



## ANTLERLESS MULE DEER PERMITS INFORMATION 2016

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- Antlerless Mule Deer (AMD) permits are issued to landowners in areas with mule deer populations that can support antlerless harvest or that require intensive herd management to maintain or reduce mule deer numbers to minimize habitat degradation.
- AMD permits are issued based upon Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) mule deer survey data for a broad geographic area (mule deer monitoring unit). Permits may also be issued from survey data and/or habitat evaluations for a specific property. In general, a property must be large enough to provide statistically meaningful data and contain a population that is able to withstand doe harvest.
- There is no fee for AMD permit issuance. Applications submitted to a local TPWD Wildlife Biologist/Technician by **September 1** will be evaluated for permit issuance for the same year. Applications submitted after **September 1** will be processed as time allows and may or may not result in permit issuance for the same year. Applying for permits does not guarantee that the property will receive permits. An applicant who is not the owner of the land must have a letter from the landowner designating the applicant as an authorized agent.
- Permits will be issued by a TPWD Wildlife Biologist/Technician and are valid **only** for the specific property for which they are issued.
- Permits are valid during the general season (any lawful means) and the special archery-only season (lawful archery equipment only). *\*Note: counties with a 9-day general mule deer season do not have an archery-only season.*
  - Panhandle general season
    - 16-day season dates (40 counties) **November 19 – December 4**
    - 9-day season dates (14 counties) **November 19 – November 27**
  - Trans-Pecos general season
    - 17-day season dates (19 counties) **November 25 – December 11**
  - Archery-only season
    - In counties with a mule deer archery season **October 1 – November 4**
- There is no bag limit for antlerless mule deer on properties for which permits have been issued; however, a valid permit must be attached to **every** antlerless mule deer that is taken, regardless of season.
- **Completion of the hunting license log and use of a hunting license tag are not required if an AMD permit is attached to a harvested antlerless mule deer.**
- Harvest reporting is mandatory for persons to whom AMD permits are issued. The number of permits used on a property for the current year must be reported to issuing TPWD Wildlife Biologist/Technician by **January 15**. Failure to provide biologist/technician with permit utilization information by **January 15** will jeopardize future permit issuance.



**APPLICATION FOR ANTLERLESS MULE DEER PERMITS**

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Name of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

County(*ies*): \_\_\_\_\_ Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property high-fenced: Yes  No  Partial  High-fenced Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Rangeland Acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Cropland Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

CRP Acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

If cropland, specify what types of crops are grown and number of acres for each crop:

\_\_\_\_\_

Location of Property (*specify nearest town, highway, county road*): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Landowner/Agent Name (*Please Print*): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s):

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(*Landowner or Authorized Agent*)

Date

If you are not the landowner, you must have a letter from the landowner designating you as the authorized agent. Landowner also must have knowledge that you are applying for Antlerless Mule Deer Permits.

This application does not guarantee that you will receive permits. Permit issuance will be based upon mule deer surveys conducted by TPWD and/or the landowner/agent, habitat conditions, and mule deer monitoring unit densities/harvest. You may also be asked to document mule deer observed on your property between September and November; this data will be used to make a harvest recommendation. In general, harvest recommendations will be at a conservative rate.

For more information and to return application, please contact your local TPWD Wildlife Biologist/Technician through the following web page: [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/technical\\_guidance/biologists/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/technical_guidance/biologists/)