

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES  
**ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PERMIT APPLICATION**  
Under Authority of § 29.1-501 of the Code of Virginia and 4 VAC 15-40-240  
For Permit Period July 1 through June 30

(Please Type or PRINT all information)

Non-refundable Application Fee: \$50.00

Circle One: Permit: New Renewal

Prior Year's Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Route

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Farm \_\_\_\_\_

County of Farm \_\_\_\_\_

(Highway, direction from and distance to nearby town – attach map also)

Size of Farm (Acres) \_\_\_\_\_ Are you the landowner \_\_\_\_\_ or duly appointed agent \_\_\_\_\_ [check one] of the above property?

Party who will conduct operations: (please list additional parties on back)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting or Trapping License # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Has hunting and/or trapping of raccoon, fox, opossum or skunk occurred on this property during previous two hunting or trapping seasons? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Species you wish to control under this permit: Raccoon \_\_\_ Red Fox \_\_\_ Grey Fox \_\_\_ Skunk \_\_\_ Opossum \_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of violating any federal or state wildlife laws or wildlife-related regulations?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If "yes", year and nature of offense \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **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.

**Attach copy of implemented habitat management plan (consideration of application can not proceed without plan attached). Author and date of plan should be noted.**

Application Processing Fee: \$50.00 non-refundable. Check should be made payable to: Treasurer of Virginia. Mail signed application, location map of property, boundary map of property, check and habitat management plan to: Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, Permit Section, P. O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23230-1104. Phone (804) 367-9588.

Additional party(ies) who will conduct operations:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting or Trapping License # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
City                      State                      Zip

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting or Trapping License # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
City                      State                      Zip

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting or Trapping License # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City                      State                      Zip

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City                      State                      Zip

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City                      State                      Zip

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
City                      State                      Zip

## **Animal Population Control Permit Application Procedure**

1. The purpose of this permit is to authorize the trapping or shooting of mid-sized mammalian predators (red and gray fox, raccoon, opossum and striped skunk) after the legal trapping and hunting seasons have closed. **This permit will only be issued after a wildlife habitat management plan has been implemented on the acreage involved for at least three (3) years. Further, the permit will only be issued if the applicant has attempted predator control during legal seasons for at least two (2) years.**
2. Applicant will submit a completed application, attaching a written habitat management plan for the species to be benefited (see criteria on back), boundary map of the property, location map showing the property's location in the county and a **non-refundable** application processing fee of \$50.00.
3. The District Biologist and, at their discretion, the appropriate habitat specialist will review the plan and review the property to determine if the majority of the habitat plan recommendations have been implemented.
4. The District Biologist will contact the county assigned Game Warden to ensure that those listed on the permit do not have a history of wildlife violations.
5. In addition to the conditions attached, some special permit conditions may be added as a result of the review of the plan and property.
6. Applicant must indicate that the species to be controlled have been hunted and/or trapped for the previous two (2) legal hunting or trapping seasons without achieving the desired predator population reductions.
7. If the plan has been appropriately implemented for at least three (3) years (to allow adequate time for habitat to produce target species), ***and*** suitable habitat remains in place at the time of inspection, the application will be approved by the District Biologist and forwarded to the Permit Section. They will then issue the permit.
8. The Permittee will be required to maintain a list of ***licensed hunters/trappers*** they have authorized to conduct predator population reduction operations under this permit and notify the Department (Permit Section) in writing if any hunters or trappers are added after the application is submitted.
9. The Permittee will maintain a running tally of the numbers of each species taken and submit this tally by July 31. The permit will not be renewed if this report has not been received.
10. If the District Biologist rejects the Permit Application, the reasons must be noted in the comment section.
11. **Submit application and attachments to:  
Permit Section  
Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries  
P. O. Box 11104  
Richmond, VA 23230-1104**

Species Management Plan Criteria for the Animal Population Control Permit  
For Quail (Criteria for other species to be developed as needed)

1. The species management plan will be a *written habitat management plan*.
2. An acceptable plan must demonstrate an evaluation of and recommendations for development and/or maintenance of nesting habitat, brood rearing habitat and winter habitat for the target species at a minimum.
3. Implementation of the plan must be underway for a minimum of three (3) years.
4. The majority of the plan recommendations/practices must be implemented.
5. Approval of a plan by a District Biologist is based on their professional judgement that the plan is of such a scale and scope as to result in a significant target population improvement.

**Permit Conditions**

1. This permit authorizes indicated hunters and/or trappers to carry out population reduction of authorized species of furbearing animals on the lands owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the permittee using any legal methods during the period of March 1 through June 30.
2. All participants in population reduction efforts must be Virginia-licensed hunters or trappers.
3. Permittee will maintain an accurate, up-to-date list of all participants (hunters or trappers), including name, address, phone number and hunting/trapping license number, notifying the department in writing of any additional participants prior to the additional hunter/trapper engaging in any control efforts. This list will be available for inspection by Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries personnel at any time during the period of authorized control. Participating hunters/trappers will carry a copy of the permit when engaged in any and all animal control activities.
4. At the end of the control period (***no later than July 31***), the list will be submitted to the department along with a list of the numbers of ***all*** species taken during the time authorized by the permit. Failure to submit these documents in a timely manner will result in denial of renewal of this permit.
5. Only legal, lethal hunting and trapping methods (or non-lethal methods, such as leg-hold traps and snares may be used ***if*** the animal is killed on the spot) will be permitted. This permit does NOT authorize the use of M-44s. ***No live-trapped animals will be permitted to leave the property.***
6. Population reduction will only be permitted on lands covered by this permit as indicated on the attached map.
7. Renewal of this permit should be requested in writing by December 1.
8. This permit does not absolve the permittee of any responsibilities or conditions of any other federal, state or local laws or regulations.
9. 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 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. The Department may revoke, or suspend, a permit for failure to comply with provisions of a permit, or failure to comply with these regulations. Any person whose permit is revoked, or suspended, may request a hearing before the Department to show cause why his/her permit should not be revoked, or suspended.

