



Washington
Department of
**FISH &
WILDLIFE**

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
**Enrollment Application for Nonlethal Pursuit Training
Pass Program**

Non-Refundable Application Fee: \$25.00



NOTE: Only *Individuals who meet the requirements set forth in WAC 220-412-130-Nonlethal Pursuit Training Pass Program*- may apply for enrollment in the Program.

WA WILD ID # _____

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Age	Date of Birth
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Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
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County	Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-Mail
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Yes No

Have you **Within the last 10 years** been convicted of any criminal offense under chapter 77.15 RCW (WDFW enforcement), 76.48 (specialized forest products), or 16.52 (animal cruelty) RCW?

If yes, please describe the charges IN DETAIL on a separate sheet.

Have you **Within the last 10 years** been found to have committed, or to have paid, any infraction for a violation of chapter 77.15 RCW except recreational fishing under RCW 77.15.160?

If yes, please describe the charges IN DETAIL on a separate sheet.

Have you **Within the last 10 years** been convicted of any crime of dishonesty?

If yes, please describe the charges IN DETAIL on a separate sheet.

Have you **Within the last 10 years** been convicted of any felony, or released from custody pursuant to any felony conviction?

If yes, please describe the charges IN DETAIL on a separate sheet.

Have you **Within the last 10 years** been convicted of, or been found to have committed, any criminal or civil violation where the department obtains a report from the citing authority that alleges the applicant was deceptive, untruthful, or obstructed a law enforcement officer in the course of the officer's duties, other than violations of RCW 46.61.050 and 46.61.400?

If yes, please describe the charges IN DETAIL on a separate sheet.

Have you **EVER** been convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm under RCW 9.41.040, or have been convicted of any felony offense and the applicant has not successfully petitioned to have the applicant's firearm rights restored, or is otherwise ineligible to possess a firearm for any reason provided in RCW 9.41.040?

If yes, please describe the charges IN DETAIL on a separate sheet.

Do you have a current hunting or fishing license revocation or a current suspension of hunting or fishing license privileges in Washington or in another state?

If yes, please describe IN DETAIL on a separate sheet.

Are you aware of any pending criminal charges in any municipal, state, or federal court? The department may defer approval or denial on an application until such criminal charges have been adjudicated.

If yes, please describe the charges IN DETAIL on a separate sheet.

I understand that working dog handlers are held to the highest ethical standards as I may be asked to perform as an agent of the state under RCW [77.12.077](#). As such, I am an ambassador for the department and the working dog community. I understand to be considered for this program that I:

- (a) Currently own and train working dogs on scent detection and tracking;
- (b) Maintain health records of working dogs;
- (c) Have an active working knowledge of pursuit and predator detection training techniques;
- (d) Hold a current driver's license;
- (e) Have an up-to-date vehicle registration and vehicle insurance for any vehicle used to transport working dogs;
- (f) Understand best practices in dog handling equipment and proper usage; and
- (g) I have a working knowledge of terrain navigation and digital mapping equipment.

I understand that my application for enrollment will not be accepted unless I enclose a check or money order payable to WDFW Nonlethal Pursuit Pass Program in the amount of \$25.00. The yearly application cost to be considered for placement on the list of screened nonlethal pursuit handlers shall be twenty-five dollars and will cover the cost of an application review and a background check. This cost will occur annually when renewing an application to be on the list of screened nonlethal pursuit handlers. I further understand the nonlethal pursuit training pass program emphasizes safe, ethical, responsible, and lawful hound handling practices as well as detection of specific wildlife species by dogs. Additionally, the goal of the nonlethal pursuit training pass program includes improving dog handler/department relations, effective detection of target species when requested by the department, and the ethical treatment of working dogs and wildlife. I understand that failure to comply with these standards may result in termination from the Nonlethal Pursuit Pass Program. I acknowledge that:

- Applying for this Nonlethal Training Pass Program does not guarantee acceptance into the program. The department will authorize no more than fifty valid training pass holders to participate in the program annually on a statewide basis. Training passes issued by the department for training activities shall be geographically limited to no more than nine training passes at a time per WDFW region, and no more than three training passes at a time per enforcement detachment.
- If I am accepted to be placed on the list of screened nonlethal pursuit handlers does not guarantee me a training pass
- A department captain may, at any time, change the geographic scope or time frame of the training pass to address management or emergent needs, and retains the discretion to terminate a training pass. The department captain shall restrict training pass scope for certain game management units (GMU's) during big game hunting seasons when prudent.
- I am required to carry either bear spray or an air horn so that nonlethal means are available to mitigate wildlife interactions.

If I am successful in completing the requirements established by the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Nonlethal Pursuit Pass Program, I agree to accept my responsibility as a training pass holder, obey fish and wildlife laws, and conduct myself as an ethical working dog handler at all times.

I further certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application is true and accurate. I understand that any misrepresentation or concealment of material fact will be sufficient grounds for rejection of my permit application.

- I also understand that WDFW will conduct a criminal background investigation as the final step in the application process. I hereby authorize such action by my signature below.
- The department may, based on the results of a criminal background check or based on information it has received involving active investigations or pending charges, deny an application, at its discretion, if it believes the applicant does not meet the standards of the program, or would not be a suitable state agent or ambassador for the department and the working dog community.
- I may be asked to perform an initial training evaluation prior to acceptance into the program
- I must sign and abide by the Nonlethal Pursuit *Affidavit* prior to acceptance

SIGNATURE:

DATE: