

SHOOTING PRESERVE LICENSE

IC 14-22-31-1 Application for license

Sec. 1. A person who:

- (1) owns;
- (2) holds; or
- (3) controls by lease for a term of not less than five (5) years;

a contiguous tract of land containing an area of not less than one hundred (100) acres and not more than six hundred forty (640) acres, and who desires to establish a license shooting preserve must apply to the division for a license.

IC 14-22-31-2 Fee

Sec. 2. An application for a license under section 1 of this chapter must be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) with the application..

IC 14-22-31-3 Restrictions

Sec. 3. A shooting preserve may not be established within a distance of one (1) mile of a state owned game refuge or state public hunting ground. Duck shooting is not permitted if:

- (1) prohibited by a rule adopted under IC 14-22-2-6; or
- (2) wild ducks, geese, or other migratory game birds frequent the area where the captive reared and properly marked mallard ducks are to be held, released, and flighted for shooting.

IC 14-22-31-4 Inspection; issuance of license

Sec. 4. Upon receipt of an application, the department shall do the following:

- (1) Inspect the following:
 - (A) The proposed shooting preserve.
 - (B) The facilities for propagating the game birds or exotic mammals.
 - (C) The cover.
 - (D) The capability of the applicant to maintain such an operation.
- (2) If found feasible, approve the application and issue a license to the applicant.

IC 14-22-31-5 Expiration of license

Sec. 5. A license issued under this chapter expires April 30 of each year.

IC 14-22-31-6 Repealed

IC 14-22-31-7 Animals that may be propagated and offered for hunting

Sec. 7. A person issued a license under section 4 of this chapter may propagate and offer for hunting the following animals that are captive reared and released:

- (1) Pheasant, quail, chukar partridges, properly marked mallard ducks, and other game bird species that the department determines by rule.
- (2) Species of exotic mammals that the department determines by rule.

IC 14-22-31-8 Hunting license required

Sec. 8. (a) An individual may not take game birds and exotic mammals on a shooting preserve unless the individual has a hunting license required under this article, except nonresidents of Indiana, who must possess a special license issued by the department under this section to shoot on licensed shooting preserves.

(b) The department:

- (1) shall issue special licenses described in subsection (a); and
- (2) may appoint owners or managers of shooting preserves as agents to sell the special licenses.

(c) A special license expires April 30 immediately following the date the license is effective.

(d) The fee for a special license issued under this section is equal to the fee for a resident annual hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(2). All fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the fish and wildlife fund.

IC 14-22-31-9 Season

Sec. 9. A person may take wild animals from a shooting preserve only during September, October, November, December, January, February, March, or April.

IC 14-22-31-10 Bill of sale

Sec. 10. The licensee of a shooting preserve shall issue a bill of sale designating game birds or exotic mammals lawfully taken upon the shooting preserve. The bill of sale must accompany all game birds and exotic mammals removed from the shooting preserve. The licensee shall retain a copy of all bills of sale issued to persons removing game birds or exotic mammals from the shooting preserve. The bills of sale are subject to inspection by the fish and wildlife division at any time.

IC 14-22-31-11 Daily register; records

Sec. 11. (a) The licensee of a shooting preserve must keep a daily register to show the following:

- (1) The number of wild animals and the species released and taken from the shooting preserve each day.
- (2) The number of hunters participating.

(b) An annual computation of the record:

- (1) shall be sent to the department on May 10 each year; and
- (2) shall be filed under oath as to the number and species of wild animals released and taken.

(c) Failure to keep and forward the records to the department is sufficient cause for:

- (1) revocation of the license for the shooting preserve; or
- (2) refusal to issue a license for the following year.

IC 14-22-31-12 Inspections by department

Sec. 12. (a) The following must be available to the department for inspection:

- (1) The daily records.
- (2) The pens.
- (3) The wild animals.
- (4) The shooting preserves.

(b) An inspection of a shooting preserve shall be conducted under this chapter and rules adopted under IC 14-22-2-6. The department shall consult with the state veterinarian if the inspection reveals a potential animal health threat that contravenes programs for the prevention, control, or eradication of diseases in domestic animals.

IC 14-22-31-13 Falsification of reports

Sec. 13. (a) A licensee may not falsify a report that must be kept under this chapter.

(b) A license may not be issued to a licensee who is convicted of violating subsection (a) or IC 14-2-7-10(i) (repealed).

IC 14-22-31-14 Carnivores prohibited

Sec. 14. (a) A licensee may not import or keep carnivores.

(b) The license of a licensee who is convicted of violating subsection (a) shall be revoked.

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Affected: IC 14-22-31

Sec. 22. (a) An application for a shooting preserve license must be completed on a departmental form and filed with the division of fish and wildlife.

(b) The boundaries of the land licensed under this section must be marked with clearly visible signs at least eighteen (18) inches wide and twelve (12) inches long with a white background and at least one (1) inch high lettering that states "licensed shooting preserve". The signs must be placed no more than five hundred (500) feet apart and along the entire boundary of the licensed shooting preserve.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a sign posted prior to May 1, 2014, may continue to be in use by a license holder as long as it is legible, but must meet the requirements in subsection (b) no later than October 1, 2019.