. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN ORGANIZED RACCOON HUNT COMPETITION; ORGANIZED RABBIT HUNT COMPETITION; ORGANIZED SQUIRREL HUNT COMPETITION; AND ORGANIZED BIRD DOG COMPETITION. THERE ARE THREE MAJOR LICENSING BODIES HOLDING COMPETITION EVENTS IN W.VA.

THE UNITED KENNEL CLUB, (UKC) HEADQUARTERS IN KALAMAZOO, MI. THE PROFESSIONAL KENNEL CLUB (PKC) HEADQUARTERS IN PORTAGE, MI. THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB (AKC) HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK, N.Y. THE FIGURES IN THIS ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FACTS.

1. A. THERE ARE 1203 LICENSED KENNEL CLUB COMPETITION EVENTS IN W.VA. EACH YEAR. WITH AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 25 PARTICIPANTS PER EVENT. THERE ARE 30,075 PARTICIPANTS EACH YEAR IN W.VA.

B. ENTRY FEES TO PARTICIPATE

IN EVENT @ \$ 20 \$ 601,500

C. GASOLINE PURCHASED @

\$ 60 PER ENTRY \$ 1,804,500

D. FOOD PURCHASED TO &

FROM EVENT @ \$ 20 \$ 601,500

E. MOTEL ROOMS @ \$70 (1 IN 3 WILL PURCHASE A

MOTEL ROOM) \$ 701,750.00

F. HUNTING SUPPLIES

PURCHASED AT EVENT (BULBS, COLLARS, ECT)

@ \$ 10 \$ 300,750.00

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HUNT PERMITTS @ \$ 5 \$ 6,015.00

THE TOTAL IMPACT STUDY

RELATED TO ORGANIZED

COMPETITION EVENTS \$ 4,016,015.00

**2. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WHO PLEASURE HUNT RACCOON , RABBIT, BIRDS, SQUIRREL, AND BEAR WITH DOGS. IT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT "PLEASURE HUNTERS" OUT NUMBER COMPETITION HUNTERS 3 TO 1. THERE ARE 245 DOG HUNTING CLUBS IN W.VA., WITH AN AVERAGE OF 28 MEMBERS PER CLUB. THIS WOULD INDICATE THERE ARE 20,580 PLEASURE HUNTERS USING DOGS IN W.VA. THIS WOULD INDICATE A LITTLE OVER 374 DOG HUNTERS PER COUNTY.**

**A. DOG FOOD PURCHASED**

**(AVERAGE 4 DOGS PER**

**HUNTER @ \$110 PER DOG)**

**@ \$440 PER YEAR \$ 9,055,200.00**

**B. VETERINARY CARE @**

**(AVERAGE 4 DOGS PER**

**HUNTER @ \$100 PER DOG)**

**EQUALS \$400 \$8,232,000.00**

**C. GASOLINE PURCHASED @**

**\$3.40 PER GALLON**

**30 GALLON PER WEEK TRAINING**

**& HUNTING**

**\$109,156,320.00**

**D. FIRE ARMS PURCHASED @**

**\$60 PER YEAR ( A \$300**

**FIREARM PURCHASED**

**EVERY 5 YEARS) \$1,234,800.00**

**E. AMMUNITION @ \$20 PER YEAR \$ 411,600.00**

**F. DOG HUNTING SUPPLIES @ \$530**

**PER YEAR (EXAMPLES: LIGHTS \$200**

**BOOTS \$ 100 , DOG TRANSPORT BOX**

**\$400 EVERY 5 YEARS = \$ 80 PER YEAR**

**CLOTHING \$ 100, MISCELLANEOUS,**

COLLARS , LEADS , ECT. \$ 50 )

\$ 10,907,400.00

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT RELATED

TO DOG HUNTING & DOG TRAINING

\$ 131,588,520.00

3. A. HUNTING LICENSES @ \$ 26 \$535,080.00

B. A DOG TRACKING SYSTEM

& 4 TRACKING COLLARS \$875

( BUY ONE EVERY 5 YEARS)

EQUALS \$ 175 PER YEAR \$ 3,601,500.00

C. COUNTY DOG HEAD TAX

\$4 PER DOG \$ 329,280.00

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF

PLEASURE DOG HUNTING &

DOG TRAINING IN W.VA. \$136,054,380.00

PLUS

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF

COMPETITION HUNTING \$ 4,016,015.00

EQUALS

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

PER YEAR OF DOG HUNTING,

DOG TRAINING, AND COMPETITION

HUNTS IN W.VA. \$140,070,395.00

THIS AMOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS

ONE HUNDRED FOURTY MILLION,

SEVENTY THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED

NINETY FIVE DOLLARS. "PER YEAR" FORM DOG HUNTERS, DOG TRAINING & COMPETITION DOG HUNTING.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS ECONOMIC IMPACT RESULTS FOR THE STATE OF W.VA. FOR HUNTING AND FISHING WAS \$ 800,000,000.00 PER YEAR

THE DOG HUNTERS ECONOMIC STUDY INDICATES

(\$ 140,070,395.00) PER YEAR.

THE DOG HUNTERS PRODUCE 17.43 %

OF THE TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT GENERATED BY

HUNTING & FISHING FOR THE STATE OF W.VA.

THERE ARE 55 COUNTYS IN W.VA.

THIS MEANS EACH COUNTYS AVERAGE

INCOME FROM DOG HUNTING , TRAINING & COMPETITION HUNTS.

WOULD BE \$ 2,546,734.55 PER COUNTY PER YEAR.

OTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION; MAJOR COMPLETION COONHOUND EVENTS ARE A MAJOR SOURCE OF REVENUE , FOR BUSINESSES WHERE EVENTS ARE HELD. HERE ARE 2 SUCH EXAMPLES:

AUTUMN OAKS (UKC) LICENSED EVENT EACH LABOR DAY WEEK END IN RICHMOND IND. THE EVENT DRAWS 600 NIGHT HUNT PARTICIPANTS AND 300 BENCH SHOW PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2 DAY EVENT. THE WAYNE COUNTY TOURISM BUREAU SETS THE ECONOMIC \$ 5 MILLION OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD.

WINTER CLASSIC (UKC) LICENSED EVENT HELD EACH JANUARY IN ALBANY GA. THE EVENT DRAWS 550 NIGHT HUNT PARTICIPANTS & 200 BENCH SHOW PARTICIPANTS. THE ALBANY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SETS THE ECONOMIC IMPACT @ \$ 1.2 MILLION PER YEAR FOR THE TWO DAY EVENT.

STUDY REQUESTED BY;

WEST VIRGINIA SPORTING DOG ASSOCIATION

AND

WEST VIRGINIA BEAR HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

THIS STUDY WAS COMPILED AND COMPLETED

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