

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Code Book

The regulations in this Code Book are hereby adopted by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under authority of Amendment 35 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

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08.01 Hunting Dog Requirements

It is unlawful to use any dog to hunt, chase, pursue or retrieve wildlife, or to train dogs for such purposes, without the dog wearing a collar bearing the name, phone number and address of the owner.

EXCEPTION: Collars are not required for waterfowl retrievers while in the act of retrieving waterfowl if the owner or person in charge of said retriever has on his person the collar bearing the required name, phone number and address.

PENALTY: Class 1

08.02 Dogs Chasing Wildlife For Pleasure Restrictions

It is unlawful to use a dog to chase any wildlife for pleasure during the day from April 1-May 15 or in any open spring turkey season, or to possess a killing device while using a dog to chase wildlife for pleasure.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. During any muzzleloader deer season, dogs may be used to chase fox or coyote for pleasure only at night.
- B. During any modern gun deer season in a zone in which it is unlawful to use a dog to hunt deer, dogs may be used to chase fox or coyote for pleasure only at night.
- C. Dogs may be used to chase fox or coyote for pleasure within fox or coyote enclosures day or night all year.
- D. In compliance with Codes [05.19](#), [08.05](#), [13.02](#), [22.01](#).

PENALTY: Class 2

08.03 Deer Dog Training Restrictions

It is unlawful to use a dog to chase deer for training purposes at any time or to possess a killing device while doing so.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Dogs may be used to chase deer for training purposes during the day from October 1-December 31 in those deer zones permitted under Code [08.04](#), except during any muzzleloader deer season.
- B. In compliance with Codes [05.19](#), [22.01](#).

PENALTY: Class 2

08.04 Hunting Deer With Dogs Prohibited

It is unlawful to use dogs for hunting deer during archery, crossbow, muzzleloader, regular modern gun, special youth modern gun, Christmas Holiday modern gun and doe-only modern gun deer seasons.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Up to 2 dogs may be used to trail wounded deer after hunters have notified the AGFC Radio dispatch toll free at (800) 482-9262 for permission to use up to two dogs to trail and retrieve wounded deer.
- B. Dogs may be used for deer hunting only during the regular modern gun deer season in Deer Zones 1A, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 8A, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16A and 17.

PENALTY: Class 2

08.05 Chasing Elk With Dogs Prohibited

It is unlawful to use dogs to chase elk.

PENALTY: Class 1

08.06 Bird Dog Training Restrictions

It is unlawful to use firearms, other than handguns and shotguns with blank ammunition, while training dogs for use in hunting game birds.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Persons may use live ammunition to take pen-raised northern bobwhite, pen-raised chukar, or pen-raised ring-necked pheasant for dog training in compliance with a valid Shoot-to-Kill Bird Dog Training Permit.
- B. In compliance with Code [22.01](#).

PENALTY: Class 1. In addition, noncompliance with terms of issued permits shall cause revocation of permit rights for one year.

08.07 Retrieving Dog Training Restrictions

It is unlawful to use live migratory game birds to certify or train dogs in retrieving.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Legally possessed, captive-reared mallards (Code Chapter [09.00](#)) may be taken by the use of shotgun with live ammunition by participants in retrieving dog field trials sanctioned by the American Kennel Club, National Field Retriever Association, North American Hunting Retriever Association, or Hunting Retrievers Club in compliance with a Shoot-to-Kill Retrieving Dog Training Permit.
- B. Legally possessed, captive-reared mallards (Code Chapter [09.00](#)) may be taken by the use of shotgun with live ammunition while training waterfowl retrieving dogs in compliance with a Shoot-to-Kill Retrieving Dog Training Permit.
- C. Legally possessed, captive-reared mallards may be used to train or certify waterfowl retrieving dogs on a Commission-permitted game bird shooting resort in compliance with Code Chapter [09.00](#).

PENALTY: Class 1. In addition, noncompliance with terms of issued permits shall cause revocation of permit rights for one year.