AGING DEER JAWBONES

Look only at lower jaw premolar and molar teeth to age a deer

Keep in mind: 1. A cusp is a point or projection on the chewing surface of a tooth.
2. The 1st 3 teeth are premolars.
3. The last 3 teeth are molars.

Fawn: 6 Mos.
1. Count the teeth. If there are only 4 to 5 teeth, STOP! You have a FAWN!
2. 1 1/2 yr old deer and older have a full set of 6 teeth.

Yearling: 1 Yr. 5 Mos.
1. Look at the 1st 3 teeth. If the 3rd tooth is 3 cusped, (Third milk premolar), STOP! You have a 1 1/2 year old deer.

Yearling: 1 Yr. 6 Mos.
1. Look at the 1st 3 teeth. If the 3rd tooth is partially erupted, STOP! You have a 1 1/2 year old deer. (notice that the new tooth will be 2 cusped and is now a permanent premolar)

Yearling: 1 Yr. 7 Mos.
1. Look at the 1st 3 teeth. If the 3rd tooth is fully erupted and 2 cusped and pearly white, (no dentine line) STOP! You have a 1 1/2 year old deer.

(NOTE: 17, 18, and 19 month old deer are all considered 1 1/2 Yr. Old Deer.)

2 1/2 Years
1. Look at the 1st 4 teeth. If the 3rd and 4th teeth (3rd premolar and 1st molar) have a dentine line in the crest of the teeth that is narrower than the enamel, STOP! You have a 2 1/2 year old deer.

3 1/2 Years
1. Look at the 1st 5 teeth. If the 3rd and 4th teeth (3rd premolar and 1st molar) have a dentine line in the crests of the teeth that are wider or as wide as the enamel and the 5th tooth has a dentine line in the crest that is narrower than the enamel, STOP! You have a 3 1/2 year old deer.

3 1/2 + Years
1. Look at the 1st 5 teeth. If the 3rd, 4th and 5th teeth (3rd premolar, 1st and 2nd molars) have a dentine line in the crests of the teeth that are wider than the enamel, STOP! You have a 3 1/2+ year old deer.
Deer Aging Through Identification of Tooth Replacement and Wear

- Only 4 to 5 teeth (6 months old)
- 6 teeth- 3rd premolar has 3 cusps (17 months old)
- New 2 cusped 3rd premolar is erupting (18 months old)
- 2 cusped 3rd premolar has no signs of wear (19 months old)
- Dentine on crests of 3rd premolar and 1st molar is narrower than the enamel (2 ½ years old)
- Dentine on crests of 3rd premolar and 1st molar is wider than the enamel (3 ½ years old)