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The commissioner will issue permits for field dog trials at which birds may be shot subject to the following regulations:

(a) Birds may be shot at all field dog training trials, and at other trials which are licensed or sanctioned by the AKC, CASDFTA, or NAVHDA.

(b) Field dog trials at which birds may be shot may be held during daylight hours, any time, including Sunday.

(c) The location where such field dog trial is held shall be suitable for that purpose and such trial shall not endanger the public safety. State-owned lands approved for shooting field dog trials are the Nod Brook Management Area, Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Area, Mansfield Hollow Dam, and Sugarbrook Field Trial Area.

(d) Only pheasants, quail, chukar partridge, ducks and pigeons of either sex shall be liberated and shot at field dog trials.

(e) A minimum of five of any of the following species, pheasant, quail, chukar partridge, ducks or pigeons shall be liberated at each field dog trial.

(f) All pheasants, quail, chukar partridge, ducks, or pigeons liberated at field dog trials for the purpose of their being shot shall have complete wing feathers, shall be capable of maintaining normal flight and shall not be confined to the field trial area by use of any device.

(g) No pheasant, quail, chukar partridge, or duck shall be liberated unless it was obtained from the same source of supply as that stated in the permit, except with the permission of the commissioner.

(h) All pheasant, quail, chukar partridge or ducks shot shall be immediately tagged by an agent of the commissioner. Tags shall be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection upon payment of a fee of ten cents each.

(i) A report on the trial, on a form furnished by the commissioner must be submitted to the commissioner by the agent of the commissioner within one week of the end of the trial.

(j) Birds escaping from the trial course shall not be hunted further by trial participants or spectators on the same day as the trial. Shooting by trial participants off the bird field area as designated by the Department of Environmental Protection is prohibited.

(k) A permit to hold a field dog trial at which birds may be shot shall cost ten dollars (\$10.00) if held at the Nod Brook Management area, Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Area or Mansfield Hollow Dam and sanctioned by the AKC, CASDFTA, or NAVHDA, and five dollars (\$5.00) if held on private lands.

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