

Pig Dog Hunting at Night in NSW State Forests

Following several trials and requests from pig dog hunters, Game Council has successfully applied to Forests NSW to allow night time pig dog hunting in selected State Forests. Extra conditions have been added to the Written Permissions for those wishing to hunt pigs at night as outlined below. Those wishing to hunt past midnight will need to book the forest for both days.

Newly opened forests now available for night time pig dog hunting include:

- Nundle
- Riamukka
- Hanging Rock
- Nowendoc
- Tallaganda

State Forest Pig Dog Hunting Regulations:

- Hunters must book and carry their R-Licence and written permission whilst hunting in State Forests.
- Hunters must comply with all conditions of the written permission.
- Hunters under 18 must be accompanied by an appropriately licenced adult.
- Dogs must be restrained or caged at all times when on a moving vehicle on public land.
- Dogs must be restrained on a lead OR be fitted with a radio tracking collar at all times when hunting in a state forest.
- Dogs must not be used for hunting pigs except for locating, holding or bailing pigs
- A person hunting alone must not use more than 3 dogs and persons hunting as a group must not use more than 5 dogs for hunting pigs.
- Dogs must be fitted with a collar to which is securely attached a metal tag or label on which is legibly printed the name, address and telephone number of the owner of the dog and the dog is identified as required by section 8 of the Companion Animals Act 1998
- All dogs must be microchipped
- Only dogs booked in may be used to hunt.
- Hunters must ensure that pig hunting dogs do not chase any other species of animal
- Dogs can not be left or abandoned on State Forests.
- Hunters must at all times comply with the Code of Conduct for licence holders.
- Hunters at all times must comply with all relevant legislation including the Game and Feral Animal Control Act, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and Companion Animals Act.

State Forest Pig Dog Hunting (Nighttime) additional Regulations

- a) Hunters must operate as a team, minimum of 2

- b) Hunters must carry a: torch, UHF radio and GPS
- c) Some form of illumination is to be attached to each hunting dog
- d) Spotlights are not to be used during the hunt
- e) No firearms are to be carried on the hunt (Including in the vehicle)