

15A NCAC 10B .0409 SALE OF LIVE FOXES AND COYOTES TO CONTROLLED FOX HUNTING PRESERVES

(a) In counties with a trapping season for foxes and coyotes that do not prohibit live sale, licensed trappers may, subject to the restrictions on taking foxes in G.S.113- 291.4, live-trap foxes and coyotes during that season and sell them to licensed controlled fox hunting preserves in accordance with the conditions set forth in this Rule.

(b) Licensed trappers are exempt from captivity permit and captivity license requirements for any live-trapped foxes or coyotes trapped for the purpose of sale to controlled fox hunting preserves. This exemption shall apply during the trapping season for foxes and coyotes, and for no more than 30 days after the trapping season.

(c) Live-trapped foxes and coyotes shall not be held for more than 30 days after capture.

(d) Licensed trappers shall provide drinking water, food of a type and quantity appropriate for the species, and shelter that protects the foxes and coyotes from direct sunlight and precipitation.

(e) Licensed trappers shall be exempt from tagging requirements set forth in this Section so long as the foxes are kept alive.

(f) Licensed trappers and any individual(s) transporting live foxes and coyotes shall have a current and valid transportation permit prior to taking possession of the live foxes and coyotes.

(g) Licensed trappers shall keep accurate written records, on a form provided by the Commission online at www.ncwildlife.org, for each fox or coyote sold or transferred to a controlled fox hunting preserve. Records shall contain the following information:

- (1) preserve operator license number, if applicable;
- (2) transportation permit number;
- (3) county of origin;
- (4) number of animals of each species;
- (5) date of capture; and
- (6) date of sale or transfer.

(h) Records required pursuant to this Rule shall be:

- (1) available for inspection by representatives of the Commission upon request;
- (2) submitted to and received by the Commission annually by May 1; and
- (3) retained by the licensed trapper for 12 months following transportation permit expiration.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273(g);113-291.4;
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