

Resolution 510120

TITLE

Dogs are an important component of hunting various species of wildlife in Wisconsin. The training and trialing of various dog breeds is important to assure that hunting with dogs is conducted in a highly skilled manner. Remove the restrictions on State owned lands from April 15 to July 31 to allow the training, trialing and hunting of dogs without being on a 8' leash.

REASONS

NR 1.11 (12), Wisconsin Administrative code, provides that the DNR strongly encourages the use of well-trained hunting dogs in the pursuit and retrieval of game and to achieve that goal and supports extensive training and field trial competitions for hunting dogs.

Currently on State owned land from April 15, to July 31, your dog must be on a 8' leash at all times or you are in violation of NR 17.04 (2)(a) of the administrative code.

On State owned land open to public hunting and are not designated open to dog training under NR17.05 dogs shall be controlled by a person using a leash which is no more than 8 feet in length from April 15, to July 31.

Currently there are hunting seasons in April open on State-owned land and people are using the State-owned land for hunting. The concern is that Dog training should also be allowed because these lands are open to public hunting. Currently you can train your dog on Private land, County land and Federal lands but not on State owned land during April 15 to July 31. This rule change would make it more consistent Statewide.

Various hunting dog owners and associations such as the Wisconsin Association of Field Trial Clubs, The Wisconsin Association of sporting dogs, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, the Wisconsin Bear hunters Association and the Wisconsin Coon hunters Association support these changes.

Would you support the Associations and the DNR in making these rule changes?

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