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PART 960
DOG TRAINING ON NON-DEPARTMENT OWNED OR -MANAGED LANDS

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Section 960.10 Definitions

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Designated Dog Training Area - an area of limited acreage where an individual may shoot hand reared game birds or pigeons while training sporting dogs throughout the entire year.

Dog Training - any teaching or exercising activity involving the classification of dogs commonly referred to as sporting dogs in which the primary purpose is to enhance the field performance of the dogs.

Running Season - the period when it is unlawful to hunt.

Section 960.20 Designated Dog Training Area Permits

a) Designated Dog Training Area Permits are available from the Department upon completion of an application for the permit. Permit applications are available on the Department's website at http://dnr.state.il.us or by writing to:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Office of Land Management and Education
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield IL 62702-1271
b) Applicants for Designated Dog Training Area Permits must possess a Game Bird Breeders Permit or a Game Breeding and Hunting Preserve Area License.

c) Designated Dog Training Area Permits are valid from April 1 to March 31.

d) Not more than 50 acres may be included in a Designated Dog Training Area Permit.

(Source: Amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 7068, effective May 3, 2004)

Section 960.30  Designated Dog Training Areas

a) Permit holders must conspicuously post the perimeter of Designated Dog Training Areas with signs obtainable from the Department.

b) Permit holders must properly band all hand reared game birds shot on a Designated Dog Training Area before they are removed from the training area. If the permit holder resides on the training area, the hand reared game birds must be properly banded the same day they are taken. Only bands obtained from the Department may be used. Bands can be obtained for ten cents each by writing to:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Division of Systems and Licensing
P.O. Box 19458
Springfield, IL  62794-9458

c) Permit holders may utilize live hand reared game bird recall devices on Designated Dog Training Areas.

d) The individuals named on the permit are authorized to shoot hand reared game birds and/or domestic pigeons all year within the Designated Dog Training Area.

(Source: Amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 7068, effective May 3, 2004)

Section 960.40  Training of Coon Hounds

It shall be unlawful to shake out, relocate, dislodge, move or extract a raccoon from a place of refuge during the running season.

Section 960.50  Penalties, Future Rights/Appeal Procedures

a) For violation of Section 2.34 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/2.34] or this Part, the Department will revoke an individual's Designated Dog Training Area Permit, in addition to any penalties assessed by the courts. Violation of this Part is a petty offense [520 ILCS 5/3.5(c)].

b) Individuals whose Designated Dog Training Permits have been revoked may contest
the denial of a permit according to the process delineated in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 2530.

(Source: Amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 7068, effective May 3, 2004)