

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
LICENSED SHOOTING PRESERVE APPLICATION**

(Under Authority of § 29.1-514, § 29.1-544, and Chapter 6 of the Code of Virginia; 4 VAC 15-40-260)
For Permit Period July 1 through June 30 (or part thereof)

(Please PRINT or TYPE all information) Previous VDGIF Permit Number _____

(Check One) NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ DATE _____

(Check One) PUBLIC/COMMERCIAL _____ PRIVATE (Invited guests only) _____

I wish to hold and hunt the following pen-reared species: (Check species desired)

Quail Chukar Pheasant Hungarian Partridge Mallard (Tower Shoot Only)

____ Mr. ____ Mrs. ____ Ms. ____ Miss.

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____ HOME PHONE: (____) _____
City State Zip

Email Address: _____

NAME OF SHOOTING PRESERVE: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____ BUSINESS PHONE: (____) _____
City State Zip

LOCATION: _____ in _____
(Highway, direction, distance to nearest town) (County)

SIZE OF SHOOTING PRESERVE (acres) _____
(Area must have a minimum of 100 acres)

NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE:

PUBLIC/COMMERCIAL \$50.00

PRIVATE (invited guests only)

a) **100-300 acres** \$.50 per acre

b) For **each additional acre over 300 acres** \$2.00 per acre

Check should be made payable to: **TREASURER OF VIRGINIA** - **Signed** application, map/sketch (if applicable), and non-refundable application fee (check) mailed to: Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Permit Section, Post Office Box 3337, Henrico, Virginia 23228-3337. (804-367-9588)

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1) All **new** applications, or **renewals** having modified acreage, **must** include a map, or sketch, of the Shooting Preserve area, showing boundaries and acreage of the Preserve area. The map shall include at least one (1) of the following:

- a) Topographic map with preserve's boundary drawn in and including a scale bar.
- b) Aerial imagery with roads labeled, preserve's boundary drawn in and including a scale bar.
- c) Parcel map with roads labeled, preserve's boundary drawn in and including a scale bar.

Maps can be obtained from:

<http://maps.google.com/>

<http://www.bing.com/maps/>

<http://vafwis.org/fwis/?Title=VaFWIS+Geographic+Search+By+Map&vUT=Visitor>

Local or County Web Sites

County Tax Assessors

2) To propagate pen-raised birds on your Shooting Preserve, a Propagation Permit for \$12.50 is required, in addition to a Shooting Preserve license, and must be obtained prior to the propagation of any birds listed on the Shooting Preserve license. (<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/forms-download/PERM/PERM-014.pdf>)

3) For new applicants - a Shooting Preserve license will be issued after a representative of this Agency has inspected and has confirmed that your Shooting Preserve meets our requirements. **You** must contact the Permit Section (804) 367-9588 when you are ready to initiate the inspection process.

4) Prior to obtaining a (new or a renewal) license from the Board to operate a **commercially operated** controlled shooting area, an applicant shall (i) notify adjoining landowners of the proposed use and (ii) obtain approval from the governing body of the county, city or town that such activity is permitted under existing ordinances (§ 29.1-514). **This requirement does not apply to private shooting preserves, or to commercial preserves first permitted before July 1, 1994.**

I have notified my adjoining landowners and have obtained approval from my county, city, or town governing body in accordance with the law stated in the preceding paragraph: Yes No

5) Have you been convicted of violating any federal or state wildlife laws or wildlife-related regulations within the past 5 years?

Yes _____ No _____ If "yes," year and nature of offense (s): _____

By my signature below, I hereby certify that all entries made on this application are true and complete. I understand and agree that any falsification or misrepresentation of information herein, regardless of time of discovery, may result in denial or revocation of this permit. Failure to comply with Licensed Shooting Preserve conditions and requirements may result in suspension or revocation of the Licensed Shooting Preserve Permit. VDGIF must be notified within 30 days of any changes in this application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

TYPED SIGNATURE IS AUTHORIZED AND BINDING PER CODE OF VIRGINIA §1-13.32 AND §2.1-7.4

Print Name: _____

Email Address: _____

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
Licensed Shooting Preserve Check List

Name of Applicant _____ Previous VDGIF Permit Number _____

Name of Shooting Preserve _____

1. Signs designating the area as a "Licensed Shooting Preserve" are placed not more than 50 yards apart, along all boundaries.
2. To propagate pen-raised birds on a Shooting Preserve: a Propagation Permit for \$12.50 must be obtained prior to the propagation of any birds listed on the Shooting Preserve License. The Propagation Permit is required in addition to the Shooting Preserve License.
3. Preserve operator must understand hunting license requirements, (29.1-304 and 29.1-300 of the Code of Virginia), including blaze orange requirements.
4. Tags or bands for shooting preserve birds should include a preserve number and serial numbers.
5. Hunter Register includes places to record: a) Hunter's name (successful or not), Address, Hunting license number, b) Date hunted, c) Number, species and tag/band number for game taken, d) Records retained for previous 2 years (if applicable).
6. Preserve operator must complete and return the Shooting Preserve Annual Report to DGIF Permits Section by May 30th each year that summarizes the total number of individuals hunting.
7. The preserve must have a minimum of 100 acres and said area must consist of a single tract, or contiguous tracts of land.
8. Prior to obtaining a (new or renewal) license from the DGIF to operate a commercially operated shooting preserve an applicant shall (i) notify adjoining landowners of the proposed use and (ii) obtain approval from the governing body of the county, city or town that such activity is permitted under existing ordinances (Section 29.1-514). This requirement does not apply to private shooting preserves, or to commercial preserves first permitted before, or applied for before, July 1, 1993.
9. The preserve operator may sell surplus authorized birds for food, provided that all birds are packaged individually, and all packages clearly identify the contents and the name and address of the operator, or they may be sold alive to other authorized permittees, or they may sell the same to individuals for their personal use within 48 hrs. A complete record of sale shall be maintained for each such disposition.
10. There shall be no daily bag limit on game birds.

I have read and understand the permit conditions outlined above.

Applicant Signature

Date

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
SHOOTING PRESERVE CONDITIONS**

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL SHOOTING PRESERVES:

- 1) **RECORDS/REPORTS:** The licensee is responsible for keeping a register of the names, addresses, and hunting license numbers of all hunters (successful or not), the date(s) hunted, the number of each species taken, and the numbers of the tags, or bands, placed on the game. Such records shall be retained for at least two years. Records will be open to inspection by authorized Department personnel at any reasonable time. The licensee shall be responsible for providing annually, to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, no later than 30 days following the end of the shooting preserve season, a report summarizing the total number of individuals hunting, a total of each species released, and a total of each species taken, on a form provided by the Department.
- 2) **ACREAGE:** The area shall have a minimum of 100 acres and said area must consist of a single tract, or contiguous tracts of land, as shown on the application. There shall be no maximum size. Multiple shooting preserves, operated by the same licensee, shall not be contiguous with each other. The licensee shall own or have the area under lease.
- 3) **AREA IDENTIFICATION:** Signs designating the area as a "Licensed Shooting Preserve" must be placed not more than 50 yards apart, along all boundaries.
- 4) **HUNTERS:** All persons hunting, or assisting in the hunting, on the Preserve shall have a valid resident, or nonresident, Virginia hunting license. A license for nonresidents to hunt exclusively on Shooting Preserves is available for \$22.00 plus \$1.00 agent issuance fee. All hunting of any game, other than the pen-raised species authorized, shall conform to the general season bag limits, and licensing requirements of the species concerned. All hunters must comply with the blaze orange requirements set into law via the Code of Virginia..
- 5) **TAGGING/TRANSPORTING BIRDS:** The licensee shall be responsible for affixing a serially-numbered tag, or band, bearing the Shooting Preserve number to every bird, or package of birds, taken within the regulated area. Licensee must give notice to each person transporting game that the bands, or tags, must remain with the game until it is finally prepared for consumption, and that shot game may be disposed of only by gift and not sold, traded, or bartered. (**NOTE:** Suitable tags or bands may be obtained from National Band and Tag Company, P. O. Box 72430, 721 York Street, Newport, Kentucky 41702-0430, 859-261-2035, Fax: 800-261-8247.)
- 6) **SURPLUS BIRDS:** The licensee may sell surplus authorized birds for food, provided that all birds are packaged individually, and all packages shall bear labels clearly identifying the contents, and the name and address of the licensee, or they may be sold live to other authorized permittees, or they may sell the same to individuals for their personal use within 48 hours. A complete record of the sale shall be maintained for each such disposition.
- 7) **RECOVERY OF BIRDS:** The licensee is authorized to recover pen-reared birds within the confines of the regulated Shooting Preserve area, or on other property owned or leased by the licensee, contiguous to the Preserve.
- 8) **SHOT REQUIREMENTS:** Non-toxic shot is required for the taking of waterfowl on shooting preserves.
- 9) **FACILITIES:** Birds and animals raised under a permit for propagation purposes must be confined in a sanitary escape-proof enclosure. Such enclosure shall be open to inspection by representatives of the Department at all times (4 VAC 15-290-50).

10) **SUNDAY HUNTING:** It shall be unlawful to hunt pen-raised game birds on Sunday on controlled shooting areas in any county or city which prohibits Sunday operation by ordinance.

11) **SHOOTING PRESERVES SEASON DATES AND BAG LIMITS:**

- a) **SEASON:** September 1 through April 30
- b) **BAG LIMIT:** There shall be no daily bag limit on game birds

II. MALLARD TOWER SHOOT PROVISIONS

Definition of a Mallard Tower Shoot: A tower shoot for captive-reared mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) ducks is an activity on a licensed shooting preserve where captive-reared mallard ducks are released from a designated station and are shot on the preserve the same day of the release. Birds shall not remain free-ranging in the environment.

Conditions:

- a) The tower shoot for mallard ducks must be confined to the preserve boundaries.
- b) All ducks must be held in captivity in an escape-proof enclosure until released for shooting. Ducks cannot be free-ranging. All ducks live and dead must be retrieved the day of the release.
- c) All ducks must be right hind toe clipped.
- d) Ducks cannot be hunted over bait.
- e) Ducks cannot be used as live decoys.
- f) The permittee shall immediately notify the Department of any duck diseases or mortalities that occur. This should be done prior to the ducks being released. They can send the notification to Collectionpermits@dgif.virginia.gov or leave a message after hours at 804-367-5415. The notification must include contact information for the breeder the ducks were purchased from.
- g) A written log must be kept daily with Hunter names, Address, Hunting license number, Date Hunted, Number taken, species and tag/band number for game taken. All records must be retained for the previous two years.
- h) A written record of the number of mallard ducks released, release dates and daily harvest must be reported to the VDGIF report form by May 30th each year.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PERMITS:

1) **OTHER LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** This permit does not absolve the permittee of any responsibilities or conditions of any other federal, state, or local laws and regulations.

2) **COMPLIANCE/VIOLATION/REVOCATION:**

A. Regulation 4 VAC 15-290-130 states that a permit holder shall comply with all terms and conditions of any permit issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries pursuant to Title 29.1 of the Code of Virginia and the regulations of the board pertaining to hunting, fishing, trapping, attempting to take, possession, sale, offering for sale, transporting or causing to be transported, importing or exporting, propagating, exhibiting, and rehabilitating of any wild bird, wild animal or fish. The penalty for violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor unless another penalty is specified. Further, any violation of state or federal wildlife laws related to the permitted activities by the permittee, his/her agents or employees, or guests will constitute a violation of the conditions of the permit.

B. As provided by 4 VAC 15-30-5, failure to comply with the provisions of a permit may result in the revocation or suspension of the permit for a period up to but not to exceed five (5) years. Any person whose permit is revoked, or suspended may appeal that decision in writing, to the Director, Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, P O Box 90778, Henrico, VA 23228-0778.

3) **RENEWALS:** Regulation 4 VAC 15-30-7 states that provided that the issuance of a permit renewal has been delayed past the expiration date of the permittee's previous permit at no fault of the applicant, the permittee may continue the specific activities authorized by the expired permit until the Department has acted on such person's application for renewal. To qualify for this allowance, applicants must submit a completed renewal application to the Department at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the permit. The Department may deny renewal of a permit to any applicant who fails to meet the issuance criteria set forth by the Department. Renewal applications will be mailed approximately two months in advance of the permit's expiration date.



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**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
SHOOTING PRESERVE ANNUAL REPORT**

According to Rule 2 of the GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL SHOOTING PRESERVES, you must complete and return the following Annual Report to: VDGIF, Permit Section, Post Office Box 3337, Henrico, VA 23228. By MAY 30th.

Previous Permit Number _____

Name of Preserve _____

Shooting Preserve Number _____ County _____ Acres _____

Telephone () _____

Type of Shooting Preserve: _____ Public _____ Private

Name of Applicant _____

(Must be owner, lessee, or corporation)

Total Number of Hunters/Clients _____

<u>Authorized Species</u>	<u>Number Released</u>	<u>Number Shot</u>
Quail	_____	_____
Pheasant	_____	_____
Chukar	_____	_____
Hungarian Partridge	_____	_____
Mallard Duck	_____	_____

By my signature below, I hereby certify that all entries made on this report are true and complete. I understand and agree that any falsification or misrepresentation of information herein, regardless of time of discovery, may result in denial or revocation of this permit. Failure to comply with Licensed Shooting Preserve conditions and requirements may result in suspension or revocation of Licensed Shooting Preserve Permit. VDGIF must be notified within 30 days of any changes in this application.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Email Address _____