



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



32.4.402 ELK-RED DEER HYBRIDIZATION TESTS

- (1) All elk imported into Montana must be certified free from elk-red deer hybridization. No elk-red deer hybrid may be imported.
- (2) An elk may be certified free from elk-red deer hybridization by one of the following methods:
 - (a) Provide an elk-red deer hybridization test result that shows no red deer markers and clearly identifies the animal; or
 - (b) Provide a North American Elk Breeder Association gold or silver level registration that clearly identifies the animal.
- (3) The elk-red deer hybrid test procedures for all alternative livestock farm elk is as follows:
 - (a) Blood samples must be drawn and submitted by an alternative livestock veterinarian.
 - (b) The test must be conducted at a department approved laboratory and meet department standards. A copy of all test results must be provided to the department. The licensee shall provide a copy of any positive elk-red deer hybrid results to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.
 - (c) Animal test results conducted prior to the adoption of these rules may be accepted if the identity of the animal can be documented to the department.
 - (d) The owner of any animal identified as an elk-red deer hybrid may submit a second confirmation sample to another approved laboratory within six months of receiving the results of the first hybrid test.
- (4) If an elk-red deer hybrid is detected, the animal must be neutered, slaughtered or sold out of state in accordance with ARM 32.4.901. The identity of any animal identified as an elk-red deer hybrid and proof of neutering must be submitted to the department by the alternative livestock veterinarian. The state veterinarian shall determine what is acceptable as proof of neutering.

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