



FIELD TRIAL PERMIT INFORMATION

Q: What is a field trial?

A: The hunting of banded pen-reared birds in a formal trial of bird dogs that has been licensed or sanctioned by an organization or association of bird dog clubs, with or without the awarding of points (Section 43.071(4), Parks and Wildlife Code).

Q: What permits and/or licenses are required by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department before a field trial may be held?

A: A Field Trial Permit must be acquired from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department before a field trial is held. Also, the property where the field trial is to be held must be licensed as a private bird hunting area by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Q: What species of pen-reared birds are defined as legal for use in a field trial?

A: Pen-reared Bobwhite quail, pheasant, pigeons, partridge, and mallard ducks propagated or acquired under Chapter 45, Parks and Wildlife Code (statutes which regulate commercial game bird breeders). Only the species of birds mentioned above may be hunted or taken under a Field Trial Permit.

NOTE: The partridge and pheasant, although not native to Texas, are defined by law as game birds. This includes all species of each. Additionally, the partridge family includes the chukar, Hungarian partridge and francolin.

Q: Are hunting licenses required of persons participating in a field trial?

A: Only persons registered as participants in a field trial are exempt, FOR THE FIELD TRIAL ONLY, from the hunting license requirements of Chapter 42, Parks and Wildlife Code (Section 43.078 (b), Parks and Wildlife Code).

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Q: How can I get a Field Trial Permit?

A: Carefully review the information required on the enclosed application. Please note that the "NAME OF INDIVIDUAL" section MUST show the name of the PERSON who will be responsible for holding the field trial. THE FIELD TRIAL PERMIT CANNOT BE ISSUED TO A CLUB, COMPANY, OR ORGANIZATION. IT MUST BE ISSUED TO AN INDIVIDUAL (person).

Complete the enclosed application and send the permit fee of \$63.00 and the completed application to: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

Q: When do Field Trial Permits expire?

A: Field Trial Permits are issued for a period of nine (9) consecutive days. The beginning and ending dates for the Field Trial Permit must be specified on the application.

Q: What records is the holder of a Field Trial Permit required to keep?

A: None, effective September 1, 1997, as a result of the 75th Texas Legislature, House Bill 2542.

The provisions of the law governing wildlife are subject to changes by the Texas Legislature and Parks and Wildlife Commission. As changes occur, the information contained herein shall be amended to reflect the specific changes.

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