NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL PERMIT INFORMATION

Regulations (K.A.R. 115-16-5 and 115-16-6) adopted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) require that you take a self-directed training course and pass an examination with an 80% or better score to qualify for a Nuisance Wildlife Control permit. Provided in this memorandum is a list of KDWP offices where tests may be taken, contact the office nearest you for testing information. Self-directed training materials may be found at the web sites provided below. Contact the Pratt Office if a hard copy of the training materials is needed. The exam will be considered “open book” which means you may bring any materials you think might aid in passing the exam. The training materials contain the information necessary to answer all the exam questions.

http://wildlifedamage.unl.edu/ (Source for animal damage control techniques)
http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/wldlf2/ (Includes very useful urban wildlife damage control series)
http://www.ksu.edu/research/animal/training/Modules/index.htm (Click on “Check your occupational risks by species” and then “wildlife worker/trapper” at the bottom)

The current regulations require that if you are using firearms as a control measure that you be certified as having taken the Hunter Education program and if you use fur harvesting methods that you be certified as having taken the Furharvester Education program.

After you have completed the self-directed training required, please make arrangements with one of the offices listed below to take the exam. If you take the exam at one of our Regional Offices, bring your completed application with you and leave it when you test. If you take the exam at a local County Extension Office, they will give you the answer sheet and a statement with the date and score you received. Attach both of these to your application and forward it to the Regional Office that is closest to you. If you pass the exam, the regional law enforcement supervisor will send the application to the Pratt Headquarters. The permit will be sent to you from Pratt.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Contact your local County Extension Office for the test or any of the following offices.

Region 1
KS Wildlife & Parks
P.O. Box 338
Hays, KS 67601
785-628-8614

Region 2
KS Wildlife & Parks
300 SW Wanamaker
Topeka, KS 66606
785-273-6740

Region 3
KS Wildlife & Parks
1001 McArthur Rd
Dodge City, KS 67801
620-227-8609

Region 4
KS Wildlife & Parks
6232 E 29th St N
Wichita, KS 67220
316-683-8069

Region 5
KS Wildlife & Parks
P.O. Box 777
Chanute, KS 66720
620-431-0380

Emporia Research Office
1830 Merchant
Emporia, Kansas 66801
620-342-0658

Kansas City District Office
14639 W. 95th
Lenexa, Kansas 66215
913-894-9113

KDWP Operations Office
512 SE 25th Ave.
Pratt, Kansas 67124
620-672-5911
State of Kansas
NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL PERMIT APPLICATION
(KSA 32-807, 32-1002, KAR 115-16-6)

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Current Permit #: ____________________

Applicant’s Name: ___________________________ (Last) (First) (MI)

Business Name: ____________________________

Address: _____________________________

Applicant’s Date of Birth: __________ Phone: ( ) ( )

Mobile Phone: ____________________________ E-mail address: ____________________________

Please indicate wildlife you plan to control:

- Furbearers (raccoons, skunks, opossums, beaver, etc.)
- Small Game (squirrels, rabbits, etc.)
- Non-Game Mammals (rodents, armadillos, prairie dogs, etc.) NOTE: No permit is required for Norway rats or house mice.
- Reptiles and Amphibians (snakes, turtles, etc.)
- Bees, wasps & other insects or Invertebrates. NOTE: No permit is required for only insects and other invertebrates.
- Predators (coyote, etc.)
- Pigeons, house sparrows, starlings
- Blackbirds (crow, cowbird, magpie, yellow-headed blackbird, red-wing blackbird, bi-colored Blackbird, rusty blackbird, Brewer’s blackbird and grackle) State Nuisance Bird Control Permit Required if you use chemicals or poisons. Please apply with appropriate agency for permission to answer complaints on these animals.
- Birds of Prey (State or Federal Permit required)
- Waterfowl (State or Federal Permit required)
- Other Migratory Bird Species (woodpeckers, songbirds, etc.) Federal permit required.
  Please apply with the appropriate agency for permission to answer complaints on these animals.

Do you plan to use pesticides (insecticides, rodenticides, repellents, etc.)? Circle one. YES NO

(A Kansas Pesticide Applicator Certificate and/or Kansas Pesticide Business License, issued by the KS Dept. of Agriculture (785-296-2263), may be required to use chemicals or poisons which are used to prevent, destroy, control, repel, attract, or mitigate any pest (e.g., birds, mammals, reptiles)

County or counties where wildlife control activity will be conducted:

Describe previous use of wildlife control methods and equipment as an authorized wildlife control operator:

How long have you performed wildlife control activities? ____________________________

Will you use a firearm in your Nuisance Wildlife Control activities? Circle one. YES NO

Do you have a Hunter Education Certificate? Circle one. YES NO Hunter Education Cert. #: ________________

It is required if firearms will be used in your Nuisance Wildlife Control activities.

Will you use furharvester equipment in your Nuisance Wildlife Control activities? Circle one. YES NO

Furharvester equipment means traps, including live traps, used to take furbearing animals and coyotes.

Do you have a Furharvester Education Certificate? Circle one. YES NO Furharvester Educ. Cert. #: ________________

It is required if furharvester equipment will be used in your Nuisance Wildlife Control activities.

Wildlife Control Permit Test: List date taken, score and location. (This information needed for new applicants only)

Date __________ Score __________ Location ______________

I request permission to relocate wildlife on the following KDWP managed wildlife area(s):

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I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that my name or business name and phone number may be made available to the general public as a referral for wildlife control complaints.

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Signature of Applicant Date

APPROVAL: ____________________________

Wildlife relocation authorized on ____________________________ Wildlife Area(s).

______________________________ Date

Regional Public Lands Supervisor

______________________________ Date

Regional Law Enforcement Supervisor
Permit Conditions:
(Refer to KSA 32-807, 32-1002, KAR 115-16-5, KAR 115-16-6)

1. This permittee is NOT an employee of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Permittee agrees to cooperate with all requests and procedures of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

2. Will follow established procedures of wild animal control listed in the "Handbook on Prevention and Control of Wildlife Damage" available from Cooperative Extension Service, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

3. Control efforts will be confined to the area described on the application form.

4. This permit must be available for inspection by any person in lawful possession of the property where control activities are being conducted or by any person requesting control activities or by any law enforcement officer.

5. A daily record of all animal control activity will be kept current & made available for inspection by KDWP and submitted annually to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

6. In recurring cases, capturing and removing animals is merely treating a symptom and not the cause. Direct control efforts toward eliminating the attractant, not just the animal.

7. Permittee shall have approval of property owner and confine activity to such property.

8. Wildlife live-captured may be released in a suitable habitat at least ten (10) miles outside of city limits after first obtaining prior permission from the landowner at the release site or they may be euthanized. Injured or obviously diseased animals should be euthanized and carcasses disposed of properly. Species that are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Threatened or Endangered species, and Species in Need of Conservation may not be killed and must be released unharmed.

9. Problems pertaining to migratory birds require a federal permit for many species. If in doubt, refer such problems to APHIS-WS (785) 532-1549, KSU Extension (785) 532-5734 or KDWP (620) 672-5911.

10. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks assumes no liability for permittee actions in capturing, transporting, and releasing of problem animals.

11. **Failure to comply with the guidelines set forth in this permit will result in the immediate revocation of the permit.** All permits expire on December 31 in the year in which they were issued.

12. All state laws not exempted with this permit must be followed. **The permit does not authorize the taking or possession of state threatened or endangered species, or those protected by federal law.** Local ordinances must be followed.

13. Dens, dams and runways may be destroyed to control beaver and muskrat damage.
115-16-5. **Wildlife control permit; operational requirements.** (a) Each person holding a valid wildlife control permit issued according to K.A.R. 115-16-6 shall be authorized to take, transport, release, and euthanize wildlife subject to the restrictions described in this regulation and on the permit.

(b) Wildlife may be taken under the authorization of a wildlife control permit only when one or more of the following circumstances exist:

1. The wildlife is found in or near buildings.
2. The wildlife is destroying or about to destroy property.
3. The wildlife is creating a public health or safety hazard or other nuisance.

(c) Subject to the restrictions described in this regulation and on the permit, a wildlife control permit shall allow the taking of the following species, notwithstanding other season, open unit, or limit restrictions that may be established by the department:

1. Furbearers;
2. Small game;
3. Reptiles;
4. Amphibians;
5. Coyotes;
6. Nongame mammals, except house mice and Norway rats;
7. Pigeons, English sparrows, and starlings; and
8. Migratory birds and waterfowl, subject to K.S.A. 32-1008, and amendments thereto.

(d) Subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, the wildlife listed in subsection (c) may be taken with the following equipment or methods:
(1) Trapping equipment, if each trapping device is equipped with a metal tag with the permittee's name and address and is checked at least once each calendar day, and if snares are not attached to a drag. Trapping equipment shall consist of the following:

(A) Foothold traps;

(B) body-gripping traps;

(C) box traps;

(D) live traps; and

(E) snares;

(2) firearms, except that BB guns and pellet guns also shall be authorized;

(3) archery equipment;

(4) dogs;

(5) falconry;

(6) toxicants registered by the Kansas department of agriculture, except that such use may be subject to K.A.R. 115-16-1, K.A.R. 115-16-2, or K.A.R. 115-161-3;

(7) habitat modification;

(8) net or seine;

(9) glue board;

(10) hand; and

(11) any other methods to exclude or frighten wildlife, including repellents.

(e) No person shall possess a live species of wildlife taken under the authority of a wildlife control permit beyond the close of the calendar day following capture, unless specifically
authorized by the department. Live wildlife shall not be used for display purposes, programs, training dogs, or otherwise kept in captivity, except that pigeons may be used for training dogs.

(f) Subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, wildlife taken pursuant to a wildlife control permit shall be disposed of using one or more of the following methods:

(1) Wildlife taken alive may be controlled using lethal methods including those listed in paragraphs (d)(2), (d)(3), and (d)(6).

(2) Wildlife taken alive may be relocated and released, subject to the following requirements:

(A) Wildlife may be released only in suitable habitat located at least 10 miles from the original capture site and only with the prior written permission of the person in legal possession of the release site.

(B) Wildlife shall not be released in a location so close to human dwellings that the release is likely to result in recurrence of the reason the wildlife was taken.

(C) Wildlife shall not be released within the limits of any municipality without prior written permission from the appropriate municipal authority.

(D) Wildlife may be released on department lands or waters only with the prior written approval of the department.

(E) Wildlife shall not be released if injured or if displaying common symptoms of disease, including any of the following:

(i) Lack of coordination;
(ii) unusual lack of aggressiveness;

(iii) unusual secretions from the eyes, nose, or mouth;

(iv) rapid or uneven respiration;

(v) malnourishment;

(vi) loss of muscle control; or

(vii) loss of large patches of hair.

(F) Wildlife shall not be transported from the state except as authorized by the department.

(3) Wildlife species listed in K.A.R. 115-15-1 or K.A.R. 115-15-2, or other wildlife species designated by the department, shall be released according to paragraph (f)(2) if unharmed. If harmed or injured, these species shall be submitted to either the department or a person holding a valid wildlife rehabilitation permit issued according to K.A.R. 115-18-1.

(4) Wildlife controlled by poison shall be removed immediately, and all dead wildlife shall be disposed of using one of the following methods.

(A) The wildlife may be submitted to a licensed landfill, renderer, or incinerator.

(B) The wildlife may be disposed of on private property with the prior written permission of the person in legal possession of the property, except that the wildlife shall not be disposed of within permission from the appropriate municipal authority.

(C) Any part of the wildlife, excluding the flesh, may be sold, given, purchased, possessed and used for any purpose, with the following restrictions and exceptions:

(i) The raw fur, pelt, or skin of furbearers may be sold only to a licensed fur dealer.
(ii) The carcass and meat of a furbearer may be sold, given, purchased, possessed, and used for any purpose.

(iv) Each person purchasing unprocessed parts of the wildlife shall maintain a bill of sale for one calendar year.

(D) Dead wildlife controlled by poison or showing symptoms of disease shall be either buried below ground or disposed of as authorized by paragraph (f)(4)(A).

115-16-6. Wildlife control permit; application and reporting requirements. (a) Each person 16 years of age or older wishing to obtain a wildlife control permit shall apply to the department on a form provided by the department and shall provide the following information:

(1) The applicant’s name, address, and telephone number;

(2) the wildlife species to be controlled;

(3) the county or counties where wildlife control activities will be conducted;

(4) unless specifically exempted by the department based on previous use of the applicable methods or equipment as an authorized wildlife control operator, proof of completion of the following courses, if applicable:

   (A) Department-approved hunter education training, if a firearm would be used to take wildlife; and

   (B) department-approved furharvester education training, if furharvester equipment would be used to take wildlife; and

(5) any other information required by the department.

(b) Each applicant shall take a course of instruction approved by the department, which shall include instruction concerning applicable laws and regulations, methods for wildlife control, methods for handling wildlife, and other relevant material, and which shall include eight hours of instruction or the equivalent. The course may be offered by the department or by other approved agencies or organizations, and may be offered in person, by correspondence, or by electronic transmission. No applicant shall be required to take this course of instruction if the applicant has successfully completed an approved course within the previous five years.

(c) Successful completion of the course of instruction described in subsection (b) shall
require that the applicant pass a department examination with a minimum score of 80 percent.

No applicant shall be eligible to retake the examination within 30 days of failing the examination, and no applicant shall take the examination more than two times within the period of one year.

(d) A wildlife control permit may be refused issuance, denied, suspended, or revoked by the secretary for any of the following reasons:

(1) The application is incomplete or contains false information.

(2) The applicant does not meet the qualifications specified in this regulation.

(3) The applicant has failed to maintain or to submit required reports.

(4) The applicant has violated department laws or regulations, or has had any other department license or permit revoked or suspended.

(5) Issuance of the permit would not be in the best interests of the public, for reasons including complaints or inappropriate conduct while holding a previous wildlife control permit.

(e) Each wildlife control permit shall expire on December 31, but may be renewed for the next calendar year before expiration.

(f) Each permittee shall be in possession of a valid wildlife control permit while conducting wildlife control activities, in addition to any other federal, state, or local permits that may be required. Upon request by any person in lawful possession of property where control activities are being conducted or by any person requesting control activities, the permittee shall make the wildlife control permit available for inspection. A permittee shall not act as an employee or an agent of the department.
(g) Upon request by any person to control wildlife, a wildlife control permittee shall make a reasonable attempt to identify the wildlife species in question, and shall advise the person requesting assistance of the proposed control method and the estimated cost before conducting any wildlife control activities. In no case shall the permittee conduct wildlife control activities without the authorization of the person in lawful control of the property.

(h) Each wildlife control permittee shall submit an annual report by January 31 following the permit year, on a form supplied by the department. The report shall be kept current and available for inspection throughout the permit year. Each report shall contain the following information:

(1) The name, address, and permit number of the permittee;

(2) the date of any control activity;

(3) the species, number, and condition of the wildlife controlled; and

(4) the control method or methods used.

(i) Each wildlife control permittee shall retain the following information for a minimum of three years and shall make this information available for inspection by the department on request:

(1) The name and postal zip code of the legal occupant where control activities were conducted; and

(2) the disposition of any wildlife taken, including any of the following:

(A) the name and postal zip code of the person in lawful possession of the property where the wildlife was released and the number of wildlife released;
(B) the method used if wildlife was euthanized; or

(C) the name of any licensed wildlife rehabilitator to whom the wildlife was submitted.

(j) Subject to applicable federal or state laws and regulations, any governmental body may be authorized by the secretary to conduct wildlife control activities. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807; implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-1002; effective July 19, 2002.)