

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0073

Use of dogs-recovery of killed or wounded big game.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Blake, Brown, Edwards, Haley,
Lindholm, Miller, Newsome and Paxton and
Senator(s) Baldwin, Boner, Driskill and Gierau

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; allowing a person to use a
2 leashed blood-trailing dog to help recover a killed or wounded
3 big game animal; specifying requirements for any person using
4 a dog to recover a game animal; and providing for an effective
5 date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-3-109 by creating new subsections
10 (d) and (e) is amended to read:

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12 **23-3-109. Use of dogs; dogs injuring big or trophy game**
13 **animals may be killed; citation of owners of dogs harassing**
14 **game animals; penalties; leashed dogs for tracking.**

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1 (d) A person may use one (1) leashed blood-trailing dog
2 during lawful hunting hours to track a wounded or killed big
3 game animal within forty-eight (48) hours of shooting the
4 animal. A person using a dog in this manner:

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6 (i) Shall maintain physical control of the dog at
7 all times by means of a maximum fifty (50) foot leash attached
8 to the collar or harness of the dog;

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10 (ii) Shall wear fluorescent orange or fluorescent
11 pink consistent with W.S. 23-3-113(a);

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13 (iii) May kill the wounded animal using any weapon
14 authorized under the hunting license;

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16 (iv) Shall, in accordance with W.S. 23-3-104,
17 attach the proper coupon to the carcass of any animal killed
18 under the hunting license.

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20 (e) A person acting solely as a dog handler
21 accompanying the licensed hunter that wounded the game animal
22 is exempt from the licensing requirements of this act. Nothing

1 in this section shall be construed to allow a dog handler to
2 hunt without a license.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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6 (END)