



## Center for Rural Studies, 2019 Vermonter Poll Results

VT wildlife is by law, a resource for all Vermonters. Regulations about non-game wildlife, that is, wildlife not trapped, hunted or fished are made by professional staff at the department of fish and wildlife. Regulations about game wildlife, that is, wildlife that are trapped, hunted or fished are made by the volunteer fish and wildlife board. Governor Scott has stated that appointments to that board are overwhelmingly drawn from trappers, hunters and anglers. Should regulations that impact wildlife that is trapped hunted or fished be made by a volunteer board appointed by the governor, or by professional staff from the department of fish and wildlife?

	Frequency	Percent
Volunteer board appointed by the governor	111	16.6
Professional staff from the Department of Fish & Wildlife	452	67.7
[Don't Read] Don't know	105	15.7
Total	668	100.0

### 2019 Vermonter Poll Methodology

Data were collected by the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont as part of the 2019 Vermonter Poll. The survey was conducted between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. beginning on February 19, 2019 and ending February 28, 2019. Telephone polling was conducted from the University of Vermont using computer-aided telephone interviewing (CATI). A random sample for the poll was drawn from a list of Vermont landline and cellular telephone numbers. Only Vermont residents over the age of eighteen were interviewed. The poll included questions on a variety of subject areas relevant to Vermonters.

A total of 680 Vermont residents over the age of 18 agreed to participate and completed the survey. Based upon 680 valid responses, the overall study results have a margin of error of plus or minus 3.8 percent with a confidence level of 95 percent. This means that if this study were replicated 100 times, 95 of those times, the results would fall within +/-3.8% of the results found in this effort.



## Protect Our Wildlife VT: 2017 Vermonter Poll Frequency Tables

Okay, I'm now going to ask you a couple questions about wildlife policies in Vermont.

**Should Vermont ban the use of steel jaw leghold, body gripping traps and any types of drowning traps?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	384	62.8
	No	125	20.5
	[DO NOT READ] Don't Know	84	13.7
	[DO NOT READ] Refused	18	2.9
	Total	611	100.0

**(Analysis Without Don't Know/Refused)**

**Should Vermont ban the use of steel jaw leghold, body gripping traps and any types of drowning traps?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	384	75.4
	No	125	24.6
	Total	509	100.0

Vermont wildlife policies allow certain species, including coyotes, crows, porcupines, skunks and weasels to be killed without limit even when there is no intent to consume or use the remains. This is called "wanton waste" killing. Should Vermont wildlife policies prohibit the "wanton waste" of wildlife, except when these animals are causing damage to property or agricultural products?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	384	62.8
	No	161	26.4
	[DO NOT READ] Don't Know	46	7.5
	[DO NOT READ] Refused	20	3.3
	Total	611	100.0

**(Analysis Without Don't Know/Refused)**

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		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	384	70.5
	No	161	29.5
	Total	545	100.0

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## **2017 Center for Rural Studies: Vermonter Poll Methods**

The data used in this report were collected by the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont as part of the 2017 Vermonter Poll. The survey was conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on weekdays beginning on February 21, 2017 and ending on February 28, 2017. The telephone polling was conducted from the University of Vermont using computer-aided telephone interviewing (CATI). A random sample for the poll was drawn from a list of Vermont landline and cellular telephone numbers. Only Vermont residents over the age of eighteen were interviewed. The poll included questions on a variety of issues related to public policy in the state of Vermont.

A total of 2,960 eligible potential respondents were contacted. Of these, 2,347 refused to take the survey and 613 completed a survey. The response rate for the 2017 Vermonter Poll was 20.7%. Based upon 613 valid responses, the overall results have a margin of error of plus or minus 4.0 percent with a confidence level of 95 percent.

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