



Trap, Transport & Transplant Permit Application Package (Valid for Mule Deer Only) APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

This application package contains:

- (1) Applicant Information
 - (2) Permit Application
 - (3) Trap Site Information Form
 - (4) Release Site Information Form
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NEW APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Required to be submitted to local TPWD Wildlife Biologist by the first business day in January:

- completed Trap Site Information Form(s)
- completed Release Site Information Form(s)

Must be submitted:

- completed Permit Application
 - CWD test results, if applicable
 - \$750.00 per release site application processing fee (temporary checks are not acceptable)
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All items should be submitted together for final approval. Incomplete final application packets will not be processed. Applications are processed in the order received. Complete applications received by November 15 are guaranteed to be processed within 45 days.

- **An approved TPWD Wildlife Management Plan (WMP) is required for all release sites.** Wildlife Management Plans can be prepared by landowners, their agents, professional biologists, or TPWD personnel (as time allows). **The WMP must be approved by a TPWD Wildlife Biologist prior to submitting your application.** Release sites will be inspected by TPWD prior to permit issuance to determine if the native habitat on release sites can support additional deer. **DO NOT include a copy of your Wildlife Management Plan with your application.**
- **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) samples**, collected from wild adult mule deer taken during the 2010-2011 hunting season, must be submitted to and tested by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratories (TVMDL). **DO NOT FREEZE SPECIMENS.** Ten percent of the number of animals requested to be relocated (minimum of 10, maximum of 40) must be sampled and tested. Applicants that prove they have at least 60 'not detected' results for the property are required to sample and test 3% of the number of animals to be moved (minimum of 1) prior to the following trapping season. Copies of test-result sheets received from TVMDL must be submitted to TPWD with your application. Result sheets must indicate that CWD was not detected in any sample submitted.¹ TPWD suggests that prospective trap sites work with their local veterinarian to collect and submit appropriate samples to TVMDL. Translocation activities consisting solely of relocating deer within a contiguous property owned by the same person are exempt from testing requirements.
- **Trap Site Forms and Release Site Forms** must be approved by an authorized TPWD Wildlife Biologist prior to submission.

Send completed application packet to:
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Big Game Program - Wildlife Permits Office
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, TX 78744

¹ If a permittee traps, transports, and transplants fewer deer than are authorized in a given permit year, that permittee may trap, transport, and transplant the remaining deer the following year from the same trap site without having to provide new samples for testing; however, the person must apply for a new Triple T permit and must re-submit the test results from the previous year. If the application for a new Triple T permit specifies a number of deer greater than the remainder from the previous year, then 10% of the number of animals requested to be relocated (minimum of 10, maximum of 40) must be sampled and tested.



Trap, Transport, and Transplant Permit Mule Deer Applicant Information

This information page contains a summary of current Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) regulations concerning permits to Trap, Transport, and Transplant Game Animals and Game Birds as they pertain to mule deer.

PURPOSE OF THE PERMIT – Permits to trap, transport, and transplant mule deer may be issued to individuals for the purposes of wildlife management.

TRAPPING METHODS – The majority of relocation operations will utilize one of the following trapping methods: (1) net gunning animals from a helicopter; (2) use of a helicopter to herd animals into a stationary drive net; or (3) use of a stationary drop net. Aircraft, if used, must be permitted through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and a Landowner Authorization must be on file with the department.

CONDITIONS FOR PERMIT ISSUANCE – All proposed release sites must have a current Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Wildlife Management Plan approved by an authorized TPWD Wildlife Biologist. Applications will be denied if the proposed activities may detrimentally affect the population status on adjacent properties, if the proposed activities may detrimentally affect the resource, or if the proposed release site is outside of the suitable range of mule deer. All proposed relocation operations must comply with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission's Stocking Policy, which stipulates that prospective release sites shall have suitable natural habitat capable of sustaining the animals stocked. In addition, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance is required of all prospective trap sites. CWD test results must be received by TPWD prior to permit issuance. **DO NOT FREEZE SPECIMENS.**

PERMIT CONDITIONS – Mule deer may only be relocated between October 1 and March 31. All persons named on a permit are permittees, and are therefore responsible for all activities conducted under the authority of the permit. At least one permittee must be present during each phase of a relocation operation. The Supervisory Permittee (permit applicant) or a sub-permittee must contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Law Enforcement Communications Center at (512) 389-4848 between 12 and 48 hours prior to each attempt to trap, transport, and release mule deer. Antlers must be removed from all antlered deer relocated. Each trailer or other vehicle used to transport mule deer must be marked on the rear surface with the inscription "TTT". The inscription must be at least 6 inches tall and 3 inches wide. Permittees must make reasonable efforts to ensure safe and humane handling of trapped animals and to reduce human health and safety hazards in every stage of a relocation operation. Trap sites within incorporated areas and those which may pose a human health and safety hazard must be marked as such. Relocated mule deer may be marked for later field recognition with appropriate ear tags. Relocated mule deer must be tattooed in one ear with an identification number supplied by TPWD. Mule deer may not be sold, bartered, or otherwise exchanged for anything of value. Mule deer may not be relocated into breeding facilities, temporary detention pens, or any other release site not specifically identified on the permit. Additional conditions may be specified on the permit. Relocation operations should only be attempted by those with the expertise to safely and efficiently conduct the operation.

TRAP & RELEASE SITE INFORMATION FORMS – For each ranch where animals are to be trapped or released, the applicant must submit an appropriate Trap Site Information Form(s) and Release Site Information Form(s) to the local TPWD Wildlife Biologist by the first business day in January. If a trap or release site is a high-fenced pasture within a ranch, the information submitted must be specific to that pasture. The information submitted will be used by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to assess the current status of habitat, wildlife resources, and potential competition on ranches proposed for removal/addition of mule deer.

TRAP SITE CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TESTING – Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) samples, collected from wild adult mule deer taken during the 2010-2011 hunting season, must be submitted to and tested by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratories (TVMDL). Ten percent of the number of animals requested to be relocated (minimum of 10, maximum of 40) must be sampled and tested. Applicants that can prove they have at least 60 'not detected' results for the property are required to sample and test 3% of the number of animals to be moved (minimum of 1) prior to the following trapping season. Test results from mule deer tested during the previous hunting season may be used if a permittee trapped, transported, and transplanted fewer mule deer last year than were authorized.² Copies of test-result sheets, received from TVMDL, must be submitted to TPWD with your application. Result sheets must indicate that CWD was not detected in any sample submitted. TPWD suggests that prospective trap sites work with their local veterinarian to collect and submit appropriate samples to TVMDL. Translocation activities consisting solely of relocating mule deer within a contiguous property owned by the same person are exempt from testing requirements.

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RELEASE SITE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN – An approved Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Wildlife Management Plan must be approved and on file for each proposed release site. Landowners can prepare their own plan, or seek professional assistance. Contact the Wildlife Division District Leader representing the release site county for further information (Trans-Pecos District Office - Alpine - (432) 837-2051; Panhandle District Office - Canyon - (806) 655-3782).

RELEASE SITE INSPECTION – Each release site will be inspected by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to determine if the native habitat is capable of sustaining additional mule deer.

FEES AND AMENDMENTS – The application processing fee for a Trap, Transport, and Transplant permit is \$750 per release site. The processing fee for amending an existing permit (e.g., adding a trap site) is \$30; however, additional release sites require an additional fee of \$750 per release site. **Application processing fees are not refundable.**

REPORTS AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE – A daily log of permitted activities must be maintained by the Supervisory Permittee. This log must be made available to Game Wardens upon request. A financial disclosure statement must be completed and signed by the owner (or full-time employee) of the trap site, the trapper, and the owner (or full-time employee) of the release site for each trap site/release site combination each time mule deer are transported. This statement must accompany each shipment of mule deer. An activity report which summarizes the relocation operation must be submitted, along with all financial disclosure statements, within 30 days following permit expiration.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS – An applicant for a Trap, Transport, and Transplant permit must follow these steps: **(1) complete and submit Trap Site and Release Site form(s) to the local TPWD Wildlife Biologist by the first business day in January;** (2) complete and sign the application; (3) complete CWD testing at each location where mule deer will be trapped; (4) submit all forms, including copies of CWD test results, and the application processing fee to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Complete applications received by November 15 are guaranteed to be processed within 45 days.

Please note: Trap Site Form(s) must be completed for each specific location where mule deer will be trapped (each form must be signed by the landowner or landowner's agent). Release Site Form(s) must be completed for each specific location where mule deer will be released (each form must be signed by the landowner or landowner's agent). **An approved Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Wildlife Management Plan must be on file for each release site.** Trap Site and Release Site forms may be approved in the field; contact your local TPWD Wildlife Biologist for details.

FOR MORE INFORMATION – If you have additional questions regarding permits to Trap, Transport, and Transplant Game Animals and Game Birds, please contact Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 1-800-792-1112 (an electronic menu system will answer the 800 phone line. Within the menu system, select Menu 5 [Wildlife], Choice 1 [Wildlife Information]).



Trap, Transport, and Transplant Permit Mule Deer Application

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION: (please print legibly)

Applicant Name: _____
 *Social Security No.: _____
 Driver's License No.: _____ State: _____
 Ranch/Business: _____
 Mailing Address: _____

 City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone numbers with area codes:

Home: _____
 Ranch: _____
 Office: _____
 Mobile: _____
 Fax: _____
 Email: _____

2. TRAP & RELEASE SITE INFORMATION

Number of ranches (sites) where mule deer will be trapped: _____
 Are any trap sites within incorporated areas? Yes No
 Number of ranches (sites) where mule deer will be released: _____
 Number of mule deer to be relocated: Total: _____ Bucks: _____ Does: _____

3. TRAPPING METHODS

The following trapping methods will be used:

Net Gun/Helicopter Drive Net/Helicopter Drop Net
 Other (specify): _____
 Helicopter (if used) is: Privately Owned Commercial
 Owner/Company Name: _____ Telephone No. _____
 Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Mule deer will be transported by: Truck/Trailer Other (specify): _____

4. EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS: Briefly describe the experience of the permittee, sub-permittees, and helicopter company (if applicable) with trapping, handling, and relocating mule deer. _____

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*State law requires that applicants/permittees provide their Social Security number on all permit applications. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department may only release this information to agencies operating under the provisions of Parts A and D of Title IV of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 601-617 and 651-699). Department may only release this information to agencies operating under the provisions of Parts A and D of Title IV of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 601-617 and 651-699).



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5. SUB-PERMITTEES: List the names and telephone numbers of all individuals that will be authorized to conduct trapping, transporting and transplanting activities. The Supervisory Permittee (permit applicant), or at least one individual named below as a sub-permittee must be present during all permitted activities. All permittees and sub-permittees are responsible for activities conducted under the authority of the permit. Attach additional sheet if necessary. (Please print legibly)

1. Name: _____ Telephone Number with Area Code: _____

Driver's License # and State: _____ *Social Security #: _____

2. Name: _____ Telephone Number with Area Code: _____

Driver's License # and State: _____ *Social Security #: _____

3. Name: _____ Telephone Number with Area Code: _____

Driver's License # and State: _____ *Social Security #: _____

6. TRAP SITE INFORMATION FORM(S): Submit a completed Trap Site Information Form for each ranch (site) where mule deer will be trapped to the local TPWD Wildlife Biologist by the first business day in January. If mule deer will be trapped from more than one pasture within a ranch, a separate Trap Site Information Form must be submitted for each pasture. Each of these forms must be signed by the landowner or an agent specifically designated by the landowner.

7. CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TEST RESULTS: Attach copies of trap site CWD test results received from the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL). **DO NOT FREEZE SPECIMENS.**

8. RELEASE SITE INFORMATION FORM(S): Submit a completed Release Site Information Form for each ranch (site) where mule deer will be released to the local TPWD Wildlife Biologist by the first business day in January. If mule deer will be released into more than one pasture within a ranch, a separate Release Site Information Form must be submitted for each pasture. Each of these forms must be signed by the landowner or an agent specifically designated by the landowner.

9. RELEASE SITE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN: An approved Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Wildlife Management Plan must be on file for each ranch (site) where mule deer will be released. Release site Wildlife Management Plans must be approved by an authorized TPWD Wildlife Biologist **prior** to application for a Trap, Transport, and Transplant permit. Do not submit copies of Wildlife Management Plans with this permit application.

10. APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE: Include a check or money order for **\$750 per release site made payable to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.** This application processing fee **is not refundable.**

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11. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION: *The information provided on this application and supplemental materials is true and correct. I understand that falsifying information on this application or supplemental materials will be cause for permit denial or revocation. I also agree that if a Trap, Transport, and Transplant Permit is issued pursuant to this application, I will abide by all Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Regulations, and all conditions specifically listed on the permit. I understand that mule deer captured and/or released pursuant to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Regulations may not be bartered or sold. I further understand that all individuals and/or companies named on this application and supplemental materials will be fully responsible for the disposition of all mule deer captured until they are released onto their approved release site.*

Applicant Name (Print): _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

12. MAIL: Completed application, associated materials and a check or money order for **\$750.00 per release site** made payable to Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (do not include a copy of your Wildlife Management Plan) to:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Big Game Program – Wildlife Permits Office
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744

– Incomplete applications will not be processed –

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains the information collected through this form. With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information we collect. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are also entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004, you are also entitled to have this information corrected.



Trap, Transport, and Transplant Permit Mule Deer – Trap Site Information

(Supplement to Application for Trap, Transport, and Transplant Permit)

SUBMIT TO LOCAL TPWD WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST BY THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY IN JANUARY

1. RANCH INFORMATION: (please print legibly)

Ranch Name: _____ Nearest City/Town: _____
Total Acreage: _____ Direction from Town: _____
Majority County: _____ Miles from Town: _____
Additional Counties: _____ On Hwy/Road: _____

IS THIS RANCH SURROUNDED BY A HIGH FENCE? (Check One) YES NO

2. RANCH OWNERSHIP INFORMATION:

Telephone numbers with area code:

Owner Name: _____ Home: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Ranch: _____
_____ Office: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ Mobile: _____

3. PASTURE INFORMATION: (Complete this section if mule deer will be trapped from a specific pasture)

Pasture Name: _____ Pasture Acreage: _____
Location within Ranch: _____

IS PASTURE SURROUNDED BY HIGH FENCE? (Check One) YES NO

4. MULE DEER TRAPPING INFORMATION:

Number of mule deer to be trapped from this ranch/pasture: **Total:** _____ **Bucks:** _____ **Does:** _____

Please identify the ranch or ranches that will receive these deer and the quantity to be released on each ranch.

Ranch Name	County	Total/Bucks/Does	Ranch Name	County	Total/Bucks/Does
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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6. MANDATORY FIELD APPROVAL: This form must be approved by an authorized TPWD Wildlife Biologist prior to forwarding to TPWD for processing. I APPROVE THE TRAPPING ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED IN THIS TRAP SITE FORM.

TPWD Wildlife Biologist Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____
Title: _____ District No. _____ Date: _____

7. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION: By my signature, I certify that I am the landowner of the above described property or a specifically authorized agent for the landowner. I also certify that the above information is true and correct, and that I authorize the removal of mule deer from my property. I understand that falsifying information on this form will be cause for permit denial or revocation. I also understand that mule deer captured pursuant to Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Regulations may not be sold or bartered, and that I am responsible for activities conducted under the authority of the permit.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
Landowner or Authorized Agent

