

GUIDELINES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF LICENSED SHOOTING PRESERVES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

LICENSING PROCEDURE

- 1) Complete and sign application and mail to Shooting Preserves, SCDNR, P. O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202. Include: road map with designated site; detailed map with boundaries and scale; and proof of ownership or leasehold interest.
- 2) After a site visit from SCDNR Law Enforcement, applicant receives notice of approval/disapproval.
- 3) If approved by SCDNR, applicant seeks approval from a majority of the County Legislative Delegation and forwards this approval on legislative letterhead to Shooting Preserves, SCDNR.
- 4) Applicant is informed that full approval is met and applicant forwards payment for annual license after July 1.

SEASON

The shooting preserve season is a consecutive 6-month period beginning October 1 and ending March 31.

ACREAGE REQUIREMENT

The operator must own or lease a minimum of 100 contiguous acres.

LICENSE FEE

The annual fee for obtaining a shooting preserve operator's license is \$200.00 for the first 100 acres of shooting preserve area, plus \$50.00 for each additional 100 acres or part thereof.

SHOOTING PRESERVE SPECIES

Legal shooting preserve species are: pen-raised bobwhite quail, pheasant, and chukar. There is no bag limit on designated shooting preserve species.

BOUNDARIES

Shooting preserve operators shall maintain a clearly defined boundary on which signs designating the area as a shooting preserve must be posted at intervals of 150 feet or less.

RECORDS

Each shooting preserve operator shall maintain a record of the number of shooting preserve designated species released and the number of shooting preserve designated species harvested by month from October through March of each shooting preserve season. Each shooting preserve operator shall maintain a record of the number of hunters and the number of hunts each month from October through March of each shooting preserve season. At the discretion of the department other records may be required.

Operators must furnish the department a copy of these records within sixty days after the end of the shooting preserve season (June 1st). If the department does not receive this required information within the sixty-day period, the shooting preserve license may not be issued for the next shooting preserve season.

TAGGING OF ANIMALS

All harvested designated shooting preserve species must be tagged before removal from a shooting preserve and the tags must remain affixed until the animal is prepared for consumption. If these species are packaged in bundles one tag is sufficient for the bundle, but the number of carcasses in the bundle must be recorded on each tag. Tags must contain the hunter's name, address, total number, and species, the date the animals were harvested and name of shooting preserve where harvested.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

- (A) Proper care must be given to all penned animals to assure:
- (1) Clean water is provided as necessary.
 - (2) Food is wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination.
 - (3) Animals are provided adequate cover and bedding to assure the safety of the animals during adverse environmental conditions.
 - (4) Excreta are removed from cages or enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals.
 - (5) An effective program for the control of insects, parasites, and avian and mammalian pests is established and maintained.
 - (6) Animals with a propensity to fight or which are otherwise incompatible are kept segregated.
- (B) The cage facility must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury, to minimize the possibility of escape, and to prevent entrance by other animals.

HUNTING LICENSES

For the privilege of hunting only the authorized released species on a licensed shooting preserve, in lieu of a hunting license, an individual may purchase an annual statewide shooting preserve license for eight dollars and fifty cents.

VIOLATIONS AND FINES

The violation of any of the sections of this article is a misdemeanor. The manager, owner, or licensee, or any of them, of any shooting preserve provided for in this article is responsible for any violation of this article and, upon conviction, must be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned for not less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days and the license of the preserve must be revoked, within the discretion of the department. The preserve is not eligible for another license during the calendar year, nor thereafter, except on terms and conditions prescribed by the department.

COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS

Applicants for a shooting preserve license should be aware that other federal, state, or local requirements may apply to the operation of a shooting preserve.

SHOOTING PRESERVE LICENSE APPLICATION

APPLICATION **MUST INCLUDE**:

- 1) Highway or county road map with location designated.
- 2) Aerial photo or topographic map with boundaries and scale provided.
- 3) Proof of ownership or leasehold interest.

Do not send application without **ALL** of the above information or it will be returned. Please type or print clearly. The speed at which this application is processed depends on full completion and readability.

Preserve Operator: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Work Phone #: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Preserve Name: _____

Landowner (if different from applicant): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Work Phone #: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Preserve Location: County _____ Nearest Town _____

Preserve Size: _____ acres Do you want the preserve listed as open to the public? _____ No _____ Yes

Fees to be charged (if applicable): _____

Species to be released:(check) Quail _____ Chukar _____ Pheasant _____

Source of Animals: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Purpose for establishing preserve: _____

I fully understand the laws governing shooting preserves operation and agree to abide by them. I am aware that it is a violation of the law to fail to provide a report to the S.C. Department of Natural Resources within 60 days of the end of the shooting preserve season (by June 1).

Signed: _____

Preserve Operator

Date: _____

RETURN MAPS AND APPLICATION TO: SCDNR – SMALL GAME PROJECT
SHOOTING PRESERVES
P O BOX 167
COLUMBIA, SC 29202