



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

This application package contains:

- (1) Applicant Information
- (2) Permit Application
- (3) Trap Site Information Form
- (4) Release Site Information Form

NEW APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Required to be submitted to 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)

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. **DO NOT include a copy of your Wildlife Management Plan with your application.**

- **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.

- **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) samples**, collected from wild adult white-tailed 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 & Transplant Permit White-tailed 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 white-tailed deer.

PURPOSE OF THE PERMIT – Permits to trap, transport, and transplant white-tailed 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 a 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 white-tailed 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 – White-tailed 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 deer. Antlers must be removed from all antlered deer relocated. Each trailer or other vehicle used to transport 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 white-tailed deer may be marked for later field recognition with appropriate ear tags. Relocated deer must be tattooed in one ear with an identification number supplied by TPWD. White-tailed deer may not be sold, bartered, or otherwise exchanged for anything of value. White-tailed deer may not be relocated into breeding facilities 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 completed Trap Site Information Form(s) and Release Site Information Form(s) to the 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 white-tailed deer.

TRAP SITE CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TESTING – Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) samples, collected from wild adult white-tailed 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 can prove they have accumulated 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 deer tested during the previous hunting season may be used if a permittee trapped, transported, and transplanted fewer deer last year than were authorized.² Copies of test-result sheets, received from TVMDL, must be submitted to TPWD with your application.

² 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 TTT 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.

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 deer within a contiguous property owned by the same person are exempt from testing requirements.

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. To obtain your TPWD Wildlife Biologist's contact information please call the Wildlife Division District Leader for your county. After clicking on the link below to select the appropriate county, the District Leader contact information appears on that page. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Wildlife Permits Office at (512) 389-8212 for District Leader contact information.

[Find a Biologist by County](#)

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 deer. If the release site is operating under the provisions of Level 2 or Level 3 Managed Lands Deer Permits, trapping/release of deer may be approved without an on-site inspection. Cooperators receiving Level 2 MLDP must provide at least 3 years of population data and 2 years of harvest data, and meet all other criteria established for releases on Level 3 properties, to conduct releases without site inspections. Exemptions to site inspections are not guaranteed. Please contact the TPWD Wildlife Biologist who approved your Wildlife Management Plan for details.

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 trap sites) 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 deer are transported. This statement must accompany each shipment of 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 TPWD Wildlife Biologist by the first business day in January;** (2) complete and sign the application; (3) complete CWD testing at each location where 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 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 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 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]).

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 & Transplant Permit Application

(Valid for White-tailed Deer Only)

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION: (please print legibly)

Telephone Numbers with Area Code:

Applicant Name: _____

Home: _____

*Social Security No.: _____

Ranch: _____

Driver's License No.: _____ State: _____

Office: _____

Ranch/Business Name: _____

Mobile: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

2. TRAP & RELEASE SITE INFORMATION:

Number of ranches (sites) where deer will be trapped: _____

Are any trap sites within incorporated areas? Yes No

Number of ranches (sites) where deer will be released: _____

Number of white-tailed 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: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number with Area Code: _____

Deer will be transported by: Truck/Trailer Other (specify): _____

4. 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 #: _____

*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).

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5. TRAP SITE INFORMATION FORM(S): Submit a completed Trap Site Information Form for each ranch (site) where deer will be trapped to the TPWD Wildlife Biologist by the first business day in January. If 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. Deer may not be trapped from tracts of land where Deer Management Permit (DMP) deer have been released during the same permit year.

6. 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.**

7. RELEASE SITE INFORMATION FORM(S): Submit a completed Release Site Information Form for each ranch (site) where deer will be released to the TPWD Wildlife Biologist by the first business day in January. If 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.

8. RELEASE SITE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN: An approved Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Wildlife Management Plan must be on file for each release site. Release site Wildlife Management Plans must be approved by a TPWD Wildlife Biologist **prior** to application for a Trap, Transport and Transplant permit. Please do not submit copies of Wildlife Management Plans with this permit application.

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

10. 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 Regulations, and all conditions specifically listed on the permit. I understand that deer captured and/or released pursuant to Texas Parks and Wildlife 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 deer captured until they are released onto their approved release site.*

Applicant Name (Print): _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date signed: _____

11. MAIL: Completed application, associated materials and a check or money order in the amount **\$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 & Wildlife Department
Big Game Program – Wildlife Permits Office
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, TX 78744

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

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Trap, Transport & Transplant Permit Trap Site Information

(Supplemental to Application for Trap, Transport & Transplant Permit)

SUBMIT TO 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/Rd: _____

Is this Ranch Surrounded by a High Fence? (check one) YES NO

Deer may not be trapped from tracts of land where Deer Management Permit (DMP) deer have been released during the same permit year.

2. RANCH OWNERSHIP INFORMATION:

Telephone Numbers with Area Codes:

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

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

Pasture Name: _____ Location within Ranch: _____
Pasture Acreage: _____ **Is Pasture Surrounded by a High Fence? (check one) YES NO**

4. WHITE-TAILED DEER TRAPPING INFORMATION:

Number of 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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

5. CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TESTING: Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) samples, collected from wild adult white-tailed deer taken during the 2009-2010 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 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. 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, and that all samples were valid. TPWD suggests that prospective trap sites work with their local veterinarian to collect and submit appropriate samples to TVMDL. Test results from the previous hunting season may be used in some cases. Refer to the Application Instructions for more information. Translocation activities consisting solely of relocating deer within a contiguous property owned by the same person are exempt from testing requirements.

6. MANDATORY FIELD APPROVAL: This form must be approved by a 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 I authorize the removal of white-tailed deer from my property. I understand that falsifying information on this form will be cause for permit denial or revocation. I also understand that white-tailed deer capture 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



Trap, Transport & Transplant Permit Release Site Information

(Supplemental to Application for Trap, Transport & Transplant Permit)

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

1. RANCH INFORMATION: (please print legibly)

Ranch Name: _____
Total Acreage: _____
Majority County: _____
Additional Counties: _____

Nearest City/Town: _____
Direction from Town: _____
Miles from Town: _____
On Hwy/Rd: _____

Is this Ranch Surrounded by a High Fence? (check one) YES NO

2. RANCH OWNERSHIP INFORMATION:

Telephone Numbers with Area Codes:

Owner Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

Home: _____
Business: _____
Ranch: _____
Mobile: _____

3. PASTURE INFORMATION: (Complete this section if deer will be released into a specific pasture)

Pasture Name: _____
Pasture Acreage: _____

Location within Ranch: _____

Is Pasture Surrounded by a High Fence? (check one) YES NO

Are the deer being released into a DMP pen? (check one) YES NO DMP # _____

4. WHITE-TAILED DEER RELEASE INFORMATION:

Number of deer to be released on this ranch/pasture: **Total:** _____ **Bucks:** _____ **Does:** _____

Please identify the ranch (or ranches) and counties where deer will be trapped. List the number of deer to be trapped from each ranch.

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

5. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN: A Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Wildlife Management Plan must be approved and on file for this release site to be processed.

Name of individual who prepared plan

Name of TPWD Wildlife Biologist who approved plan

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

TPWD Wildlife Biologist Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ District No. _____ Date: _____

This is a release that complies with MLDP provisions and does not require a release site inspection. YES NO

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 I authorize the release of white-tailed deer onto my property. I understand that falsifying information on this form will be cause for permit denial or revocation. I also understand that white-tailed deer capture 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: _____
Landowner or Authorized Agent

Date: _____