



## Deer Breeder Program

The following information is intended to assist you with the application process. You must submit all original letters and forms to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Be sure to keep copies for your own records. In addition, you must be familiar with Texas Parks and Wildlife Code (Chapter 43, Subchapter L) and Texas Administrative Code (§65.601 - §65.613) **PRIOR** to application for permit. Should you have any questions, please contact the Deer Breeder Program Office at 512-389-4585.

- a. **Deer Breeder Permit Application:** The application must be completed in its entirety, signed and dated. Only one person can be the named applicant. Permits **are not** issued to multiple individuals and they are not transferable.
- b. **Certified Wildlife Biologist Form and Letter of Endorsement:** The biologist must complete the enclosed verification form. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regulations REQUIRE that the wildlife biologist perform an on-site inspection. The letter of endorsement must be on professional or company letterhead and must, at the minimum, state the following:
- the facility meets the requirements set forth in the Texas Administrative Code, §65.605
  - the facility identified in the application allows breeder deer adequate access to food, shade and/or shelter, and water
  - the facility identified in the application is fully constructed and functional
  - additional information the biologist deems pertinent (i.e., recommendations for improvement to the facilities, predator protection measures, etc.).

The wildlife biologist **must not** be employed by TPWD and must meet the criteria outlined in §65.601(3)(a-b) of the Texas Administrative Code. The verification form does not replace the required letter of endorsement from the biologist. The application for permit must be accompanied by both the verification form and the letter of endorsement.

- c. **Facility Plat/Diagram:** The plat is a physical layout of the facility which should identify:
- individual enclosures, and the dimension and size (sq. ft. or acres) of each enclosure;
  - approximate location of feeding and watering devices within each enclosure;
  - approximate location of man-made and/or natural shelters; and
  - additional information the applicant deems pertinent (i.e. location of gates, etc.)
- d. **Notice Regarding Access to Customer Information:** This form is not required for permit issuance. This form is only required if you do not wish to allow public access to your contact information (name, address or telephone number).
- e. **Application Processing Fee:** A **\$400.00 processing fee is required.** Please submit a check, money order or cashier's check, made payable to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. This application processing fee is **non-refundable.** Temporary checks, post-date checks, and checks without signatures will not be accepted (i.e., the Deer Breeder Permit Office will not receive your application).

The following items are REQUIRED for permit issuance. All items should be submitted together. Incomplete application packets will not be processed. **Applications are processed in the order received.** Please note that all deer breeder permits issued are only valid from date of issuance until the immediately following June 30th.

- Permit Application                       Facility Diagram/Plat                       \$400.00 Processing Fee
- Biologist Verification Form                       Biologist Letter of Endorsement



# Deer Breeder Program Application for New Permit

(Valid for White-tailed Deer and Mule Deer Only)

**1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security No.\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Ranch: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Driver's License No. and State: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_  Home  Work

**2. FACILITY LOCATION:**

Breeding Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Facility ID (if available): \_\_\_\_\_  
 County: \_\_\_\_\_ Nearest City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Direction from Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Miles from Town: \_\_\_\_\_ On Hwy/Road: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physical address of facility: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of landowner on which the breeder facility is located: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FACILITY DESCRIPTION: (NOTE - facility must be completed prior to application)**

Number of Enclosures (pens): \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Height of Boundary Fence: \_\_\_\_\_ Feet \_\_\_\_\_ Inches  
 Combined Area of All Enclosures: \_\_\_\_\_  Acres  Sq.Ft.

- Is the facility constructed of a material appropriate to retain deer?  Yes  No
- Is there adequate access to food, shelter and water?  Yes  No  
 (Functional feeders, waterers and shelter must be in place prior to making application.)
- Is the facility fully constructed and functional?  Yes  No
- Are the pens and facility completely unoccupied of white-tailed or mule deer?  Yes  No
- Are the pens occupied by other cervid species?  Yes  No

**NOTE: No deer may be acquired or held in facility prior to permit issuance.**

**4. PERMIT INFORMATION:**

Species to be held:  White-tailed Deer  Mule Deer  
**Maximum Number** of Deer to be held (including fawns) \_\_\_\_\_ White-tailed Deer \_\_\_\_\_ Mule Deer

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**5. DESIGNATED AGENTS:** List the names and telephone numbers of all individuals that will be authorized to conduct activities on behalf of the permittee. Attach additional sheet if necessary. (Please print legibly)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Social Security#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Social Security#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Social Security#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. CERTIFIED WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST VERIFICATION FORM:** This form must be completed by the certified wildlife biologist that provides the endorsement for the breeding facility and submitted with the application packet. The biologist must meet the definition of a *certified wildlife biologist* as defined in section 65.601 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Deer Breeder regulations and must conduct an on-site inspection of the facility.

**7. CERTIFIED WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST ENDORSEMENT:** The letter of endorsement must be on professional/company letterhead and must, at the minimum, state the following: the certified wildlife biologist has performed an on-site inspection; the facility meets the requirements set forth in the Texas Administrative Code, §65.605; the facility has adequate access to food, natural or man-made shelter, and water; the facility is fully constructed and functional; and any additional information the biologist deems pertinent.

**8. FACILITY PLAT/DIAGRAM:** Attach a diagram or drawing of the physical layout of the facility. Identify individual enclosures, dimensions and size of individual enclosures, approximate location of watering and feeding devices, approximate location of natural and/or man-made shelters, any additional information the applicant deems pertinent (i.e. location of gates, etc.).

**9. APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE:** Include a check or money order for **\$400.00** made payable to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. This application processing fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE**. Temporary checks, post-dated checks, and checks without signatures will not be accepted (i.e., the Deer Breeder Permit Office will not receive your application).

**10. NOTE:** Application must be complete, signed by the applicant (not an agent) and dated.

**11. MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED MATERIALS TO:** Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
Deer Breeder Program  
4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, Texas 78744.

Applications are processed in the order received. A game warden will visit the proposed facility and conduct an inspection prior to the issuance of the permit. A breeder permit issued pursuant to this application is only valid from the date of issuance to the immediately following June 30th.

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**10. CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant), of \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, declare that the facilities described herein meet or exceed the requirements of 31 TAC 65.605 and that the statements made by me on this application and associated materials are true and correct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED**

\* State law requires that applicants provide their Social Security number on all permit applications. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains the information collected through this form. With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information we collect. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are also entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004, you are also entitled to have this information corrected.



**Deer Breeder Program**  
**Certified Wildlife Biologist Verification**  
 (to be completed by the certified wildlife biologist)

Biologist Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #/State: \_\_\_\_\_ /

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you certified as a wildlife biologist by The Wildlife Society?  Yes  No

If yes, indicate year certified \_\_\_\_\_ and skip to section 5. If no, you must complete this entire form.

2. Do you have at least five years of post-graduate experience in research or wildlife management associated with white-tailed deer or mule deer within the past 10 years?  Yes  No

3. University where degree was obtained: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate **type of degree** received and the **year of graduation**:

B.S. in: \_\_\_\_\_  M.S. in: \_\_\_\_\_  Ph.D. in: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please attach a resumé detailing your work experience with white-tailed deer/mule deer which would qualify you to be a certified wildlife biologist as described in §65.601 of the Deer Breeder Regulations.

Please check one:  Resumé Attached **OR**  Resumé on file with TPWD Deer Breeder Program

5. Name of applicant for which you are providing an endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

- Have you reviewed the deer breeding plan?  Yes  No
- Is the facility constructed of a material appropriate to retain deer?  Yes  No
- Is the fence perimeter seven feet in height or greater?  Yes  No
- Is there adequate access to food, shelter and water?  Yes  No
- Is the facility fully constructed and functional? **Total # of pens:** \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No
- Are the pens and facility completely unoccupied of white-tailed or mule deer?  Yes  No
- Are the activities defined in the breeding plan and the facilities adequate to conduct the proposed activities?  Yes  No
- Did you conduct a physical, on-site inspection of the facilities?  Yes  No

Please indicate **date of inspection**: \_\_\_\_\_ and the **time of inspection**: \_\_\_\_\_  AM  PM

6. Statement of Endorsement. Please attach a separate letter of endorsement on company letterhead and other supporting materials (i.e., photos, map, diagram, recommendations, etc.).

7. Biologist Certification Statement: By signing this statement, "*I hereby declare that I currently meet the qualifications necessary to be a certified wildlife biologist as defined in §65.601 of the Deer Breeder Regulations. I further declare that the facilities described herein meet the qualifications as outlined in the Parks and Wildlife Code (Chapter 43, Subchapter L) and Texas Administrative Code (Chapter 65); and, that the information provided on this form is true and correct. I understand that making a false statement on a state document is a crime punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.*"

Biologist's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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This form, your letter of endorsement and any supplemental materials should be attached to the original application, facility diagram, breeding management plan and permit fee, and mailed to:

Texas Parks and Wildlife department  
 Wildlife Division – Permitting Office  
 4200 Smith School Road  
 Austin, TX 78744

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## Notice Regarding Access to Deer Breeder Customer Information

Under section 11.030 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission is required to adopt rules regarding the disclosure of customer information. A customer includes a person that purchases a permit from TPWD.

The TPWD rules about customer information were revised in July 2004. Under these rules, if a member of the public requests the name, address, or telephone number of a commercial customer of TPWD, TPWD will disclose that information, unless the customer has advised TPWD in writing that he or she does not wish to have that information disclosed. However, TPWD will not disclose an individual's social security, driver's license, bank account, credit card, and charge card numbers for deer breeders, unless otherwise mandated by law.

Deer Breeders are considered commercial customers. Therefore, TPWD will disclose your name, address and telephone number upon request, unless you notify TPWD in writing that you do not wish for this information to be disclosed. If you do not make an election, your name, address, and/or telephone will be released to the public, upon request.

If you elect not to have this information disclosed, TPWD will not disclose your name, address and/or telephone number, unless otherwise required by law. However, if TPWD is asked whether you currently have or previously had a Deer Breeder's permit, TPWD will answer *yes* or *no*.

Regardless of your election, TPWD may disclose the name, address and telephone number of a corporation, partnership, or business. Also, other information related to your permit file may be considered public under the Texas Public Information Act.

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If you wish for TPWD to withhold from public disclosure your name, address and telephone number, please complete the information below and return this sheet with your completed application. **If you complete this form, your contact information will not be listed on a distribution list of Deer Breeders that is issued to the public upon request.**

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### Deer Breeder Program Election to Withhold Address and Telephone Information

I **do not** wish to allow public access to my name, address or telephone number. I understand that this only applies to the disclosure of my name, address or telephone number and that other information related to my permit file may be considered for disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to:  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
Deer Breeder Program  
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Austin, TX 78744