

## SECTION .1200 - CONTROLLED FOX HUNTING PRESERVES

### 15A NCAC 10H .1201 DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- (a) The rules in this Section apply to all controlled hunting preserve operator licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission (Commission) in accordance with G.S. 113-273(g) for controlled fox hunting preserves.
- (b) The following definitions shall apply to all rules in this Section:
- (1) "Acclimation" means an adjustment period to allow foxes and coyotes to become accustomed to the controlled fox hunting preserve.
  - (2) "Controlled fox hunting preserve" means an enclosed area where foxes and coyotes are pursued with dogs.
  - (3) "Escape den" means a stationary manmade structure that provides refuge for foxes and coyotes from dogs.
  - (4) "Dog proof fence" means a perimeter fence designed to prevent the ingress or egress of dogs, foxes, or coyotes over, under, or through the fence.
  - (5) "Fox" means red fox and gray fox, including their color morphs.
- (c) Any individual wanting to operate a controlled fox hunting preserve shall first obtain a controlled hunting preserve operator license from the Commission.
- (d) Applicants for a controlled hunting preserve operator license shall show proof of ownership or lease of the land contained in the proposed controlled fox hunting preserve.
- (e) Application for a controlled hunting preserve operator license shall be made online at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) or at the Commission headquarters located at 1751 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606. Information required from the applicant shall include:
- (1) the applicant's name, address, telephone number, date of birth;
  - (2) the preserve name, address, county, acreage, and GPS coordinates of preserve entrance; and
  - (3) species within the preserve.
- (f) Controlled hunting preserve operator licenses shall not be transferable, either by transferring the license to another operator or by relocating the site of the preserve.
- (g) Upon receipt of an application accompanied by the license fee, the Commission shall issue a controlled fox hunting preserve operator license, provided the rules in this Section regarding establishment of such areas have been complied with.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273(g);  
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