

What type of Permit do I need?

Website: FW.KY.GOV, Wildlife Tab, Special Permits

Do you plan to possess wildlife?

If yes, for what purpose?

Pets

Native Kentucky species-Non-Commercial Captive Wildlife Permit needed before possession
Exotic species-no captive wildlife permit needed

Propagate native wildlife for sell/commercial business-Commercial Captive Wildlife Permit

Exhibit native wildlife for commercial purposes-Commercial Captive Wildlife Permit

Exhibit exotic wildlife for commercial purposes- No Captive Wildlife Permit needed

Care of injured/ill/orphaned wildlife

Wildlife rehabilitation permit-Required to return animals to wild- not keep as pets

Remove Nuisance animals for commercial purposes

Commercial Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator permit

Train dogs to chase foxes and coyotes-Commercial Foxhound Training Enclosure

Collect wildlife for scientific research-Scientific Research Collection Permit

Collect wildlife for educational purposes-Educational Collection Permit

Possess White-tailed deer (cervids) for commercial purposes-Captive Cervid Permit

Transport Cervids into KY Can only be brought in from Indiana

A transportation permit and Captive Cervid Permit from both KDFWR and KDA are required

Hold an event at a Wildlife Management Area-Wildlife Mgmt. Area Use Permit

Release and shoot captive reared bobwhite on private land-Bobwhite Quail Shoot to Train

Dog training and shooting of captive-reared quail- Dog Training Area Permit

Shoot live pen-raised birds on WMA -Shoot to Retrieve Field Trial Permit

Commercial shooting preserve- Shooting Area Permit

Operate a business in which animals are held or propagated in captivity and released to be taken by hunters

Use birds of prey for hunting- Falconry Permit

Propagate raptors-USFWS Raptor Propagation Permit

Sell native raptors-Commercial Captive Wildlife Permit

Guide hunters/fishermen for commercial purposes-Commercial Guide License

Possess baby wildlife found in the wild- No permit allowed-Prohibited

Using a Wildlife Management Area for an event- Wildlife Mgmt. Area Use Permit

Non-commercial Foxhound Training Enclosure No specific non-commercial permit available
Required: Captive wildlife permit, trapping license if applicable

Rabbit Training Enclosure -No specific rabbit permit available
Required: Captive wildlife permit, trapping license if applicable

Raccoon Training Enclosure (coon clubs)-No specific raccoon permit available
Required: Captive wildlife permit, trapping license if applicable

Do you plan to transport/import exotic or native wildlife into or through KY?

No-no transportation permit needed

Yes-Transportation permit

Both exotic and native wildlife require a transportation permit to enter KY

Do you plan to import/transport Game Birds?

You must have a NPIP permit from KY Dept. of Ag per avian influenza requirements before birds are shipped. For NPIP certification requirements, call KY Dept. of Ag at 502-782-5901

Do you plan to transport prohibited species through KY?

Inherently dangerous wildlife may be transported through KY to a destination outside of KY if held in enclosure sufficient to prevent escape and direct contact with the public for less than 48 hours.

Environmentally Injurious species shall not enter KY

Do you plan to import/transport/possess/rehabilitate federally protected wildlife?

Federally protected wildlife species (migratory birds, threatened or endangered species) require USFWS federal permits in addition to state permits

How to determine if wildlife is legal? See Prohibited Species Document

Additional Permit Information

Captive Cervid Facility

Holding and intrastate transportation of captive cervids
Required to possess- Captive Cervid Permit from both KDFWR and KDA
Required to transport- transportation permit from KDA
Contact Kyle Sams kyle.sams@ky.gov, 502-892-4523

Captive Wildlife Permit

Required for possession of native species
Commercial Captive Wildlife Permit-Possess and sell native species
Non-commercial captive wildlife permit- possess native species
Additional permits: transportation permit if applicable

Exemptions

amphibians/reptiles- 5 or less of each species or color morph
Bobwhite Quail-100 or less for personal use, not propagating
Contact Terri Brunjes terri.brunjes@ky.gov, 502-892-4548

Commercial Foxhound Training Enclosure Permit

Authorizes fox chasing on a permitted area as long as fox is not captured or killed
No hunting license required to participate in fox chasing within the enclosure
200-acre minimum size
Additional permits: Captive Wildlife Permit, trapping license if applicable
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Commercial Hunting/Fishing Guide License

All necessary Hunting and/or Fishing Licenses
Hunter Education Certification required for Hunting Guide
Boater Education Certification required for Fishing Guide
Background Check Release Authorization Form required (502-227-8700)
Contact Rachel Conyers for Commercial Hunting Guide rachel.conyers@ky.gov 502-892-4513
Contact Amy Akers for Commercial Fishing Guide amy.akers@ky.gov 502-892-4527

Commercial Nuisance Wildlife Control

Remove nuisance animals for payment
Must pass NWCO test
Must provide a copy of a Hunter Safety Certification to use a gun
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Falconry and Raptor Propagation

Required to secure and use birds of prey for hunting
Additional Permits: Captive Wildlife if applicable, transportation if applicable, hunting license, federal raptor propagation permit
Contact Loren Taylor loren.taylor@ky.gov 502-892-4475

Scientific and Educational Collection

Required for collecting and holding, (even temporarily) of wildlife for zoological, educational or scientific purposes.

Scientific Collection Permit

Educational Collection Permit

Additional permits: captive wildlife if applicable

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Transportation permit

Required for all shipments of wildlife coming into KY

Individual-one shipment

Annual- multiple shipments

Additional permits: captive wildlife if transporting native species in KY > 10 days

Zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)-no transportation permit required

Circus that imports prohibited species -Commissioner's Exemption required

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) required with the shipment for all wildlife species except reptiles and amphibians

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Wildlife Management Area Use Permit

For events and activities on WMAs

Additional permits: shoot to retrieve, captive wildlife if applicable, transportation if applicable

Contact WMA Manager

Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit

Care of injured/sick/orphaned/displaced wildlife

Requires IWRC basic wildlife rehabilitation course

Requires facility per Minimum Standards document

Additional permits: USFWS permit for migratory birds, USDA Class C Exhibitor's License

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GAME BIRD PERMITS

Bobwhite Quail Shoot to Train Permit

Allows trainers to release and shoot captive reared bobwhite quail August 15 - May 15.

Private land, No signage required, not area specific, individual can shoot to train anywhere on private land within county they chose on application

No captive wildlife permit needed if < 100 quail (not propagating) OR holding quail not more than 10 days

Additional permits: Captive Wildlife if applicable, hunting license

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Dog Training Area (quail)

Designates an area to allow dog training and shooting of captive-reared bobwhite quail year round

Signage required

90% mowed

10-75 acres

Additional permits: captive wildlife if applicable, transportation if applicable

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Shooting Area (Hunting Preserve for quail, mallards, hoofed animals, etc.)

Required to operate a business in which animals are held or propagated in captivity and released to be taken by hunters

Seasons

Bobwhite quail Aug 15-April 15

Mallards year round

Hoofed animals Sept 1 – May 15

Signage required

Additional permits: commercial captive wildlife permit, transportation permit if applicable

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Shoot to Retrieve Field Trial (Dog Field Trials)

Required to shoot live pen-raised birds on a WMA

Per Trial

Single Day

Seasons

Quail Aug 15- May 15

Other game birds year-round

Permit administered by LE- in statute

Additional permits: WMA User Permit, Captive Wildlife if applicable, transportation if applicable

Contact Carrie Shipley, carrie.shipley@ky.gov, 502-892-4496

ADDITIONAL CHASE/DOG TRAINING PERMITS

Non-commercial Foxhound Training Enclosure

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Rabbit Training Enclosure

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Raccoon Training Enclosure (coon clubs)

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