

**481A.56 Training dogs.**

1. *a.* A person having a valid hunting license may train a bird dog on any game birds and a person having a valid fur harvester license may train a coonhound, foxhound, or trailing dog on any fur-bearing animals at any time of the year including during the closed season on such birds or animals. However, the animals when pursued to a tree or den shall not be further chased or removed in any manner from the tree or den. A person having a hunting license may train a dog on coyote or groundhog.

*b.* Only a pistol, revolver, or other gun shooting blank cartridges shall be used while training dogs during closed season except as provided in [subsection 2](#) of [this section](#).

2. Any pen-raised game bird may be used and may be shot in the training of bird dogs. Before any bird is released or used in the training of dogs, the bird shall have attached a band procured from the commission. The commission may charge a fee for such bands but the fee shall not exceed ten cents for each band.

3. A call back pen or live trap may be used for the purpose of retrieving banded birds when released in the wild for training purposes. Any bird not so banded when taken in a call back pen or trap shall be immediately returned unbanded to the wild. All call back pens or live traps when in use shall have attached a metal tag plainly labeled with the owner's name and address. Conservation officers shall have authority to confiscate such traps when found in use and not properly labeled.

4. The commission shall have the power to adopt rules prohibiting the training of any hunting dog on any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal in the wild at any time when it has been determined that such training might have an adverse effect on the populations of these species.

[C39, §1794.019; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §109.56]

[85 Acts, ch 10, §1](#); [86 Acts, ch 1245, §1854](#); [88 Acts, ch 1216, §17](#)

C93, §481A.56

[2011 Acts, ch 25, §143](#)

Referred to in [§481A.6A](#), [484B.10](#), [805.8B\(3\)\(c\)](#)

For applicable scheduled fines, see [§805.8B](#), subsection 3, paragraph c