

GAME AND WILDLIFE CODE (34 PA.C.S.) - DOGS PURSUING, INJURING
OR KILLING BIG GAME

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AN ACT

Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for dogs pursuing, injuring or killing big game.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 2383 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 2383. Dogs pursuing, injuring or killing big game.

(a) General rule.--Except as provided in subsection (b), it is unlawful for any person to make use of a dog in any manner to hunt for or to take big game or to permit a dog owned, controlled or harbored by that person to pursue, harass, chase, scatter, injure or make use of a dog to kill any big game.

(b) Exception.--It shall be lawful to [make] **do any of the following:**

(1) **Make** use of a dog to pursue, chase, scatter and track wild turkeys during the fall wild turkey season.

(2) **Make use of a leashed tracking dog to track a white-tailed deer, bear or elk in an attempt to recover an animal which has been legally killed or wounded during any open season for white-tailed deer, bear or elk.**

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED--The 26th day of March, A.D. 2018.

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