**Section 970.20** **Hound Running Area Permits and Fees**

a) Hound Running Area Permits are available from the Department upon completion of an application for the permit, payment of the permit fee and approval of the Hound Running Area by the Department. Permit applications are available on the Department's website at https://www.dnr.illinois.gov or by contacting the Department at:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Office of Land Management

One Natural Resources Way

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b) The Department will issue Hound Running Area Permits for coyote and fox areas, for rabbit areas, for raccoon areas and for certain combinations of those animals.

c) Applicants for Hound Running Area Permits must possess a Fur-bearing Mammal Breeders Permit for possession of coyotes, foxes and/or raccoons and a Class B Commercial Game Breeders Permit for possession of rabbits.

d) Hound Running Area Permits are renewable annually and expire on March 31 of each year. The annual fee for each Hound Running Area Permit is $250.

e) Plans for modifications to established Hound Running Areas must be approved by the Department prior to construction. Upon completion, modified Hound Running Areas must be approved by the Department prior to any release of animals or hounds.

f) Applicants shall provide a list of licensed trappers and Commercial Game Breeder Permit holders from whom animals will be obtained in accordance with Section 970.60. Hound Running Area operators shall be limited to 6 licensed trappers and 6 Commercial Game Breeder Permit holders from whom they may obtain animals. The list shall only be subject to modification during the month of the annual renewal date and during September 1-14 annually while the Hound Running Area Permit is active.

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