

115-13-4. Field trial permit; furbearers and coyotes. (a) The application for a furbearer or coyote field trial permit shall be submitted on a form provided by the department. Each applicant shall provide the following information:

- (1) The name of the applicant;
- (2) the address of the applicant;
- (3) the telephone number of the applicant;

(4) a map of the area in which the furbearer or coyote field trial will be held. The map shall identify the site to be used as the event headquarters, shall be drawn on a scale of not less than 1/4 inch to the mile, and shall show the following:

- (A) County and township roads;
- (B) stream drainages; and
- (C) specific areas where the furbearer or coyote field trial will occur;

- (5) the estimated number of individuals and dogs participating;
- (6) the requested dates of the furbearer or coyote field trial;

(7) the daily starting time or times;

(8) a description of the furbearer or coyote field trial event, including information on the proposed use of wildlife during the event;

(9) a copy of the furbearer or coyote sanction or license authorization if the event has been sanctioned or licensed; and

(10) other information as required by the secretary.

(b) Each application for a furbearer or coyote field trial permit shall be submitted at least 15 days before an event. This application deadline may be waived by the secretary for extenuating circumstances, if all other application requirements are met. "Extenuating

circumstances" shall mean any condition that is caused by an unexpected event that is beyond the applicant's control.

(c) Each applicant for a furbearer or coyote field trial permit may include in the application a listing of all field trial events for the calendar year if the information required under subsection (a) is provided for each event.

(d) Issuance of a furbearer or coyote field trial permit may be denied by the secretary, or approval for a specific furbearer or coyote field trial event requested by the applicant under the furbearer or coyote field trial permit may be withheld by the secretary, under any of the following circumstances:

- (1) The permit application is unclear or incomplete.
- (2) The requirements of K.A.R. 115-8-21 are not met.
- (3) The event does not conform to the requirements of a furbearer or coyote field trial event.
- (4) Issuance of a furbearer or coyote field trial permit would pose an inordinate risk to the public or to wildlife resources.

(e) Subject to all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, wildlife may be used during a furbearer or coyote field trial event as follows:

- (1) Pen-raised red fox, gray fox, raccoon, opossum, and coyotes may be released and pursued, but shall not be shot, killed, or possessed except during established seasons for the taking and possession of that species by hunting methods.
- (2) Wild or legally trapped and released red fox, gray fox, raccoon, opossum, and coyotes

may be pursued, but shall not be shot, killed, or possessed except during established seasons for the taking and possession of that species by hunting methods.

(f) Each separate furbearer or coyote field trial event conducted under a furbearer or coyote field trial permit shall be no longer than seven days in duration and shall be conducted only within the area defined in the permit.

(g) Each permittee shall keep a register of the names and addresses of all participants in each field trial event and, upon demand, shall make this register available for inspection to the department and any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of this state or the regulations of the secretary.

(h) No furbearer field trial event shall be held between the close of the fall running season established by K.A.R. 115-25-11 and the opening of the season established by K.A.R. 115-25-11 for the taking and possession of red fox, gray fox, raccoon, or opossum by hunting methods.

(i) No individual participating in a furbearer field trial shall possess a firearm except during the seasons established by K.A.R. 115-25-11 for the taking and possession of that species of furbearer.

(j) A coyote field trial event shall not be held during any closed season for the pursuing, shooting, killing, or possession of coyotes.

(k) In addition to other penalties prescribed by law, a furbearer or coyote field trial permit may be revoked by the secretary under either of the following circumstances:

(1) The permit was secured through false representation.

(2) The permittee fails to meet permit requirements or violates permit conditions.

(1) A furbearer or coyote field trial event permit shall not be required for water races or drag events. The following provisions shall apply to water races and drag events.

(1) A water race or drag event may be held at any time of the year if only coyotes or pen-raised furbearers are used in the event.

(2) A water race or drag event in which wild or wild-trapped furbearers or coyotes are used shall be held only during the established trapping season or season established for the taking and possession by hunting methods for the species of wildlife used.

(3) A water race or drag event shall be restricted to a contiguous area that does not exceed 640 acres.

(4) The person holding the water race or drag event shall notify the department at least 10 days before the event and provide a description of the event to be conducted. This notification deadline may be waived by the secretary for extenuating circumstances. "Extenuating circumstances" shall mean any condition that is caused by an unexpected event that is beyond the applicant's control. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-954; implementing K.S.A. 32-807, K.S.A. 32-954, and K.S.A. 32-1002; effective Aug. 5, 1991; amended Sept. 27, 2002.)