

# KANSAS NATIVE WILDLIFE PERMITS

## GAME BREEDER PERMIT

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Need description of premises, number and kinds of animals
- Annual activity reports
- Bill of sale to purchasers
- Allows recapture of escaped game birds up to ¼ mile radius of operation escaped from with landowner permission and department notification

Law: Kansas Statutes 32-951; Kansas Admin. Regs. 115-12

## SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL OR EXHIBITION PERMIT

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Activity records and submit report
- Follow all laws
- Submit copy of any federal permit for federally protected species
- Copy of technical reports, publications, techniques or products from activities

## WILDLIFE REHABILITATION PERMIT

### Activities BANNED:

- Volunteers removing wildlife from facility
- Contact with anyone other than permittee, subpermittee, volunteer, veterinarian, animal control specialist, law enforcement, or department wildlife professional
- Housing with domestic animals except surrogates or bonding
- Public viewing, exhibition or public display including electronic viewing unless authorized
- Sale, barter, or exchange for consideration, and propagation or commercial sale
- Rehabilitate European starlings, English or house sparrows, or feral pigeons along with the prohibited species in 115-18-10 without permission

### REQUIREMENTS:

#### Application:

- 18+ years old
- 100 hours experience in care and handling within a year
  - 20 hours may be substituted with IWRC or NWRA training course
- 3 letters of recommendation about applicant's knowledge or rehabilitation from wildlife professional, department conservation officer, veterinarian or wildlife rehabilitator

- Certificate of completion from IWRC or NWRA training course in last 3 years OR at least 80% on department exam (must wait 30 days to retest)
- 8 hours of continuing education or training every 3 years for renewal
- Pre-inspection of facilities including subpermittee facilities
- No conviction of violating care, treatment, possession, take, or disposal of wildlife or domestic animals in last 5 years

General:

- Volunteers may assist in rehabilitation under presence of permittee or subpermittee if record kept of each one
- Consult with veterinarian on permit as needed or Kansas State University veterinary hospital
- Meet caging and care requirements
- Transfers between permittees require proper permits, necessity for treatment or care, proper recording in operational records, and written approval
- Notify secretary in 48 hours of receipt for transport or care of endangered and threatened species or species in need of conservation
- Need amended permit to: change location, veterinarian, or subpermittee, add unauthorized species or conduct unauthorized activities
- Record of services and submitted by Jan 31
- May treat individual animals up to 180 days except with extension (includes those exempt)
- Allows possession and transport of wildlife to another location for treatment, release, or transport to approved holding facility if not possessed more than 48 hours (includes those exempt)
- Rehabilitated wildlife must be released or euthanized under conditions listed
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Subpermittees:

- Names must be submitted for approval and department notified if terminated
- 18+ years old
- Experience in handling and care in last 2 years
- Inspection of facilities if not permittee's primary facility and comply with permit

Law: Kansas Admin Code 115-18-1

## FALCONRY PERMIT

LEGAL ACTIVITIES:

- Raptors killing wildlife when not intended – may not be taken
  - Must report take of federal threatened or endangered species to USFWS and to environmental services section along with nongame in need of conservation
- Use raptor to take nuisance and depredating birds if not paid

- Commercial abatement by master falconer with USFWS special purpose abatement permit or subpermittee of one – may be paid
- Use raptor in conservation education program in public venues if used primarily for falconry
  - Apprentice must be supervised
  - Allows fee to cover costs
- Photographing, filming or recording raptors for movie production related to falconry or other falconry information – must be free
- General and master: assist conditioning migratory bird rehabilitator to prepare for release
  - Need letter or form
  - Exempt from rehabilitator facility standards
  - Release when able OR return to rehabilitator if unable to for placement within 180 days rehabilitation period allowed except with permission to extend

#### APPRENTICE CLASS

Possession Legal: 1 raptor and 1 replacement in 12-month period (BANS take of eyas and imprinted ones)

- American kestrel
- red-tailed hawk
- red-shouldered hawk

General:

- At least 12+
- Signature of parent or guardian if under 18
- Written sponsor agreement with general falconer with 2 years of experience or master
- Must get new sponsor if sponsor not able to complete it and notify department in writing in 30 days of change AND original sponsor must notify department in 30 days
- At least 80% on exam
  - May reapply after 90 days if failed
- Meet facility requirements

#### GENERAL CLASS

Possession Legal: 3 captive-bred or wild caught including hybrids

- Accipitriform
- Falconiform
- Strigiform

Possession BANNED:

- Golden eagle
- bald eagle
- white-tailed eagle
- Steller's sea eagle

General:

- At least 16 years old
- Signature of parent or guardian if under 18
- Letter from general or master stating applicant has 2 years of experience and at least 4 months a year at apprentice level

MASTER CLASS

Possession Legal: unlimited captive-bred and 5 wild-caught (includes restricted ones) including hybrids

- Accipitriform
- Falconiform
- Strigiform

Possession BANNED:

- A bald eagle

Possession Restricted: 3 total – documentation of large raptor experience and 2 reference letters

- Golden eagle
- white-tailed eagle
- Steller's sea eagle

General:

- Practiced as general for 5 years

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL:

- Hunting with or trapping raptors requires hunting license and any federal permits plus a nonresident hunting license for nonresidents doing falconry field trial or special event
- Meet feather and carcass disposal requirements
- BANS using raptors for non-falconry related movies, commercials, or commercial ventures or use in entertainment, advertising or promoting products or services, or representing any business or organization
- 2 radio transmitters for hybrid raptors
- Follow seasons
- Allows 2 hens per day incidentally taken during season
- Moving into state: must apply for permit in 30 days after move and notify old state of move in 30 days
  - Exempt from examination
- Must construct facility and have inspected before permit is issued
- Must report all falconry facilities in other states if residing there more than 120 consecutive days
- Meet facility, equipment and training requirements

### Temporary Falconry Permit

- Non-US residents who practice falconry there and had no falconry permit in another state
- At least 80% on exam
- Have facilities approved
- Allows flying raptors owned by other falconers
- BANS wild take of raptors
- May import owned raptors if US import allowed and all origin country requirements met
- Acquire any necessary US permits and comply with the laws
- Must export birds when leaving state unless allowed on permit
- Must report any deaths
- 2 radio transmitters if flown free

### Lapsed Permits:

- If less than 5 years: may reinstate at current level with proof of certification and pass inspection
- 5+ years: Need at least 80% on examination and pass inspection

### Revoked/Suspended:

- Apply for reinstatement after period
- At least 80% on examination
- Pass inspection

Law: Kansas Admin. Regs. 115-14