



# DOG TRAINING AND FIELD TRIAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS USING DOMESTICALLY REARED GAME BIRDS

This document is designed to provide essential information about dog training and field trials using domestically reared game birds. It **does not** provide complete coverage of all dog training and field trial laws and regulations.

Although this document contains excerpts from Title 14, of the California Code of Regulations, it is the dog trainers responsibility to know and obey **all** laws and regulations in effect while he/she is participating in dog training activity. Changes to any code may occur at any time during the year.

Any discrepancies between this document and the code(s) from which it was prepared will be enforced and adjudicated according to the official code(s) in effect on the date the activity takes place.

## Fish and Game Code Excerpts

### §3206. Transport or Sell Dead Domesticated Game - Requirements

No domesticated game bird or mammal shall be transported or sold dead unless each quarter and each loin of the carcass of each large mammal, the carcass of each bird, except as provided in Section 2401 for a domesticated game bird raised outside this State, and the carcass of each small mammal is tagged with a domesticated game breeder's tag or seal. The tag or seal shall not be removed until such quarter, loin, or carcass is prepared for consumption.

No tag so affixed shall be used again.

No tag or seal shall be sold by the department to anyone other than a person who is legally in possession of domesticated game.

### §3207. Tag or Seal Fees

The department shall collect three cents (\$0.03) for each tag or seal.

## California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Excerpts

### §677. Dog Training and Field Trials

**(a) Dog Training When No Wild Birds Are Captured, Injured, or Killed.** Notwithstanding Section 265 of these regulations, a person may train dogs to retrieve, or to point or flush game birds, or may train for or participate in field trials or similar events related to these activities, at any time of year from sunrise to sunset if no wild birds are captured, injured, or killed. Domestically reared birds may be released and taken for dog training or field trials only as provided in Section 677(b). Dogs shall not be trained on or otherwise be allowed to pursue any birds that have special protection under California or federal law, including but not limited to fully protected birds (Section 3511 of the Fish and Game Code)

and endangered, threatened or candidate species (Section 670.5 of these regulations and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 50, Section 17.11).

**(b) Release and Take of Birds.** Notwithstanding Section 671.6 of these regulations, bobwhite and coturnix quail, domestic pigeons, and the following domestically reared game birds may be released and/or taken during dog training or organizational field trials in accordance with subsections (b)(1) through (b)(5) of this section, general resident game bird regulations, or licensed game bird club regulations: pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*), including all ring-necked pheasant races, chukar, Hungarian partridge and captive-reared mallard ducks.

**(1) Hunting License Required.** Each person taking domestically reared game birds must possess a valid California hunting license. In addition, each person, except holders of junior hunting licenses, taking Hungarian partridge, ring-necked pheasant, and chukar must possess a valid Upland Game Bird Stamp.

**(2) Prior Notification Required.** Persons releasing and/or taking game birds in accordance with this section during organized field trials or hunt tests shall provide the Department's regional office in the region where the birds will be released and/or taken the following information at least three business days prior to the activity. This notification shall be in letter form, by fax, or by internet. The information required includes:

- (A) The name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the information.
- (B) The location that birds will be released and/or taken.
- (C) The approximate number of each species of bird that will be released and/or taken.
- (D) The approximate number of persons who will be involved in the release and/or take.
- (E) The date and time that birds will be released and/or taken.

For any event where more than one person may be taking birds, only a single notification is required.

**(3) Restrictions On Daily Take.**

(A) Domestically reared game birds may be taken only on the day they are released, except when taken pursuant to general resident game bird regulations.

(B) Bobwhite quail and coturnix quail released for dog training or field trial purposes may be taken on any day.

**(4) Marking of Birds.**

(A) Prior to Release. If the Department determines that there is a need to distinguish domestically reared game birds used for dog training or field trials from other game birds at a particular location or event, the Regional Manager may require that some or all species of domestically reared game birds used for dog training or field trials be marked with streamers, coloring, or other conspicuous material prior to their release.

(B) Carcass. The carcass of each pheasant and chukar shall be tagged with a seal as provided by Section 3206 of the Fish and Game Code. The carcasses of bobwhite quail and coturnix quail need not be tagged. While in the field, all birds must be in a condition that the species can be identified.

**(5) Inspection of Birds.** The department may inspect all birds prior to their release and no birds may be released if the department determines that such releases may have significant potential to transmit diseases to wild bird populations.