

**PASSED**  
**Resolution #6**  
**Requires 2/3 Majority**

**Submitted by:** Erik Schnelle, State Advisory Council President, NDA  
**Passed:** March 25, 2023 MUCC Annual Convention  
**Title:** Game Tracking Dog Use

1. **WHEREAS:** The use of game-tracking dogs is becoming increasingly popular to aid in
2. the recovery of wounded deer, bear, and elk; and,
3. **WHEREAS:** the use of trained game-tracking dogs and their skilled handlers is of
4. immeasurable benefit to ethical hunters seeking to do all they can to recover wounded or
5. lost deer, bear, and elk; and,
6. **WHEREAS:** Uncontrolled tracking dogs and their handlers entering properties without
7. permission could lead to dangerous conflicts with property owners; and,
8. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC)
9. shall support changes and amendments to tracking dog regulations to encourage the
10. increased use of trained game-tracking dogs and skilled dog handlers whose dogs are
11. under control at all times and will not enter properties without permission; and,
12. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** If the tracking dog is off lead, a reliable means of tracking dog
13. control should be employed to assure property boundary compliance and must be registered
14. with the Michigan DNR as a tracker; and,
15. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** If the handler loses control of the tracking dog and it
16. enters an adjoining property without permission, the handler should adhere to current Michigan
17. game laws governing the legal means of recovering hunting dogs from private property.
18. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the MUCC shall support for tracking dogs and their
19. handlers to be: registered with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), possess a valid
20. Concealed pistol license, have passed a United Blood Trackers level 1 or greater test. If the dog
21. is off-lead, the dog and handler should successfully complete the new United Blood Trackers
22. off-lead test that was established in 2022.