**Section 970.80 Disposition of Animals**

a) Animals possessed under authority of a Hound Running Area Permit and accompanying Fur-bearing Mammal Breeders Permit or Class B Commercial Game Breeders Permit may only be released into a Department-approved hound running area.

b) Animals shall be provided feed designed to maintain adequate weight and meet the animal's nutritional requirements. Animals shall be provided adequate water.

c) Only fit animals shall be released in hound running areas.

d) Fit animals possessed under authority of a Hound Running Area Permit may be transferred only to other individuals with valid Hound Running Area Permits.

e) Animals deemed unfit by the operator for training exercises or field trialing in a hound running area shall be euthanized by gunshot or by a licensed veterinarian. Euthanized animals shall be disposed of pursuant to the Illinois Dead Animal Disposal Act [225 ILCS 610] and 8 Ill. Adm. Code 90 (Illinois Dead Animal Disposal Act).

f) Fit animals that must be disposed of due to revocation or suspension of the Hound Running Area Permit under Section 970.90 must be transferred to an individual with a valid Permit at a different location or euthanized as specified in subsection (e).