



# FIELD DOG TRIAL APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR PUBLIC LAND OTHER THAN STATE LAND

Issued under the authority of Public Act of 1994, part 401, and the Wildlife Conservation Order, Chapter XV. Making a false statement on this application, or failure to comply with the provisions of this Act, is a violation of state law and may result in the revocation of this permit and criminal penalties.

This application and permit is required prior to conducting a field dog trial on public land other than state land in Michigan. This form becomes a valid permit only after being approved and signed by the Director's authorized representative. Applicants must complete this form (including the signature of approval of the land administrator) and submit at least 30 days prior to a requested event. Trials are valid only for dates approved by this permit. There is no fee for this permit. Additional instructions and requirements regarding this permit are listed on the back of this form. Trials on state land or private property require a separate permit. Questions may be addressed to the DNR, Wildlife Division, Permit Specialist at 517-373-9329.

Name of Applicant	Club or Organization
Address	Applicant Title
City State ZIP	Telephone ( )

Coon Dog Night Hunt     
 Retrieving Trial     
 Hound Chase     
 Water Trials  
 Coon Dog Water Race     
 Pointing Dog Trial     
 Specify Other \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Public Land  
 Federal     
 County     
 Township     
 City     
 Village     
 Specify Other \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Trial  
County \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

I approve and authorize the activities indicated on this form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Land Administrator (please print)      ( )  
Telephone  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Land Administrator      Date

More than one trial may be requested per year provided the trial locations are the same as indicated on this application. Provide inclusive dates of trial or trials:

If birds defined as game in Michigan are to be released, indicate the information requested below and see number seven within the instructions on the back of this form.

Provide the kind and number of birds to be released:  
Will birds be shot?  Yes  No

**LIABILITY.** Grantee hereby releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the State of Michigan, its departments, officers, employees and agents, from any and all liability to Grantee, its officers, employees and agents, for all losses, injury, death or damage, and any claims or demands thereto, on account of injury to person or property, or resulting in death of Grantee, its officers, employees or agents, in reference to the activities authorized by this permit.

**INDEMNIFICATION.** Grantee hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify and save harmless, the State of Michigan, its departments, officers, employees and agents, from any and all claims and demands, for all loss, injury, death or damage, that any person or entity may have or make, in any manner, arising out of any occurrence related to (1) issuance of this permit; (2) the activities authorized by this permit; and (3) the use or occupancy of the premises which are the subject of this permit by the Grantee, its employees, contractors, or its authorized representatives.

I certify that I have read and understand the information on the front and back of this form. I, and the organization I represent, agree to abide by the rules established in all activities pertaining to this permit. I understand that this permit does not provide any authorization to circumvent any federal, state, local laws, or any other local zoning and ordinances; nor does it provide any exception to the law other than allowing for the activities specifically authorized by this permit, on the property specifically authorized by this permit.

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Signature of Applicant

Return completed application to:

**Wildlife Division  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
PO Box 30444  
Lansing MI 48909-7944**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

DNR USE ONLY	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved
_____ Signature of Director's Authorized Representative	_____ Date

**REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIELD DOG TRIAL APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR PUBLIC LAND OTHER THAN STATE LAND**

A "field dog trial" is defined as a trial or meet, advertised as such and open to entry by persons whose dogs qualify, in which not less than four participants, with dogs, are permitted to dog train in competition or contest. This definition does not apply to an individual cast of a field dog trial in which fewer than four participants with dogs constitute a cast. Dogs in a field dog trial must be awarded points, trophies, or other actual honors for their performance and demonstration of hunting skills. A person or a group of persons training their dogs, but not competing for prizes, points, trophies, or other actual honors are not participants in a field dog trial and shall not train dogs under the authority of a permit authorizing a field dog trial.

- 1) This permit neither grants nor implies the granting of authority to enter upon any public land without the prior permission of the land administrator.
- 2) Field dog trials on private property or state land require a separate permit. For more information contact the DNR, Wildlife Division, Permit Specialist at 517-373-9329.
- 3) Nonresidents may not train dogs on bear, bobcat, fox, coyote, raccoon, or opossum except upon authorized private dog training areas. However, nonresidents may participate in authorized field dog trials.
- 4) For any field trial held between April 16 and July 14, a list of all trial participants must be kept at the trial headquarters, and shall be made available for inspection at any time during the duration of the trial to any peace officer.
- 5) In fox and raccoon field trials, live fox or raccoon that are legally possessed under a DNR Permit to Hold Wildlife in Captivity, may be used provided that such animals are not released, dragged on a leash, submerged in water, or allowed to come in contact with dogs.
- 6) Unless specifically authorized by this permit, it shall be unlawful for a person to possess a firearm other than a shotgun, pistol, or revolver or ammunition other than blank cartridges while engaged in a field dog trial.
- 7) If the shooting of birds defined as game in Michigan is authorized by this permit, such birds shall be legally obtained from persons authorized to possess and sell birds defined as game in Michigan. If such birds are to be imported into Michigan, a Veterinarian's Certificate of Health must accompany shipment across state lines. Birds may be shot by no more than four previously designated gunners. Birds lawfully taken may be sold or given, provided a receipt is issued by the field trial sponsor to each recipient. The receipt must be retained with the birds until disposal of the carcasses.
- 8) For trials that will take place in more than one specific location (typically coon dog night hunts) this permit is valid only if the permittee contacts the Law Enforcement Supervisor for the District in which the trial will be conducted, no later than five days prior to each event, providing him/her with the specific location of the field trial headquarters for that event, and a list of specific townships upon which the event will be conducted. If the trial will be conducted in more than one District, each District Supervisor must be contacted. Also, it is in the permittee's best interest that the local Conservation Officers are fully informed about the activities of the field dog trial. Following is a listing of District Law Enforcement Supervisors and the counties that they oversee.

COUNTIES:		DISTRICT LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPERVISOR:	COUNTIES:		DISTRICT LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPERVISOR:
Baraga Dickinson Gogebic Houghton Iron	Keweenaw Marquette Menominee Ontonagon	} <b>DISTRICT 1</b> LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION MARQUETTE OPERATIONS SERVICE CENTER MICHIGAN DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 1990 US-41 SOUTH MARQUETTE MI 49855 Telephone: 906-228-6561	Arenac Bay Gratiot Huron Isabella	Midland Montcalm Saginaw Sanilac Tuscola	} <b>DISTRICT 6</b> LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION BAY CITY OPERATIONS SERVICE CENTER MICHIGAN DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 3580 STATE PARK DRIVE BAY CITY MI 48706 Telephone: 989-684-9141
Alger Chippewa Delta	Luce Mackinac Schoolcraft		} <b>DISTRICT 2</b> LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION NEWBERRY OPERATIONS SERVICE CENTER MICHIGAN DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 5100 STATE HWY M-123 NEWBERRY MI 49868 Telephone: 906-293-5131	Allegan Barry Berrien Cass Ionia Kalamazoo	
Alpena Antrim Charlevoix Cheboygan	Emmet Montmorency Otsego Presque Isle	} <b>DISTRICT 3</b> LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION GAYLORD OPERATIONS SERVICE CENTER MICHIGAN DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 1732 WEST M-32 GAYLORD MI 49735 Telephone: 989-732-3541		Branch Calhoun Clinton Eaton Hillsdale Ingham	Jackson Lenawee Livingston Shiawassee Washtenaw
Benzie Grand Traverse Lake Leelanau Manistee Mason	Mecosta Newaygo Oceana Osceola Wexford		} <b>DISTRICT 4</b> LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION CADILLAC OPERATIONS SERVICE CENTER MICHIGAN DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 8015 MACKINAW TRAIL CADILLAC MI 49601 Telephone: 231-775-9727	Genesee Lapeer Macomb Monroe	Oakland St. Clair Wayne
Alcona Clare Crawford Gladwin Iosco	Kalkaska Missaukee Ogemaw Oscoda Roscommon	} <b>DISTRICT 5</b> LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION ROSCOMMON OPERATIONS SERVICE CENTER MICHIGAN DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 8717 NORTH ROSCOMMON ROAD ROSCOMMON MI 48653 Telephone: 989-275-5151			