

15A NCAC 10H .1202 ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION

(a) **Boundary of Preserve.** Unless otherwise approved by the Commission based upon the topography and hydrology of the preserve, a controlled fox hunting preserve shall be enclosed with a dog-proof fence that meets the following requirements:

- (1) is at least four feet high;
- (2) has a top electrified wire at least three feet above the ground surface;
- (3) has a bottom electrified wire no more than one foot above the ground surface; and
- (4) is free from structures or vegetation purposely placed or allowed to exist that enables wild animals to enter or exit the preserve.

(b) **Escape Dens.** Controlled fox hunting preserves less than 106 acres shall have a minimum of three escape dens. Those preserves equal to or greater than 106 acres shall have one additional escape den per 1-35 acre interval thereafter.

(c) **Stocking Preserve with Game.** The following shall apply to foxes and coyotes released into a preserve:

- (1) only foxes and coyotes may be released onto controlled fox hunting preserves;
- (2) operators may purchase live foxes and coyotes from:
 - (A) licensed trappers in accordance with G.S. 113-273(g);
 - (B) other licensed controlled fox hunting preserves;
 - (C) licensed fur propagators; or
 - (D) persons holding foxes or coyotes legally under a captivity license;
- (3) licensed controlled fox hunting preserve operators may hold legally obtained foxes and coyotes in accordance with food, sanitation, and enclosure requirements in 15A NCAC 10H .1404;
- (4) licensed controlled fox hunting preserve operators may transport legally acquired foxes and coyotes from the place of purchase to the controlled fox hunting preserve;
- (5) foxes and coyotes shall not be imported into North Carolina for release into controlled fox hunting preserves;
- (6) individuals transporting live foxes and coyotes to or from a licensed operator shall have a current and valid transportation permit; and
- (7) individuals transporting live foxes and coyotes on behalf of a licensed operator shall have a current and valid transportation permit or a copy of the operator's current controlled fox hunting preserve operator's license.

(d) **Dog Density.** Each controlled fox hunting preserve shall have an upper limit for dog density rounded to the nearest dog as follows:

- (1) fox only preserve: .5 dog per 1 acre;
- (2) fox and coyote preserve: .75 dog per 1 acre; and
- (3) coyote only preserve: 1 dog per 1 acre.

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