

# Tan, Treat or Preserve Wild Animal Pelts

**P**elts are the untanned skins of furbearing mammals. You may wish to have a pelt treated for long-term preservation by a tanner or a taxidermist, or choose to treat the pelt yourself. Some people may want to keep a pelt for personal use, while others, such as licensed trappers, may choose to have it tanned for sale.

You do not need to obtain a licence from the Ministry of Natural Resources to send pelts to a tanner or taxidermist, provided the pelts were lawfully obtained.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Effective July 1, 2013, if you wish to send pelts to a tanner or taxidermist, you do not require a special licence or other authorization from MNR, and you do not need to pay a royalty fee on the pelts. You must, however, provide proof that you have obtained the pelt lawfully:

- *For pelts from harvested animals*, you must provide your trapping licence or a small game licence number to the tanner or taxidermist. In some cases, you may also require a Licence to Possess a Pelt (for example, for over-quota harvest) from MNR.
- *For pelts from animals found dead*, such as roadkill, you must register for a Notice of Possession at the Ministry of Natural Resources registry and provide that registration number to the tanner or taxidermist.
- *For pelts purchased for personal use*, you must register for a Notice of Possession at the Ministry of Natural Resources registry and provide that registration number to the tanner or taxidermist.

**Note:** A taxidermist or tanner must possess a Fur Dealer's Licence (Tanning) in order to accept pelts. You can ask the taxidermist or tanner if they have the licence, or contact their local MNR District Office to enquire [ontario.ca/mnroffices](http://ontario.ca/mnroffices).

Licensed trappers are not required to obtain a Fur Dealer's Licence to tan or treat pelts that they harvested under their licence or otherwise legally acquired. Licensed trappers are permitted to sell pelts that they have tanned themselves.

### IMPORTANT LINKS

To review the regulations associated with the tanning and taxidermy of furbearing mammals, please visit [www.elaws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws\\_regs\\_980666\\_e.htm](http://www.elaws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_980666_e.htm).

To view a list of Ontario's furbearing mammals, please visit the Definitions section of Ontario's Hunting Regulations Summary at [ontario.ca/hunting](http://ontario.ca/hunting).

To find your local District Office, please go to visit [ontario.ca/mnroffices](http://ontario.ca/mnroffices).

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