



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

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APPLICATION FOR PROBLEM ANIMAL CONTROL PERMIT

Problem Animal Control Agents (PAC) are private individuals who are licensed by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife to assist the public in situations involving sick animals, animals causing property damage or animals endangering the life and health of domestic animals or humans for 16 species of mammals, two species of birds, and one species of turtle. PAC agents are authorized to handle only the following animals: striped skunk, muskrat, raccoon, weasel, red and grey fox, porcupine, rats, mice, voles*, red, grey or flying squirrels, opossum, chipmunk, European rabbit, cottontail rabbit, woodchuck, snapping turtle, pigeon, house sparrow, starling and bat*.

Problem Animal Control applicants must pass a written examination based on biology, handling, capture techniques, animal welfare, diseases and parasites, statutes and regulations based on, but not limited to, materials in the Problem Animal Control Handbook. Applicants wishing to obtain a handbook should attach a check made payable to Masswildlife in the amount of \$15.00. To make an appointment to take the Problem Animal Control test call the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife at (508) 389-6300.

Applicants who fail this exam may retake the exam after a two month waiting period.

*Certain species of bats and voles are not covered under this authorization.

IMPORTANT: IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, PROBLEM ANIMAL CONTROL APPLICANTS MUST:

- 1. Obtain a valid trapping license**
 - Available at any city and town hall, at Division installations in Boston, Westboro, Pittsfield, Buzzards Bay, West Boylston, Belchertown and Acton and at other locations (certain sporting good stores, etc). Trapping licenses must be carried with you while trapping.
- 2. Complete a mandatory trapper education class**
 - Prerequisite for obtaining a Trap Registration Certificate
 - Call Hunter Education at (978) 632-7648 for class information.
- 3. Register and tag all traps**
 - Traps must have a valid registration number embedded or cut into the trap.
 - Traps must have a metal tag attached bearing the owner's name, town, and registration number.

PROBLEM ANIMAL CONTROL AGENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- 1. Recertify:** Permittees are required to attend a Division PAC workshop or other approved equivalent, once every three years from the time of successful completion of the first examination.
- 2. Submit annual reports:** Licenses are valid from January 1 to December 31. PAC agents receive a reporting log sheet in which they must record transactions as they occur. Agents must keep record of all animal complaints handled or investigated by them. Record log sheets must be available for inspection by an Environmental Police Officer or officials of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife at any reasonable time. Annual report forms from log sheets must be submitted yearly to the Division **NO LATER THAN**

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JANUARY 31. 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.

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 _____

If applicant is a municipal employee applying for a municipal problem animal permit for a city please check here. _____ I hereby certify that (name) _____

(title) _____

for the city/town of _____

_____ Date _____ Name and title of Municiple Officer _____

Do you wish your name placed on a list of permittees providing service Yes _____ No _____
If you have a website and would like us to place it on the list please provide it here.

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 which is related to the intended activity within the past five years?
No _____ If yes _____ please explain.

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
Westborough MA 01581

If you would like a Problem Animal Control Handbook to study for the exam please attach a check or money order payable to Mass. Division of Fisheries & Wildlife for \$15.00.