

# Deer Search Inc. ( D. S. I.)

## Wounded Big Game Tracking Service

The concept of tracking wounded game originated in Europe a century ago. In 1978 a small group of Sportsmen formed Deer Search Inc. ( a non-profit volunteer organization ) and experimented with the European methods in New York State. This experiment resulted in the passage of state legislation which authorizes the use of leashed tracking dogs to find wounded big game (deer and bear) provided that the handler has the necessary special license.

D.S.I. members have already recovered hundreds of wounded deer that hunters could not find by ordinary means.

D.S.I. has a slide presentation describing all aspects of the program. Members will be happy to give the presentation to any interested group. Contact the nearest address listed for more information.



### Deer Search Services for the Finger Lakes & Western New York Areas

The Finger Lakes & Western areas of New York are both home to Chapters of Deer Search Inc. Together they include about 100 members who cover most counties in Region 8 and 9 and parts of Region 7. An efficient telephone dispatch system, D.S.I. of the Finger Lakes / WNY dispatch, will operate this season (Oct. Nov. Dec.) and is intended to provide efficient handling of any request for big game tracking services within the scope of the limited number of D.S.I. handlers with tracking dogs.

Training is available for new members of D.S.I. and also for the training of tracking dogs. D.S.I. is a growing organization in the Finger Lakes & Western NY. New members, licensed handlers and more tracking dogs are added every year.

**D.S.I. is NOT a hunter's crutch. It is an agency of "Last Resort"**

After you have tried everything else you know to do and circumstances prevent you from recovering your wounded deer or bear. Please call:  
( during Oct. Nov. Dec. )

**Finger Lakes Chapter**  
**Call - ( 585 ) 935-5220**

**Western N.Y. Chapter**  
**Call - ( 716 ) 648-4355**

For Finger Lakes and WNY chapters the areas generally covered, but not limited to are the following NY counties; Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

#### Tips to Remember;

1. **\*\*\* LANDOWNER PERMISSION IS ESSENTIAL !! \*\*\***
2. You must be able to take the dog handler to the exact location where you lost the blood trail. These locations should be marked

at eye level so that you can return to them even after dark.

3. Do not walk directly down the blood trail as you track.
4. Tracking services are available day or night seven days a week, through all N.Y. big game seasons including 24 hours following the end of the season.
5. There is **NO CHARGE** for the services of Deer Search. Members are volunteers that try to help you, however, donations are accepted and go directly to the non-profit organization.... Deer Search Inc. address and phone # on back.