



**University
of Victoria**

Dear Homeowner,

Re: Esquimalt Urban Deer Research Project

As you may be aware, the Township of Esquimalt is working with the Province and the University of Victoria on an Urban Deer Research Project. As part of this project, we are darting deer and administering immuno-contraceptive (IC) vaccination as a non-lethal deer population management strategy. The IC does not harm the animal, but results in fewer fawns, which should reduce the overall population over time.

We have been in your area recently and have noticed deer on your property. We would greatly appreciate permission to access your yard when deer are present in order to be able to dart and administer IC.

Our field team is usually comprised of 4-6 expert volunteers, led by our wildlife veterinarian. The entire process from initial darting to the deer being back up on its feet usually takes approximately 40 minutes. We are typically in the field between 7 a.m. and noon.

We will be looking for deer throughout Esquimalt from July 26th to mid-August 2021. If you would consider pre-emptively granting us access to your property when deer are present between July 26th- mid-August, please fill out the survey confirming your consent and address at:

<https://www.esquimalt.ca/UrbanDeer>

You can also access more information on our work at www.acmelab.ca/esquimaltdeer.

Thank you very much for your consideration. **Please contact us at your earliest convenience to let us know if you would like to grant access to your property, or if you have any questions.**

Email: acme.labuvic@gmail.com

or Tel: 778-729-2509

Sincerely,

The Esquimalt Urban Deer Project Team