



**FACT SHEET:
COYOTE AND FOX
RUNNING ENCLOSURES
(FOXPENS) IN ARKANSAS
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What is a foxpen?

A foxpen is any fenced enclosure in which red fox, gray fox, or coyote are chased by dogs for pleasure or for field trial purposes.

Do I need a permit to operate a foxpen?

A permit is not necessary to operate a foxpen, whether for private or commercial purposes, unless other wildlife are hunted within the fenced area. If wildlife other than fox or coyote are hunted within the fenced area for commercial purposes or if captive-born wildlife are to be hunted, a Wildlife Hunting Resort Permit is required.

Is a permit necessary to sell live fox or coyote to foxpen operators?

Yes. Fox and coyote that are legally trapped within Arkansas may be sold to foxpen operators only by those holding Commission Live Fox and Coyote permits (\$25) and a valid hunting license. It is illegal for a pen owner to buy live fox and coyote from anyone in Arkansas who does not have a Live Fox and Coyote Permit.

If I have a foxpen, can I sell fox and coyote from within my pen?

Only if you possess a Live Fox and Coyote permit (\$25) and a hunting license.

Where do I get a Live Fox and Coyote Permit?

These permits are only sold by the Commission's Licensing Division in the Little Rock office. Call 1-800-364-4263 and ask for the Licensing Division.

Do I need a permit to buy fox or coyote for my foxpen from out-of-state?

Yes. A Commission Wildlife Importation Permit is necessary to bring any wildlife, including fox and coyote, into Arkansas. You will need to apply for the Wildlife Importation Permit before buying the animals and will need to specify the species and state from which the animals will come. Once a permit is approved, you may buy the animal but will have to have a veterinarian complete a Commission Wildlife Importation Veterinary Examination Record form before the animal is brought to Arkansas and then return the form, along with proof of sale, and a health certificate, to the Commission within 7 days of arrival. Prior to entry into the state fox and coyote must be vaccinated against rabies with a 3-year duration of immunity killed virus vaccine approved by the USDA for use in dogs, vaccinated for canine distemper, treated with the antihelminthic Praziquantel, and treated with Ivermectin.

Permits will not be issued to bring live coyotes into Arkansas that originate from or have lived in Alaska, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Canada.

Permits will not be issued to bring live fox into Arkansas that originate from or have lived in Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Canada.

It is illegal to bring any raccoons into Arkansas.

http://www.agfc.com/rules_regs/hunting_regs_captive.html