Weapons/Hunting Policy
Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
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Background: The UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources operates several research sites that vary in size, mission and activity level across the State of Nebraska. Some of the research sites are owned by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska while others are owned by the United States of America or the University of Nebraska Foundation. The purpose of this policy is to provide some consistency in how weapons and hunting activities are administered on these properties while at the same time allowing flexibility in policy based on ownership and mission. In general, IANR seeks to allow the broadest public use and access to the facilities it manages. This use and access must be consistent with the mission of the facility and protective of public and employee safety.

1. At all IANR Units, the responsible facility administrator\(^2\) shall be authorized to allow the use of firearms, bows/arrows or other legal and humane means to control predators, deer, rodents, and birds. In addition, appropriate methods may be authorized for the purpose of demonstrating wildlife damage control techniques and management programs.

2. The responsible facility administrator shall be authorized to allow the use of firearms or bows/arrows for the purpose of hunting predators, deer, pheasant, duck, goose, dove or other legal game in accordance with seasons and regulations as established by the State Game and Parks Commission. A hunting access strategy must be established to ensure that all citizens have equal opportunities to access University hunting resources.

   If firearm deer hunting is authorized by the responsible facility administrator, hunter safety will be maximized by carefully limiting the number and proximity of hunters. Should a hunter fill their permit, subsequent hunters may be authorized under the same stipulation. In all cases, written permission from the responsible facility administrator is required to authorize hunting dates, times, and special conditions/instructions.

3. The responsible facility administrator may authorize the use of firearms to euthanize sick, injured, or terminal domestic animals.

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\(^2\)The responsible facility administrator is defined as the Director of said unit unless specific authority has been delegated by the Director to on-site management staff.
4. The responsible facility administrator may authorize the use of scalpels, knives, machetes, and other sharp instruments for the purpose of conducting routine farm/livestock operations, demonstrations, and diagnostic/laboratory procedures.

5. At all IANR Units, including residences, the responsible facility administrator may authorize the storage of University or personally-owned firearms, bows/arrows, scalpels, knives, machetes, and other sharp instruments, provided that all such items meet all legal requirements and are stored in secured areas. In addition, a descriptive listing and storage locations for firearms and bows/arrows must be filed with the responsible facility administrator.

Attachments:
1. Legal description of all University owned or managed land resources in the district.
2. Unit specific policies relative to the application of this policy (optional).