

(g) *Care and treatment.* Captive animals possessed for dog trial purposes shall be treated in a humane manner and confined under sanitary conditions with proper and adequate housing, care, food and fresh water.

(4) **SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS.** (a) *Grounds condition.* The department may cancel or reschedule dog trial events and restrict or prohibit dog trial horse use if excessive damage occurs or is likely to occur to soils or vegetation on department lands. Permit fees shall be refunded if a trial is cancelled by the department and an alternative site or date cannot be established.

(b) *Camping.* Camping on department lands is allowed only by permit.

Note: Fees are required on state forest and recreation area lands.

(c) *Parking.* Vehicle parking on department lands is restricted to areas designated by the department.

(d) *Vaccinations.* The owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within 30 days after the dog reaches the age of 4 months and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination as established by s. 95.21, Stats.

(e) *Tree damage.* No person may cause damage to trees by any manner of gaining access to trees on department lands.

(f) *Litter.* All waste material including field trial markers shall be removed by the permittee at the completion of the field trial.

(g) *Ground marshal.* A grounds marshal responsible for the dog trial coordination, supervision, clean-up and regulation compliance shall be designated by the permittee for each field trial.

(h) *Horses.* Horses may only be used as a trial activity. Pleasure riding is not permitted.

(5) **CLASSES OF FIELD TRIAL GROUNDS.** (a) *Class 1 field trial grounds.* Class 1 field trial grounds are those posted, marked or designated department lands where dog trials are permitted year-round, except hunting shall have priority. Class 1 field trial grounds include the following:

1. Bong state recreation area - The west unit of the special use zone.
2. Kettle Moraine state forest - Ottawa unit.
3. Lower Wisconsin River wildlife area - Mazomanie unit.
4. Pine Island wildlife area.

(b) *Class 2 field trial grounds.* Class 2 field trial grounds are those department lands not established in par. (a) and designated on the field trial permit subject to date restrictions of February 1 through April 15 or April 15 through July 31 at department discretion.

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NR 17.02 Dog training. (1) **PERMITS.** Except as established by sub. (3) (b), a valid dog training permit shall be required for any person to possess, use or shoot captive protected wild animals released for dog training

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purposes on any lands. The use of unprotected wild animals does not require a permit. The permit shall:

(a) *Cost.* Cost \$5 per training period. The fee shall be submitted with the application.

Note: Additional user fees are required on state forest and recreation area lands.

(b) *Effective period.* Be effective through December 31 of the year following issue.

(c) *Authority.* Authorize the permittee and persons accompanying the permittee to possess and use captive, protected wild animals for dog training only. The permit does not authorize commercial or organized shoots, animal selling, breeding or propagation. On department lands, captive protected wild animals may only be used within designated dog training areas.

(d) *Possession.* Be in possession of the permittee while engaged in dog training activities and exhibited to any authorized department agent upon demand.

(e) *Area restriction.* Be valid only on the areas identified on the permit.

(f) *Revocation.* Be revoked by the department if any administrative rules or permit restrictions are violated. No fees collected by the department will be returned if a permit is revoked.

(2) **APPLICATION.** Applications shall be made on forms provided by the department.

(3) **ANIMAL USE.** Any person using captive protected wild animals for dog training shall possess a receipt issued by a licensed fur farm or game farm or by a dog training or dog trial permit holder.

(a) *Wild animals.* Any person may train dogs on free-roaming protected or unprotected wild animals without a permit, but protected wild animals may not be killed during the closed season. Wild bear may only be pursued for dog training purposes as established in s. NR 10.101 (3) (b).

Note: This paragraph clarifies the use of animals which are found in the wild (free-roaming) and not released from captivity at the time of training.

(b) *Licensed animals.* Training hunting dogs with raccoons possessed under authority of a game or fur farm license may be used at any time outside of department lands without a permit provided the animals are kept under control by caging or similar restraint. Except for bear dog training, training hunting dogs on other protected game possessed under the authority of a game farm, fur farm or shooting preserve license may also be used at any time outside of department lands without permit.

(c) *Mammal identification.* Raccoons used for dog training shall be tattooed on either ear with a letter-number combination determined by the department unless controlled by leash, cage or similar restraint.

(d) *Care and treatment.* Captive animals possessed for dog training purposes shall be treated in a humane manner and confined under sanitary conditions with proper and adequate housing, care, food and fresh water.

(4) **SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS.** (a) *Department lands.* On department lands open to public hunting and not designated open to dog training, dogs shall be controlled by a person using a leash which is no more than 8 feet in length from April 15 through July 31.

(b) *Firearms.* Blank handguns may be used for dog training on wild game without a permit. Special firearm restrictions include:

1. No person may possess any firearm while dog training during the 24-hour period prior to the gun deer season unless hunting on licensed game farms or shooting preserves as established by s. NR 10.09 (2).

2. No person may possess any loaded or uncased firearm or air gun while within the boundary of state-owned lands posted with department signs in Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha counties as established by s. NR 45.09 (5) except:

a. While engaged in hunting in accordance with the open seasons established in s. NR 10.01 (regular small game, big game and waterfowl seasons).

Note: This rule prohibits possession of any loaded or uncased firearm or air gun on the above areas during the closed season. This also prohibits hunting unprotected species and crows, grackles, red-winged blackbirds and cowbirds during the closed season.

b. While at a designated target range.

c. While training dogs under department permit within designated areas.

(c) *Vaccinations.* The owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within 30 days after the dog reaches the age of 4 months and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination as established by s. 95.21, Stats.

(5) **CLASSES OF DOG TRAINING GROUNDS.** (a) *Class 1 dog training grounds.* Class 1 dog training grounds are those posted, marked or designated department lands where dog training is a year-round recreational pursuit. Dog trainers may use horses where designated by the department Class 1 dog training grounds include the following:

- (1) Bong state recreation area - Special use zone.
- (2) Deansville wildlife area.
- (3) Greenwood wildlife area.
- (4) Lower Wisconsin River wildlife area - Mazomanie unit.
- (5) Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern and Ottawa units.
- (6) Pine Island wildlife area.

(b) *Class 2 dog training grounds.* Class 2 dog training grounds are those department lands not established in par. (a) and designated on the permit. At department discretion, entry to Class 2 dog training grounds may be restricted to foot travel year-round and all dog training may be prohibited April 15 through July 31.

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