Folks: There is a study going on out of Framingham State looking at deer genetics on Nantucket and comparing them to MV and SE Mass and the project team is in need of samples. Can you please put word out through your avenues as followsIf you have any spare packages of deer steak or stew meat (honestly even 1 piece of stew meat or steak would suffice as all they need is a cubic centimeter) in your freezer of known origin in Zones 11, 12 or 13, it would be great if you can help out the study. They would need to know the Town the deer came from, so you could simply pull out one chunk of frozen stew meat or steak, place it in a ziplock bag with the Town labeled on it and then make arrangements to get the frozen samples to me at the SE District HQ in Buzzards Bay. I believe they are only looking for about 5 samples from each area, so it would be perfect to get 5 from the Vineyard, 5 from the Cape, 5 from Plymouth County and 5 from Bristol County. Please spread the word and provide my contact info below for folks to contact me to arrange for my staff to get the samples. Thank you. Nelson...perhaps you can collect the samples at your house and then I can grab them when I come over next week?

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