



TRAINING OF DOGS  
ON BLACK BEAR  
IN NEW YORK STATE  
SURVEY

Please return to:

**Special Licenses Unit**  
New York State Department of Environmental  
Conservation

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Div. of Fish, Wildlife, and Marine Resources  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-4752

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The Bureau of Wildlife is requesting this training log in order to monitor black bear dog training activity. The information you provide will help wildlife biologists better understand this training and will enable them to determine the future role of dog training in the management of New York's black bears.

All black bear tracking dog license holders are required to complete and return this survey before **December 31**. Failure to comply will result in your license being revoked or your renewal being denied.

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Did you train dogs to track black bears in New York State during the bear tracking dog training season?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If "no", skip the rest of the survey questions and the diary and return this survey by December 31.

2. Have you ever previously trained dogs to track black bears or used dogs to track black bears?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If "yes", how many years of experience do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What breeds of dogs or crosses of breeds did you use in New York? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Do you use radio collars on your dogs when training them to track bears?

Never \_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ Always \_\_\_\_\_

5. What do you estimate was the total cost of obtaining and training your dogs to track black bears?

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Please read the following instructions before filling out the attached diary.

Fill in the date afield, number of people in group, number of dogs in pack, and the hours spent searching for a fresh scent trail.

If your dogs strike a fresh scent and you release your dogs; list the county and town (abbreviations are okay) of the location, the time, and whether the land is private or public.

If the property is private, did the landowner or a relative or associate of the landowner participate in the chase or view the treed bear after the chase?

To your knowledge, was there any bear damage (such as damaged corn, apiary, etc.) at or near the strike and release site?

Duration of the chase- list approximate number of hours and miles you chased the bear.

List the total number of bears seen, number of cubs seen, total number of bears treed, and the number of cubs treed during the chase.

List the number of any additional dogs that you brought in to the treed bear.

If there were any injuries during the chase to people, dogs, or bears, or any other problems, enter "yes" in the column and explain below under remarks.

Were any dogs lost? If so, how many were lost and for how long?

Did you meet any other recreationists while searching for a fresh bear scent or while chasing a bear? If yes, do you believe the encounter was positive or negative? If negative, please explain below under remarks.

**NOTICE: Pursuant to ECL Section 3-0301(2)(Q) False statements made on this form are punishable pursuant to Section 210.45 of the New York State Penal Code. I hereby acknowledge that the information I provided on this form and all attached Training of Dogs on Black Bear in New York Survey sheets is accurate:**

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Licensee











