

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 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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