VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES
APPLICATION FOR RACCOON HOUND FIELD TRIAL PERMIT (25 – CHDT)

(Under Authority of §29.1-417 & §29.1-422 of the Code of Virginia)

Non-Refundable Application Fee: $25 per year (Jan. 1st through Dec. 31st)

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST EVENT

NOTE: A permit is only required for field trial events occurring outside of open raccoon hunting and chase seasons OR when a license exemption is desired for field trial participants. A single permit application may be submitted for up to 10 field trial events. One or more additional permits are required if you plan to have more than 10 events. No permits are required for drag competitions, water races, or treeing contests since no live animals may lawfully be used for these event types.

Name of Club: _____

Secretary: _____Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Last 4 of SSN: _____ Last 4 of Driver's Lic#: _____

Address: _____

City: _____State: _____Zip: _____Email: _____

County where club is located: _____

Address of Field Trial Headquarters where records of participants will be available while events are in progress

(MUST BE IN VIRGINIA): _____

Sanctioned by (check all that apply): UKC_____PKC_____CHKC_____AKC_____Other_____

_____ _____

Signed by Secretary Date

By my signature above, I hereby certify that all entries made on this application are true and complete, that I have read and understand the permit conditions I have been provided and that the club will apply for and conduct the requested events as specified in the conditions, and I agree and understand that any falsification of information herein, regardless of time of discovery, my result in denial or revocation of the club's permit. Furthermore, I certify that field trial officials will obtain the proper permission prior to the trials from all the landowner(s) on whose property the trials will be held. TYPED SIGNATURE IS AUTHORIZED AND BINDING PER §59.1, CHAPTER 42.1, ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA.

Make checks payable to: **Treasurer of Virginia** and return form with payment to Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, Permits Section, P. O. Box 3337, Henrico, VA 23228.

Please provide the following information for each field trial event (up to 10 per application):

Date(s)	Sanctioning Organization	Counties (up to 10) If on National Forest Lands Include Copy of Federal Permit	# of Participants	# of Casts	Master of Hounds	Time Score Cards Must Be Turned In	Person in Charge of Records

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES
RACCOON HOUND FIELD TRIAL PERMIT LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND CONDITIONS

I. GENERAL PERMIT CONDITIONS: (See last page for National Forest, Department Lands, and State Forest specifics)

A. A raccoon hound field trial is defined as an organized event (not training) during which live raccoons are hunted as defined in § 29.1-100 (includes chase and pursuit). Field trial events that occur outside of open hunting and chase seasons require a permit. No raccoon hound field trial permit is required in areas where, and during time periods when, it is legal to chase raccoons without capture or take, provided that all field trial participants possess a valid Virginia hunting license.

B. Drag competitions, water races and treeing contests do not require a field trial permit and may be held at any time. No live animals may be used during these contests.

C. It is unlawful to hold field trials in Virginia without first obtaining appropriate permission from the landowner(s) on whose property the trials will be held. Permit applications must be received at least thirty (30) days prior to the first event. Notification of any changes or additions to information listed for field trial events on the permit form must also be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the changed/added event to CollectionPermits@DWR.virginia.gov.

D. Resident and nonresident participants in authorized trials are not required to have a hunting license. Exception: During an open firearms season, if wild game is to be shot over or in front of dogs engaged in such field trials, the person actually shooting must have a license permitting him/her to do so (§ 29.1-422 of the Code of Virginia). Possession of a firearm after 2:00 a.m. on Sunday while hunting raccoons is prohibited (§ 29.1-521.1 of the Code of Virginia).

E. Permit applicants are reminded that there is a continuous open season for chasing raccoons with dogs, without capturing or taking, except on department-controlled lands west of the Blue Ridge Mountains and on national forest lands (George Washington and Jefferson National Forests) (4 VAC 15-210-10, Virginia Administrative Code). It shall be lawful to chase raccoons with dogs, without capturing or taking, on department-controlled lands west of the Blue Ridge Mountains and on national forest lands where bear hound training is permitted during the bear hound training season dates specified in 4 VAC 15-50-120 of the Virginia Administrative Code. It shall be unlawful to have in possession a firearm, bow, axe, saw, or any tree climbing device while hunting during this chase season. The meaning of "possession" for the purpose of this section shall include, but not be limited to, having these devices in or on one's person, vehicle or conveyance while engaged in the act of chasing (4 VAC 15-210-10, Virginia Administrative Code).

F. No live, captive raccoons may be used in any of these trials (§29.1-521.10, Code of Virginia).

G. Records at field trial headquarters must be made available to Department representatives upon request at any time and shall include names of participants, judges and guides. The field trial headquarters where records of participants will be available while the event is in progress must be located in Virginia.

H. During the field trial, each participant must possess a receipt or similar document that shows the person has registered for the field trial in progress. This document shall include the name of

the participant, the club name, and the date(s) of the field trial. In the field, each judge must have an official score card containing the names of participants in the cast and the field trial permit number assigned by the Department dated and signed by the club secretary.

I. A permit holder shall comply with all terms and conditions of any permit issued by the Department of Wildlife Resources pursuant to Title 29.1 of the Code of Virginia (4 VAC 15-290-130, Virginia Administrative Code). The penalty for violation of permit conditions shall be a Class 3 misdemeanor unless another penalty is specified (§ 29.1-505, Code of Virginia). The Department may also revoke, suspend or disapprove future applications for failure to comply with the conditions of the field trial permit.

J. This permit does not absolve the permittee of any responsibilities or conditions of any other federal, state, or local laws and regulations.

II. RACCOON HOUND FIELD TRIALS ON NATIONAL FOREST LANDS:

A. Raccoon hound field trials on national forest lands may be authorized between September 1 and March 31 (both dates inclusive) and during the bear hound training season in areas where bear hound training is permitted (specified in 4 VAC 15-50-120, Virginia Administrative Code). Events on national forest lands require a special use permit from the U.S. Forest Service in addition to the V DWR raccoon hound field trial permit. A copy of this federal special use permit must be submitted to VDWR prior to authorization of a raccoon hound field trial permit application with events listed on national forest lands.

III. RACCOON HOUND FIELD TRIALS ON DEPARTMENT-OWNED WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS:

A. Raccoon hound field trials are not authorized to be held on any department-owned Wildlife Management Areas.

IV. RACCOON HOUND FIELD TRIALS ON STATE FOREST LANDS:

A. As long as participants of a VDWR permitted raccoon hound field trial are not actually taking raccoons, the Virginia Department of Forestry will not require a Virginia State Forest Use Permit to use the State Forests for field trials. Organized groups that plan to utilize state forests for these events should contact the appropriate State Forest Supervisor for additional guidance.

V. PENALTIES

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B. Violations of wildlife related offenses (including unlawful trespassing) by participants of permitted dog/raccoon hound field trials may cause the revocation or suspension of current permits, and/or the denial of future permits of the permittee or the organization that the permittee represents on the original application.