



FACT SHEET: COYOTE AND FOX RUNNING ENCLOSURES (FOXPENS) IN ARKANSAS June 2020

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 other captive-born wildlife are to be hunted, a Commercial 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), Trapper Permit, and a valid hunting license. It is unlawful for anyone that holds a Live Fox and Coyote Permit to keep an individual animal in captivity for more than 30 days or to sell fox or coyote to anyone other than the operator of a foxpen operating in accordance with an exception to Code 09.05. 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 Certificate of Veterinary Inspection 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.

Importation permits will not be issued to bring live fox or coyotes into Arkansas from certain states due to rabies problems within those states.

What records does a foxpen have to keep?

Foxpen operators must have records of the name, address, and hunting license number of anyone they have obtained animals from and the number obtained and date of harvest of any animals they obtained from others. Code 5.22

Are there times of year when foxpens cannot be operated?

No. Code 8.02

Can foxpens be operated at night?

Yes. Code 8.02