

Parks and Wildlife Commission Regulation #303

3. Live Capture and Relocation

a. Unless relocation has been authorized in accordance with #304, small game and furbearers captured in live traps cannot be moved from the capture site and must be killed or released on site when the trap is checked.

b. Except as provided herein, a relocation permit is required to relocate all small game and furbearers.

1. Tree squirrels, cottontail rabbits, and raccoons trapped in cage or box traps may be relocated without a permit provided the Division has been notified in advance; the relocation site is appropriate habitat for the species; permission has been obtained from the private landowner; and relocation occurs within 10 miles of the capture site for squirrels and rabbits, and within two miles of the capture site for raccoons.

2. Relocation permit applications must be submitted to and approved by the Division prior to relocation. Permit approval or denial shall be based on the following: size of the relocation site; proximity of the site to public lands; habitat suitability and potential to support the relocated species; escape control, including buffer zones and active control if necessary; wildlife health and zoonotic disease concerns, and any other appropriate wildlife management concerns. In addition, applications must be submitted for all requests to move prairie dogs including modifications and extensions for wild to wild relocation permits. Permits authorizing movement of prairie dogs shall cost forty dollars (\$40.00). Original applications shall also include a management plan specifically addressing the applicant's long term plans for the maintenance or control of the prairie dog population on the property. For any species which, in accordance with the provisions of § 35-7-203, C.R.S., requires approval of the county commissioners, the applicant shall also submit a copy of the resolution as approved by the county commissioners.