



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

# Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

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## APPLICATION FOR PROBLEM ANIMAL CONTROL PERMIT

### **Background:**

Problem Animal Control (PAC) Agents are private individuals licensed by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in order to assist the public in situations involving specific wildlife species (listed below) that are sick or injured, causing property damage, or endangering the life and health of domestic animals or humans.

### **Wildlife species authorized under this permit:**

Striped skunk, muskrat, raccoon, weasel, red and gray fox, porcupine, rats, mice, voles\*, moles, red, gray or flying squirrels, opossum, chipmunk, European rabbit, cottontail rabbit, woodchuck, snapping turtle, pigeon, house sparrow, starling and bat\*.

\* Certain species of voles and bats are not authorized – refer to 321 CMR 10:00

### **Prior to sending in this application, PAC applicants must:**

1. Complete a mandatory trapper education course – call Hunter Education at (978) 772-0693.
2. Obtain a Trap Registration Certificate/Number (obtained upon completion of course).
3. Obtain a valid trapping license.
4. Pass a written examination that includes questions on biology, handling, capture techniques, animal welfare, diseases and parasites, statutes and regulations and is based on, but not limited to, materials in the Problem Animal Control Handbook.
  - (a) To obtain a handbook send a check made payable to Comm. of MA - DFW for \$15.00 to:  
Division of Fisheries and Wildlife  
One Rabbit Hill Road  
Westborough, MA 01581  
Attn: PAC Handbook
  - (b) To make an appointment to take the Problem Animal Control test call the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife at (508) 389-6300. Applicants who do not achieve a score of 70% or above may retake the exam after a two month waiting period.

### **After receiving a permit, PAC Agents must:**

1. Register and tag all traps.
  - (a) Traps must have a valid registration number embedded or cut into the trap.
  - (b) Traps must have a metal tag attached bearing the owner's name, town, and registration number.
2. Renew their permit annually. PAC permits are valid from January 1 to December 31.
3. Submit an annual report.
  - (a) Annual reports must include all activity conducted under this permit.
  - (b) Annual report forms will be provided by the Division.
  - (c) Reports must be submitted to the Division on a yearly basis no later than January 31.
  - (d) Report forms must be available for inspection by an Environmental Police Officer or officials of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife at any reasonable time.
  - (e) Failure to submit an annual report or provide required information, or making false statements in the report is cause for suspension, revocation, or non-renewal of the PAC permit.

[www.masswildlife.org](http://www.masswildlife.org)

Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Field Headquarters, One Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581 (508) 389-6300 Fax (508) 389-7890

An Agency of the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife & Environmental Law Enforcement

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Pursuant to the provisions of section 4, Chapter 131 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and 321 Code of Massachusetts Regulation, Part 2.14, I hereby apply for a license to control problem animals.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Hunting or Sporting Lic. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Trapping Lic. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Trap Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to have your information placed on a list of service providers on the MassWildlife website?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a website, and would like us to include it with your information, please provide it below.

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**Municipal Employee Applicants Only**

If applicant is a municipal employee applying for a municipal problem animal control permit this section must be completed.

I hereby certify that:

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Title) \_\_\_\_\_

is a municipal employee for the city/town of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Printed name and signature of supervisor

Have you been convicted of a violation of any provision of M.G.L., c. 131 or any provisions of 321 CMR, or any federal statute or regulation within the past five years related to the intended activity?

No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes \_\_\_\_\_ please provide an explanation.

I certify under the penalties of perjury that I have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law. I further certify that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Signature

**MAIL THIS APPLICATION WITH YOUR FEE OF \$100.00 TO:**

Division of Fisheries and Wildlife  
One Rabbit Hill Road  
Westboro MA 01581  
Attn: PAC

**\*Make check or money order payable to Comm. of MA - DFW**