

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DEAL IN FURS

Authorized by § 29.1, Chapter 4, Code of Virginia

Permit Period is July 1ST through June 30th (or part thereof)

Non-refundable Application Fee: \$50.00 Check one:
Resident _____
\$125.00 Nonresident _____

The permit shall be issued in the name of the firm or individual conducting the business, but shall authorize one person only, who shall be designated as a fur buyer, to personally solicit for the purchase of furs within the area covered by the permit. The fur buyer may be the permittee, if an individual, a member of the firm, or a bona fide employee of such individual or firm who is paid a regular stated monthly salary (§ 29.1-402B).

Is this permit for: New _____ Renewal _____ Previous VDGIF Permit Number: _____

Private Use _____ For Sale to the Public _____

_____ Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Ms. _____ Miss.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Last 4 of SSN: _____

Driver's Lic#: _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Business Name: _____

Business Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Location of Business: (If different from above.)

_____ County: _____

The following question must be answered for the person designated to purchase fur, as well as the firm conducting the business (which may be the same): Has either party to this application ever been convicted of violating any wildlife related law or regulation?

Yes _____ No _____ If "yes," year of offense, _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

By my signature above, I hereby certify that all entries made on this application are true and complete, and I agree and understand that any falsification of information herein, regardless of time of discovery, may result in denial or revocation of my permit.

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

Send this application and the non-refundable application fee for \$50.00 for residents and \$125.00 for nonresidents, check made payable to the TREASURER OF VIRGINIA, to: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Permits Section, P O Box 3337, Henrico, Virginia 23228. (804) 367-6913



FUR DEALER PERMIT CONDITIONS

1. § 29.1-404 - The qualifications for securing resident county and state hunting and fishing licenses (noted in § 29.1-319) shall apply to obtaining permits under this article.
2. § 29.1-400 - It shall be unlawful to buy, sell, barter, exchange, traffic or trade in, bargain for, solicit for purchase, or possess the hides, furs or pelts of wild animals, or otherwise deal in fur as a business, without having first obtained a permit, subject to the exemptions in § 29.1-401.
3. § 29.1-401 - Exemptions as to fur permits.
 - A. A permit shall not be required of any hunter or trapper to possess or dispose of the hides, furs or pelts of wild animals legally shot or caught by him nor of any person lawfully engaging in the business of fur farming to possess or to dispose of the hides, furs or pelts of wild animals raised by him.
 - B. A permit shall not be required of any Virginia resident who is a member of an American Indian tribe recognized by the Commonwealth or a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe to buy and possess the hides, furs, pelts or skeletal parts of legally obtained wild animals, except bear as prohibited in § 29.1-536, when such items are to be used as part of traditional American Indian religious practices. Resale of items obtained under this section is prohibited.
 - C. The Board may adopt regulations providing further exemption(s) to the permit requirements.
4. § 29.1-403 - All fur permits shall be for the fiscal year, July 1 through June 30, and shall be obtained from the Department by written application.
5. § 29.1-406 - The violation of any of the terms of this article shall constitute a Class 3 misdemeanor. Furthermore, the trial court shall revoke the permit of the fur dealer, and he shall not have a similar permit for that season or for the succeeding season. He may, however, be eligible for a permit thereafter.
6. § 29.1-407 - Any furs found in the possession of any person or firm and acquired in violation of this article shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth.
7. § 29.1-536 - When taken in accordance with the provisions of law or regulation, muskrat, opossum, rabbits, raccoon and squirrels may be bought and sold during the open hunting season only, but the hides, furs or pelts of fur-bearing animals legally taken and possessed, and the carcass of any fur-bearing animal may be sold at any time in accordance with §§ 29.1-400 through 29.1-407. **(The sale of bear parts, including raw or tanned bear pelts is illegal.)**
8. 4 VAC 15-40-275 – It shall be unlawful to buy, sell, barter, traffic, or trade in, bargain for, or solicit for purchase raw pelts and unskinned carcasses of fur-bearing animals defined in §29-1-100 of the Code of Virginia without having first obtained a fur dealer permit in accordance with §29.1-400 through §29.1-407 of the Code of Virginia, except that a permit shall not be required of:
 1. Any hunter or trapper, or any personal lawfully engaged in the business of fur farming, to sell or dispose of legally taken or possessed raw pelts and unskinned carcasses of fur-bearing animals at any time.
 2. Any person to purchase legally taken or possessed raw pelts or unskinned carcasses of fur-bearing animals at any time if the pelts are to be tanned or used in taxidermy mounts for personal use and not for resale, trade, or other commercial purposes.
 3. Any person to buy or sell at any time pelts that are not defined as being raw, skinned carcasses, such as taxidermy mounts, or any other parts of legally taken and possessed fur-bearing animals defined in

§29-1-100 of the Code of Virginia. Such parts shall include skulls, teeth, claws, bones, glands, and secretions. For the purposes of this section, “raw pelt” shall be defined as any pelt with its hair or fur intact that has not been tanned, cured, chemically preserved, or converted to any usable form beyond initial cleaning, stretching, and drying. Salt-cured and sun-cured pelts shall be considered raw pelts.

9. 4 VAC 15-70-50 and 4 VAC 15-170-30 – It shall be unlawful to tan, mount, buy, sell, barter, exchange, traffic or trade in, bargain for, solicit for purchase, or transport out of the Commonwealth, any bobcat or river otter pelts until the pelts have been sealed by an agent of the department. This requirement shall not apply to licensed taxidermists who ship bobcat or river otter pelts out of the state for tanning purposes or to individuals who ship bobcat or river otter pelts out of state to be tanned for personal use. All bobcat and otter pelts or unskinned carcasses required to be sealed under the provision of this section must be sealed not later than April 1 of the license year in which the animal is taken.
10. 4 VAC 15-90-280 – Provided that no extraneous muscle tissue is attached, it shall be lawful to purchase or sell the hair, hide, tail, sinew, skull, antlers, bones, and feet of a legally possessed cervid carcass or cervid carcass part, any products made from these deer parts, and cervid mounts.
11. 4 VAC 15-30-7 – Provided that the issuance of a permit renewal by the Department 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 their permit. The Department may deny renewal of a permit to any applicant who fails to meet the issuance criteria set forth by the Department.
12. This permit does not absolve the permittee of any responsibilities or conditions of any other federal, state, or local laws and regulations, including those that apply to Threatened or Endangered Species.

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
ANNUAL RAW FUR DEALER'S REPORT**

From July 1, 20__ to June 30, 20__

COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS REPORT BY JULY 10th TO:

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Permits Section, P. O. Box 3337, Henrico, Virginia 23228
THIS REPORT **MUST BE MADE AND FILED** with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries within ten days after the end of the fiscal year, whether an application is submitted for renewal or not (§29.1-405, Code of Virginia).

Name: _____

Permit Number _____

TOTAL FOR PERMIT PERIOD ABOVE (Fiscal Year) VIRGINIA PELTS ONLY

Species of Animal	Number Brokered for Trappers	Number Purchased from Trappers	Number Brokered for Hunters	Number Purchased from Hunters	Average Price of Pelts Purchased	Number of Pelts Caught Yourself
Beaver	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bobcat	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Coyote	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fox Gray	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fox, Red	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nutria	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mink	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Muskrat	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Opossum	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Otter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rabbit	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Raccoon	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Weasel	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Skunk, Striped	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Squirrel	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

It is unlawful to sell the pelt of the spotted skunk (4 VAC 15-220-20) or the black bear.

I hereby certify that this report was prepared by me or under my personal supervision and is a true and correct report of all Virginia pelts purchased or brokered under permit this permit. I understand that failure to submit this report within the ten days after the end of each fiscal year may result in loss of my fur permit. TYPED SIGNATURE IS AUTHORIZED AND BINDING PER CODE OF VIRGINIA §1-13.32 AND §2.1-7.4

Signature of Permittee

Date