



## INSTRUCTIONS DOG/FALCON TRAINING PERMIT

Fee: \$15

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** NRS 503.200 and 503.597  
NAC 503.610 through 503.650, inclusive

**PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:** Any person may train hunting dogs or raptors under a training permit issued by the Department.

A training permit is valid for the person whose name appears thereon. The permittee shall have the permit in his possession while training hunting dogs or raptors with upland game birds. A hunting license is not required (of the permittee) to hunt upland game birds which are in captivity and released under the authority of a dog or falcon training permit.

**AREAS AUTHORIZED FOR TRAINING:** See NAC 503.620 below.

**WHERE TO OBTAIN APPLICATIONS:** Application for a Dog or Falcon Training Permit may be obtained from any office of the Nevada Department of Wildlife. The application fee must be submitted to the Department at least 15 days before the training activity. The application must set forth the date, time, and location of the training activity and the number of each species of upland game birds which will be released. An applicant for a training permit may request any number of dates for training during a specific 2-month period.

**PROCESSING TIME:** Allow fifteen (15) days.

**DENIAL OF LICENSE/PERMIT:** Whenever an application is denied, the Department shall notify the applicant in writing of the reason for the denial.

## PERTINENT STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

**NAC 503.610 Permits: Authority to conduct certain activities; application; use.**

1. Any person may conduct competitive field trials for hunting dogs or competitive field trials for raptors under a competitive field trials permit, or train hunting dogs or raptors under a training permit issued by the Department.

2. The person must submit an application, accompanied by the fee established in subsection 5 of NRS 502.240, to the Department at least 15 days before the trials or training activity. The application must set forth the date, time and location of the trials or training activity and the number of each species of upland game birds which will be released. An applicant for a training permit may request any number of dates for training during a specific 2-month period.

3. A competitive field trials permit is valid for only one field trial. The permittee or his designated representative shall have the permit in his possession and be present at the event.

4. A training permit is valid only for the person whose name appears thereon. The permittee shall have the permit in his possession while training hunting dogs or raptors with upland game birds that were bred in captivity.

5. An upland game bird bred in captivity and used for training that is not taken or recaptured on the date or dates specified on a permit issued pursuant to this section must not be taken or recaptured thereafter except during the appropriate season and according to any applicable rules or regulations adopted by the commission.

**NAC 503.620 Conducting competitive field trials and training.**

1. In any area which is determined by the Department to be unpopulated by upland game birds:
  - (a) Competitive field trials for or the training of hunting dogs or raptors is permitted at any time.
  - (b) Legally acquired upland game birds may be released for shooting or taken by raptors.
2. In any area which is determined by the Department to be populated by upland game birds:
  - (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), competitive field trials for or the training of hunting dogs or raptors is permitted only during the open season of the species of birds hunted.
  - (b) Field trials and training of hunting dogs or raptors may be permitted at any time if upland game birds are released by the permittee and the Department determines the activity is not detrimental to existing wildlife.

**NAC 503.630 Upland game birds: Permit for importation.**

1. Upland game birds may be imported to be released for competitive field trials or training of hunting dogs or raptors only pursuant to an importation permit issued by the Department.
2. An application for an importation permit must include:
  - (a) The name and address of the supplier;
  - (b) The number and species of birds to be imported; and
  - (c) The method and date of shipment.
3. Each shipment of birds must be accompanied by an importation permit.

**NAC 503.640 Upland game birds: Prerequisites to release; inspection by Department.**

1. Upland game birds released for competitive field trials or training of hunting dogs or raptors must be at least 12 weeks of age, fully winged and in a condition to go wild.
2. The Department may inspect the birds before their release.

**NAC 503.650 Upland game birds: Leg bands.**

1. Upland game birds released for competitive field trials or training of hunting dogs or raptors must be banded with leg bands approved by the Department and furnished by the permittee.
2. The leg band must remain with the bird until it is utilized by a hunter.

**WHERE TO SEND APPLICATION AND FEES**

The completed application and required fee must be submitted to the administrative region where the dog or falcon training will be conducted.

Western Region

Nevada Department of Wildlife  
Special Licenses and Permits  
1100 Valley Rd, Reno, NV 89512  
Telephone: (775) 688-1500  
Counties: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas,  
Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey,  
Washoe

Southern Region

Nevada Department of Wildlife  
4747 Vegas Dr.; Las Vegas, NV 89108  
Telephone: (702) 486-5127  
Counties: Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye

Eastern Region

Nevada Department of Wildlife  
60 Youth Center Road; Elko, NV 89801  
Telephone: (775) 777-2300  
Counties: Elko, Eureka, Lander, White Pine