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
Contact Terri Brunjes terri.brunjes@ky.gov, 502-892-4548

**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
Contact Terri Brunjes terri.brunjes@ky.gov, 502-892-4548

**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

Meagan Huston  [Meagan.huston@ky.gov](mailto:Meagan.huston@ky.gov)  502-892-4457

**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

Contact Terri Brunjes  [terri.brunjes@ky.gov](mailto:terri.brunjes@ky.gov), 502-892-4548

**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

Contact Terri Brunjes  [terri.brunjes@ky.gov](mailto:terri.brunjes@ky.gov), 502-892-4548

**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

Contact Naomi  [Naomi.wilson@ky.gov](mailto:Naomi.wilson@ky.gov), 502-892-4549

**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
Contact Naomi Naomi.wilson@ky.gov, 502-892-4549

**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
Contact Naomi Naomi.wilson@ky.gov, 502-892-4549

**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**
  - 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