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Summary of Indiana State Board of Animal Health Licensing Requirements for Captive Cervidae Hunting Preserves

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Hunting Preserve: An area of land where permitted animals are hunted.

Permitted Animal: A legally owned captive-bred wild animal classified as:

- A member of the cervidae family (deer and elk)
- A member of the bovidae family genus ovis (sheep)
- A member of the bovidae family genus capra (goats)

Hunting Preserve License Fee: \$300, paid annually.

- License is effective on September 1 and expires on August 31 of the following year

Hunting Preserve Requirements:

- A preserve operator must submit a completed application for a preserve license to the State Veterinarian and obtain a license prior to beginning operations.
- The size of the preserve must be:
 - An aggregate total of at least 80 acres in the areas where permitted animals are hunted, if the hunting preserve was in operation during the 2015 calendar year.
 - At least 100 contiguous acres in the area where permitted animals are hunted, if the hunting preserve was not in operation during the 2015 calendar year.
- A preserve operator must make reasonable efforts to clear the hunting preserve of wild deer prior to releasing permitted animals into the preserve.
- The preserve must:
 - Be enclosed by a fence at least 8 feet in height and not more than 6 inches above the ground.
 - Not bisected by a public road, fencing, or any other barrier
 - Have sufficient space and cover to allow permitted animals to evade hunters
- A preserve must be marked with signs that meeting the following requirements:
 - Signs must be made of a weatherproof material and at least 12 inches wide by 12 inches long with a white, yellow, or orange background and have black or dark contrast 1-inch high lettering or taller stating "Hunting Preserve".
 - Placed facing outward on the fence at each point of entry or exit to the preserve.

Special Hunting Permits: A person who takes or hunts a permitted animal on a hunting preserve is required to have a special hunting permit.

- A special hunting permit approves a person to hunt one permitted animal.
- Owners and managers may sell the special hunting permits for BOAH.
- Each permit expires on March 2 following the date the license is effective.
- The fee for a buck is \$120.75
- The fee for a doe, sheep, or goat is \$60.75

Hunting: Permitted animals may be hunted on a licensed hunting preserve from September 1 through March 1 between a half hour before sunrise and a half hour after sunset.

- No bag limit.
- Male and female animals may be taken.
- Charges may reflect the class of the permitted animal being hunted.
- Only weapons that may be used legally in hunting on other property in Indiana may be used on a preserve.
- Permitted animals may not be hunted within 24 hours of sedation.
- Hunting on the preserve is prohibited within 150 yards of an artificial feeding site.

Transportation Tags: A transportation tag must be affixed to each permitted animal taken by a hunter on a preserve. BOAH will provide transportation tags without charge.

Culling Animals and Cull Tags: A cull tag must be affixed to a permitted animal culled from the hunting preserve. BOAH will provide cull tags without charge.

The owner or authorized designee of a hunting preserve may cull permitted animals from the preserve without obtaining a special hunting permit for the purpose of:

1. Controlling the population of the herd;
2. Addressing an animal welfare issue;
3. Consumption by the owner and members of his or her household; or
4. Donation to a qualified charity.

Records: A licensed owner must keep records that accurately reflect the following:

- Permitted animals leaving and entering the preserve:
 - Species, age, sex, identification, date added or removed, the source or destination of the animal and why it was removed.
- Individuals who use the preserve:
 - Complete records of special hunting permit sales and animals hunted.
- Treatment and sedation of animals.
- Preserve owners must maintain records for at least five (5) years.

Permitted Animals Management

- Only permitted animals may be released into the preserve.
- Cervids entering the preserve must be identified using at least two forms of identification:
 - One must be an official identification that is a tamper resistant 840 tag or NUES tag.
 - The second identification may be a unique ear tag, microchip, or tattoo.

Official identification may not be removed.

- A preserve operator must report the escape of an animal from the preserve to BOAH within 24 hours after escape is discovered.
- Preserve operators must collect appropriate samples from the carcasses of all CWD-susceptible species older than 1 year of age that are harvested or otherwise die on a preserve so that they may be tested for chronic wasting disease (CWD).

Collected samples must be submitted for CWD testing to an approved laboratory by March 31 of the year immediately following the hunting season.

Medications: A licensed hunting preserve owner shall follow label instructions or extra-label use instructions of a veterinarian within the context of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship governing appropriate administration of medications to permitted animals for sedation or treatment.

If a permitted animal has been sedated or treated with medication while under the care of the preserve owner or to move the animal to the preserve, the owner must:

- Document the date and amount of medication given;
- Take measures to ensure the animal is not hunted within 24 hours of sedation; and
- Prior to hunting the animal do one of the following:
 - Verify the withdrawal time has been met;
 - If the withdrawal time has not been met or is not known, either:
 - Notify the hunter the animal should not be consumed; or
 - Retain control of the meat.