

1 Sec. X. 10 V.S.A. § 5001 is amended to read;

2 § 5001. HUNTING DOGS; FIELD TRAINING

3 (a) While accompanying the dog, a person may train a hunting dog to hunt  
4 and pursue:

5 (1) Bear during the period from June 1 to September 15 and then only  
6 from sunrise to sunset;

7 (2) Rabbits and game birds during the period from June 1 to the last  
8 Saturday in September and then only from sunrise to sunset;

9 (3) Raccoon during the period from June 1 ~~to the last Saturday in~~  
10 September at any time of the day or night through any time of day or night on  
11 the day before the opening day of raccoon hunting season;

12 (4) Bobcat and fox during the period June 1 to March 15, except during  
13 regular deer season as prescribed in section 4741 of this title.

14 (b) The Commissioner may permit a person to train and condition a hunting  
15 dog between the second Monday in March and June 1. The Board may adopt  
16 rules as it considers necessary to control the training and conditioning of  
17 hunting dogs.

18 (c) A person training a hunting dog under this section may possess a  
19 handgun while training the hunting dog, provided that the person shall not take  
20 game by any method while training the hunting dog. As used in this section,

1 "handgun" means a pistol or revolver which will expel a projectile by the  
2 action of an explosive.

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6 Sec. X. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on