



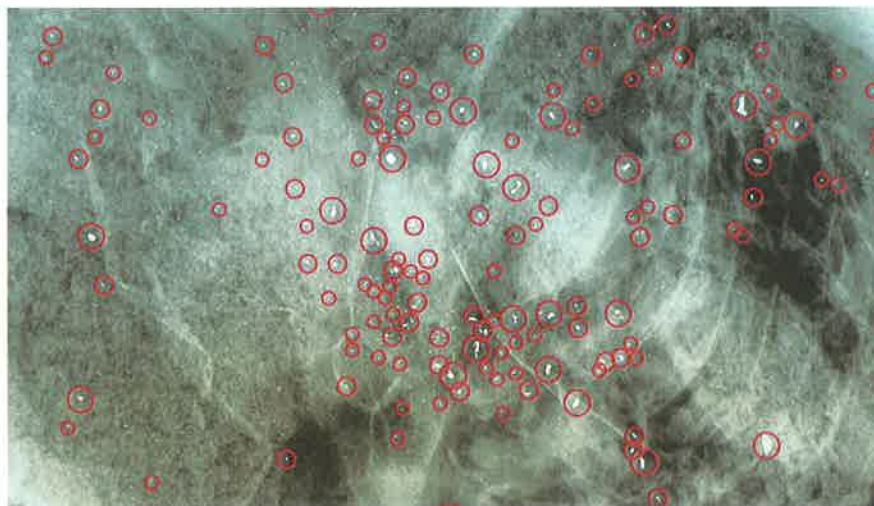
Hunter's Choice

An **education** program that informs deer hunters about their non-toxic ammunition **choices**, which will safeguard wildlife and human health.



Hunter's Choice will promote **voluntary change** through a series of workshops that allow hunters to experience different characteristics of ammunition options. Information also will be added to **Youth Firearm Safety classes** and hunter education courses.

Lead-based ammunition disintegrates on impact--scattering fragments far beyond the animal's wound track. This makes it almost **impossible to remove all the lead** during processing.



X-ray image of a gut pile, lead fragments are circled in red.



X-ray of a package of processed venison, lead fragments are circled in red. | nps.gov

"No safe blood lead level in children has been identified."

---Centers of Disease Control and Prevention

Society has eliminated lead from paint, gasoline, children's toys, and shotgun ammunition for waterfowl hunting. Lead is associated with anemia, muscle weakness, and kidney and brain damage in humans.



93 ADULT EAGLES TREATED IN 2019



Eagles frequently feed on gut piles. They also accumulate lead by eating other animals who have consumed lead.

