

Please write:

1. Honourable William Davis, Premier of Ontario, Legislative Buildings, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1.

Ask him to amend the provincial Fur Farm Act to prevent the transport and/or sale of raccoon dog breeding stock within Ontario. Tell him that you want to minimize or eliminate spread of raccoon dogs in Canada. Urge him to initiate and/or co-operate with other governments to purchase the current farming operation and to dispose of breeding stock.

2. Your provincial premier. Confirm that your province/territory has legislation to prevent the import of raccoon dogs from Ontario. Ask the premier to approve federal legislation which would ban the import of exotic wildlife into Canada and regulate the transfer of wildlife within Canada.

3. Honourable John Roberts, Minister of the Environment, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H3.

Urge him to initiate and/or co-operate with other governments to purchase the current farming operation and to dispose of breeding stock. Ask him to press provincial and territorial governments for agreement of proposed export and import legislation. If you want to comment on the legislation, ask for a copy.

CNF would appreciate receiving copies of your correspondence for their files.

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MORE THAN JUST TREES



by Sid Watts, Kilmuir

With the increased interest in wood as a fuel, many people have become aware of the value of their woodlots. Many woodlot owners are actively seeking professional help and are reading more books and publications to help them understand and manage their woodlots.

Some owners have found that they want to manage more than just trees. There is a deepening interest also in the wildlife, recreation and aesthetic of the woodlot. Management techniques can be applied that will improve the habitat for many species of wildlife. Trails can be cut through a woodlot that can be used for walking or cross country skiing, as well as the extraction of forest products. These other uses can be incorporated into any woodlot management plan.

The multiple use concept of management is not a new one but it is gaining more interest as woodlot owners become more knowledgeable of the forest environment.

As new elements are added to a woodlot management plan, the complexity of the plan is increased. The personal satisfaction of the woodlot owner is also increased by knowing that while he or she is practising good forest management for the trees, he or she can also practise good management of the ecosystem within the woodlot.