

**RULES
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**CHAPTER 1660-01-33
RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING TRACKING WOUNDED DEER**

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The use of one dog may be used to locate a wounded deer under the following provisions:

- (1) Deer season must be legally open.
- (2) The dog must be maintained on a leash at all times and under the control of the hunter.
- (3) Only weapons legal for hunting for that season are allowed while tracking with the dog.
- (4) No weapons are permitted after legal shooting hours.
- (5) If the hunter chooses to use the services of a handler, then the hunter must accompany the handler at all times while afield.
- (6) The handler may only use one dog which must be leashed at all times and under the control of the handler. The handler is not required to possess a hunting license when providing this service to the hunter.
- (7) If the season requires hunters to wear daylight fluorescent orange, then the accompanying handler should also wear daylight fluorescent orange for safety.
- (8) If the deer travels off the property where it was legally shot, it is incumbent upon the hunter to obtain permission from any and all landowners to cross their property and/or to retrieve the deer.
- (9) The hunter shall notify the appropriate regional office of the Agency before initiating any tracking effort with a dog. The hunter shall specify the location where the tracking will occur, including the county and physical address.
- (10) Any tracking effort utilizing a dog shall terminate at midnight, local time.

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