NUISANCE WILD ANIMAL CONTROL PERMITS
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Fish and Wildlife
Test and Continuing Education Requirements

Requirements
Those who provide nuisance wild animal control services to the public or charge a fee for their services must pass a test before obtaining a nuisance wild animal control permit. The test is free of charge and can be taken at properties throughout the state (see study packet for a complete list). Test questions pertain to the diseases, food habits, reproduction and behavior of wild animals, the laws and regulations governing the permit, methods of taking wild animals, and the legal disposition of nuisance wild animals. Additional questions address identification of animals, methods for capturing animals, and methods for preventing further problems. Once you pass the test, continuing education in the amount of sixteen (16) hours in 4 years is required (312 IAC 9-10-11). If you do not meet this requirement for continuing education, you must take the test again in 4 years.

The Nuisance Wildlife Control Association Workshops, State Trapper’s Education Course, and Furtakers of America Trapper’s College are a few of the meetings that will typically count toward continuing education hours. Additional training may also meet continuing-education requirements, but the agenda or other documentation of the training, as well as the hours, must be sent to the Division of Fish & Wildlife for approval. In order for continuing education hours to be approved, the training must be relevant to nuisance wild animal control work. For example, training could include topics such as proper trapping methods, use of firearms, and euthanasia of wild animals. Please note that taking the same trapper education course every year to meet the 16-hour requirement will not be approved. Taking the same course repeatedly is not “continuing education” and is not likely to provide any new information after taking the course two times within four consecutive years.

You can also take the online U.S. Trapper Education Course instructed by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies for a maximum of 8 hours at: http://www.trappered.com/. Be sure to send in a copy of the certificate once you have passed the course.

Attached please find a form that can be used to submit for approval of continuing education hours. Use of this form is not required, but it can be used when you are not given a certificate of completion or other documentation of attendance.

Contact Information
For more information about continuing education opportunities, please note the following contacts:
- Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator’s Association Workshops - www.nwcoa.com
- Indiana State Trapper Education Classes - go to the DNR Division of Law Enforcement website for a list of courses or contact one of the law enforcement district headquarters; visit the website at http://www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/ and click on “Education Classes”
- Fur Takers of America - contact Jim Mahoney at 812-526-6480.

Additional training may be available; please contact Linnea Petercheff at 317-233-6527 or by email at lpetercheff@dnr.IN.gov for more information.