6 Field Card: Your First Season

Fill in each line as the answer comes in, from draw results to this year's regulations, and keep a photo on your phone.

Use your own regulations and your own dates to fill in the blanks. Each heading names the chapter that explains its lines.

01 / MY FIRST HUNT

CHAPTER 1

Species: _____

Weapon: _____

State and unit: _____

Where: ☐ public land ☐ private, with permission

Spot and parking: _____

Season dates: _____

Draw deadline, if any: _____ Results expected: _____

02 / GETTING LEGAL

CHAPTER 2

1 Hunter education required for me: ☐ yes ☐ no (birth date, age or first license)

2 Course taken, or mentored, apprentice or deferral option used, and date:
_____

3 Hunter education certificate number:
_____ Photo on my phone: ☐

4 Base license, if my state sells one: ☐ bought · Valid through: _____

5 Tags, stamps or permits:
_____

03 / THE RULES I'LL CHECK IN THE FIELD

CHAPTER 3

Bag limit: _____ Possession limit: _____

Antler or sex rules: _____

Legal shooting hours on opening day: _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.

Blaze orange: how much, and in which seasons: _____

Legal weapon and ammunition for this season: _____

When to tag: ☐ before moving the animal ☐ other: _____ · ☐ paper tag ☐ app or e-tag

Reporting method and deadline: _____

- Special rules for my unit (disease zone, public land, Sunday hunting): _____

Agency phone number: _____

04 / READY BY OPENING DAY

CHAPTERS 1, 4 AND 9–14

☐ Boots broken in

☐ Base kit packed

☐ Rifle sighted in (Ch. 9), shotgun patterned (Ch. 10) or bow fitted and practiced at hunting weight — CH. 11

☐ Zero or sight pins rechecked in the two weeks before opening day, with the ammunition I'll hunt with

☐ Full-body harness and lifeline, if I'll hunt from a tree — CH. 13

☐ Spot walked in daylight

☐ Hunt plan left with: _____ — CH. 14

05 / WHAT TO EXPECT

CHAPTER 5

- My state's success rate, same species, weapon and kind of tag: _____ % (so _____ % go home without one)
- My longest shot this season (Ch. 12): _____ yards. No shot after legal shooting hours end.

15 Field Card: Safety and Shooting

The rules you carry into every hunt, and the numbers you got at the range with your own gun or bow.

These six sections hold what Part 1 asks you to know before you load a gun or climb into a stand. Skip the ones for weapons you won't carry this season.

01 / THE FOUR RULES: TAB-K

CHAPTER 7

1. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Be sure of your target and of what's in front of it and beyond it.
4. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you're ready to shoot.

Chamber and magazine empty before I cross a fence and before the gun goes in the truck.

02 / MY RIFLE OR SHOTGUN

CHAPTERS 8–10

Gun, and caliber or gauge: _____

The load I hunt with: _____

Zeroed at _____ yards, on (date): _____

- Chamber length stamped on the barrel: _____ in. No longer shell, and no other gauge in my pockets.

Choke: _____ · Pattern at _____ yards: _____ % in the 30-inch circle (goal: 55–60%)

03 / MY BOW

CHAPTER 11

Draw weight: _____ lb

State minimum for my game: _____ lb

Draw length: _____ in

Dominant eye: ☐ right ☐ left

Broadhead: ☐ fixed ☐ expandable (only at 50 lb or more)

Cutting width: _____ in

State minimum: _____ in

☐ Broadheads in a hard quiver that covers the blades

15 Field Card: Safety and Shooting

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04 / MY LIMITS

CHAPTER 12

Farthest distance where every shot in my test set hit an 8-inch paper plate.

Position	Gun (yards)	Bow (yards)
Prone or off a bipod	_____	n/a
Sitting, off shooting sticks	_____	_____
Kneeling	_____	_____
Standing	_____	_____
From my stand	_____	_____

05 / BEFORE I CLIMB

CHAPTER 13

Harness expiration date: _____

☐ No falls since I bought it

☐ Lifeline checked

☐ Relief strap on the harness

☐ Hung in it once at ground level

☐ Phone on my body

☐ Gun unloaded, arrows covered, crossbow cocked on the ground with no bolt before it goes up the haul line

- Clipped in from the moment my boots leave the ground until both are back on it.
- Tether snug above my head when I sit, rechecked every time I stand or sit back down.

06 / BEFORE I GO, AND IF THINGS GO WRONG

CHAPTER 14

☐ Hunt plan (Chapter 14 form) left with: _____

Their phone: _____ Deadline: _____

After the deadline they call 911 or the sheriff: _____

☐ Offline maps open in airplane mode

☐ Paper map

☐ Spare phone battery

☐ Survival kit in the pack

- Lost: S.T.O.P. (Stop, Think, Observe, Plan) well before dark, and usually stay put. If you have to move, follow a fence to a gate or a road. Three whistle blasts mean distress.
- Thunder: unload, lower your gear and climb down, then get into a solid building or a hard-topped vehicle with the windows up. Go back out 30 minutes after the last thunder.

23 Field Card: Fieldcraft

Where you'll hunt and how, written down before opening day so you aren't deciding it on the walk in.

Start this card at home with your maps and regulations, and finish it on your daylight scouting walks. A pencil lets you change a stand spot or a site rule mid-season.

01 / WHERE I'LL HUNT

CHAPTER 16

Area and unit: _____

- Managed by: ☐ national forest ☐ BLM ☐ refuge ☐ state land ☐ walk-in area ☐ private, with written permission

Manager's map (MVUM, atlas or BLM map): _____ ☐ saved offline

Site rules on vehicles and camping: _____

Parking: _____ Distance in, by GPS: _____ yd

02 / SIGN I FOUND

CHAPTER 17

Sign	Pin	Date

03 / MY WIND PLAN

CHAPTER 18

Main stand: _____ Good on a _____ wind

Backup stand for the opposite direction: _____

- Route in (breeze in my face, no trails or bedding cover crossed): _____

☐ Wind checker (powder, milkweed fluff or ribbon) in my pocket

- Sun on the slope: scent rises, so hunt across or from above. In shade or before the sun hits it: scent sinks, so hunt across or from below. A steady wind can override both.

04 / STAND OR BLIND

CHAPTER 19

☐ Tree stand ☐ Ground blind

Can stay up from _____ to _____

☐ On a travel route, outside bedding cover

☐ Must come down each day

Orange required on the stand or blind: _____

☐ No heater or open flame in the blind

☐ Bow: fixed blades only through mesh

☐ Gun: window all the way open, never through mesh

05 / MY METHOD

CHAPTER 20

☐ Sit ☐ Still-hunt ☐ Spot and stalk ☐ Drive

Drive leader: _____

☐ Plenty of orange when I move

Party limit in my state: _____

☐ Direction and my zone of fire agreed before we start (Chapter 7). If I'm not sure where everyone is, I don't shoot.

- Standers shoot only at deer that have already gone past.

06 / GLASSING AND CALLS

CHAPTERS 21 AND 22

Binoculars: _____

Glassing spots: _____

- I glass with binoculars, never through the rifle scope.

Calls in my pack: _____

- Electronic calls legal for my species: ☐ yes ☐ no (some states ban even carrying one)
- Once something is coming in, call little or not at all. It may be a hunter, so identify every shape before the gun or bow comes up.

33 Field Card: Big Game

The tag, the load, the shot and the hours of one big game hunt, copied onto a page that rides in your pack.

On a big game hunt, the tag in your pocket settles much of what's legal: the species, the unit, the weapon and which sex you may take. Copy each of those from the tag itself and this year's regulations, then fill in the rest of the card the night before you go.

01 / MY SPECIES AND TAG

CHAPTERS 25–31

Species: _____

State and hunt unit: _____

Tag: ☐ over-the-counter ☐ draw Points used: _____

Legal animal, as the tag words it: _____

Antler or horn rule, if any: _____

Next application deadline: _____ Points I hold: _____

- Mule deer or whitetail: tail, ears and antlers must agree, plus the hind-leg gland when I can see it.

02 / MY WEAPON AND THE LEGAL MINIMUMS

CHAPTERS 8, 11 AND 27

Weapon and caliber, gauge or draw weight: _____

Load or broadhead I hunt with: _____

State minimums for this species: _____

☐ Sighted in with this exact load or broadhead

☐ Elk or a big boar: a load built for large game

03 / WHERE I AIM

CHAPTER 24

- Up the back of the near front leg, a third of the way up the chest. Elk: a touch higher. Hog: tight to the leg. Bear: up the center of the leg, once it steps forward.
- I take broadside, or quartering away with my aim on the far front leg. When the angle turns sharp, I pass (elk: past about 45 degrees).
- I pass on: quartering toward (bow: always; gun: until I'm experienced), facing me, going away, head or neck, moving, in brush, on the skyline, within 10 yd of my stand's base.

My limit from the plate test (Chapter 12): gun _____ yd · bow _____ yd

33 Field Card: Big Game

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04 / AFTER THE SHOT

CHAPTER 32

1. Reload and stay on it; down but moving: shoot again at once, if safe and legal. Safety on once it lies still or is gone. One landmark where it stood, one where it went out of sight.
2. Unless it's down where I can see it, wait 30–60 min for heart or lungs, at least 4 hours for the liver, 6+ hours for a gut hit or if I'm not sure (Chapter 48).
3. Unload, or cover the arrows, to climb down. On the ground: loaded, safety on, only in legal hours where my state allows. Unloaded at a fence, near anyone and once it's dead.
4. Start at the first landmark, even if I'm sure I missed. Walk beside the trail, not on it, and flag it.
5. Come in from above and behind the head, safety on; if it's breathing, stay back, ready to shoot (Chapter 48).
6. Tag it before field dressing, if required (Chapter 50).

05 / MY DAY

CHAPTER 32

Legal shooting hours: _____ to _____

In my seat by: _____ My stop time: _____

Main stand and backup, for the forecast wind: _____

Hunt plan left with: _____ Back by: _____

☐ Times on my distance tape

☐ Blaze orange on from the truck until I'm back

- Loaded only once I'm seated (and clipped in, in a tree); unloaded at my stop time. A text before I switch stands and when I'm out.

06 / SPECIAL RULES

CHAPTERS 25–27 AND 29–31

- CWD testing where I hunt: ☐ required ☐ voluntary. I don't eat an animal that tests positive.

Carcass rules, state I hunt and home state: _____

Check or inspection due: _____ ☐ Head, hide or horns kept unfrozen

Bear cub, as my regulations define it: _____

- Grizzly country: spray on my belt; meat left 100+ yd from the gut pile, glassed before I walk back in.

☐ Bear ID test or goat ID quiz, where required or offered

- Bear cooked to 165°F, wild pork to 160°F. Gloves and eye protection on before I open a hog.

39 Field Card: Turkey, Small Game and Predators

What's legal and where to aim for each animal in this part, plus the ground rules for a morning with a kid.

The animals in this part don't share a calendar. Most states hunt turkeys in spring, and many add a fall season. Squirrel and rabbit seasons often run for months, while some states keep coyotes open all year. Copy each animal's dates and gear rules from its own page in your regulations (Chapter 3).

01 / MY TURKEY HUNT

CHAPTER 34

Season: ☐ spring ☐ fall Dates: _____

Tag and birds allowed: _____

Legal bird: ☐ bearded only ☐ either sex

Daily cutoff for spring hunting, if my state sets one: _____

Shell I patterned (Ch. 10): _____

Longest shot: gun _____ yd bow _____ yd

- Gun: never the body. I hold where the bare red neck meets the feathers, once he breaks strut and stretches his neck up.
- My back to a trunk wider than my shoulders and taller than my head. I call him in and never walk toward a gobble.
- Blaze orange on whenever I'm on my feet, and a band of it on my tree once I sit. Nothing red, white or blue (Chapter 4).
- Hen decoy, carried in a bag, set 20–25 yd out where I can see about 100 yd.
- Someone walking in on me: I stay still and shout "Stop," with no waving and no calling.
- Legal bird, head up, nothing beyond him: then the trigger.

02 / SQUIRRELS AND RABBITS

CHAPTERS 35 AND 36

Game	Season	Daily limit
Squirrel	_____	_____
Rabbit or hare	_____	_____

Shot and choke (Ch. 10 table): squirrel _____ · rabbit _____

Rifle legal for small game: ☐ yes ☐ no · My .22 limit on a squirrel-head target: _____ yd

Orange rule for small game: _____

- Protected look-alikes here: _____ · Not sure which one it is: no shot.
- .22, sitters only: the head, with a trunk or hillside behind, never sky. Shotgun on a running rabbit: swing past the white tail to the head and shoulders.
- Gloves on to clean. Pinhead white spots on the liver: that rabbit goes in the trash. Every rabbit I keep is cooked to at least 165°F.

39 Field Card: Turkey, Small Game and Predators

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03 / COYOTES AND FOXES

CHAPTER 37

Coyote license, and orange during big-game seasons: _____ · Fox season: _____

- Spotlights and night or thermal optics, as my rules word them: _____
- A device my rules don't name: I call the agency before I use it.

I set up downwind of: _____

- Cover behind me, caller out front, rifle on sticks.

Stay seated after the last call: _____ min Rifle limit: _____ yd

- I shoot only when it stands still, broadside or quartering away, and aim as on a deer (Chapter 24).
- Too big, collared or tame: maybe a wolf or a dog, so no shot.

04 / A KID ALONG

CHAPTER 38

- Foam plugs rolled thin and slid well in, muffs on top, for every shot fired near them.

Hours on stand: _____ · We leave while they'd still like to stay.

- ☐ Binoculars and a spotting job
- ☐ One more layer than mine
- ☐ Breakfast and quiet snacks
- ☐ Hand warmers

Youth days and age cutoff: _____

- Before they shoot: the paperwork my state asks for (Chapter 2) and range sessions with the gun they'll hunt with.
- One gun between us. I sit where I can see its muzzle and reach the gun; if it drifts toward anyone, I take control first.
- If they're the shooter, they decide when, and a pass is a good call.
- Nobody walks to an animal until I say it's safe.

05 / TODAY'S PLAN

CHAPTERS 34–38

Species and spot: _____

Legal shooting hours today: _____ to _____

Seated by: _____ Home by: _____

- Turkeys: seated before legal shooting hours begin. Squirrels: the first and last two or three hours of daylight. Coyotes: early or late.

43 Field Card: Birds and Bird Dogs

Your bird papers, this season's limits, what the dog needs and the plan for every bird that falls, folded into a vest pocket.

For doves, ducks and geese, your shotgun can't hold more than three shells in all, except in the few goose hunts that lift the rule (Chapter 42). That limit doesn't cover pheasants, though your state may set its own, so a plug you pull for roosters goes back in before you hunt doves or ducks again. Copy the season lines from this year's digest, and finish the dog lines before the first hot September morning.

01 / MY LICENSE AND FEDERAL PAPERS

CHAPTERS 2, 40 AND 42

State: _____ License no.: _____

Bird permit my state adds: _____

HIP registered in: _____ ☐ Proof on me

Federal Duck Stamp: ☐ paper, signed ☐ E-Stamp ☐ not needed

02 / UPLAND BIRDS AND DOVES

CHAPTERS 3, 10 AND 40

Bird: _____ Season and split: _____

Daily bag: _____ Possession: _____

Legal shooting hours: _____ to _____

Shot size and choke: _____ Nontoxic here: ☐ yes ☐ no

Left on each bird to show sex or species: _____

- No rooster past 40 yd.

03 / DUCKS AND GEESE

CHAPTERS 3, 10 AND 42

Flyway and zone: _____ Season and split: _____

Daily bag: _____ Possession: _____

Lower caps inside the bag: _____

Geese, dates and bag: _____

Legal shooting hours: _____ to _____

Nontoxic load and choke: _____ Patterned range: _____ yd

☐ Plug in ☐ Barrel and choke rated for steel

- Only approved nontoxic shells in my pockets. A duck or goose I can't name flies on.

43 Field Card: Birds and Bird Dogs

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04 / MY DAY AND MY PARTY

CHAPTERS 7, 14 AND 40–42

Partners: _____

My plan is with: _____ Out by: _____

☐ At the truck: everyone's zone of fire, where the blockers stand and where the dog works, said out loud

- Line level, muzzles up. No low birds, and no shot toward a blocker, however high the bird.
- In the blind: my lane is _____ ; nobody shoots behind the line; guns unloaded before anyone steps out.

☐ Life jacket on in the boat and while wading · Gun unloaded and open until I'm at the blind and the boat has stopped.

- Grain I can't explain in a dove field or near a blind: I hunt somewhere else.

05 / MY DOG

CHAPTER 41

Vet: _____ 24-hour clinic: _____

☐ Orange vest or collar

☐ Water for the dog, on top of mine

☐ Digital rectal thermometer. Normal is about 100–102.5°F.

- Heatstroke: heavy panting and drooling, very red gums, wobbling, vomiting, collapse. At 104°F or more: shade, call the vet, cool water (not ice), no wet towels or blanket. Stop cooling near 103°F, then drive to the vet.

☐ Release kit from Chapter 41, where trapping is legal

- Caught dog: freed right there, never just unhooked from the stake. Body-grip: springs, never the jaws.
- No gun leaned where the dog can knock it over. Dog through the ice: I stay ashore and call for help. A cut still bleeding after 10 minutes of steady pressure: to the vet.

06 / EVERY BIRD THAT FALLS

CHAPTERS 40 AND 42

1. Eyes on the bird until it's in hand, with a landmark where it fell.
2. A cripple first, even with more birds in the air. Doves: each one picked up before I shoot again.
3. Anything still alive in hand is killed at once and counts in my bag. No shooting a cripple from a boat under power.
4. Every duck and goose keeps its head or one fully feathered wing until it's home or at the processor; breasted in the field, a wing on each breast.
5. Left with someone else: a tag I sign, with my address, the date and the count by species.
6. Laid out to cool, never piled in a bag (Chapter 54). Plucking and breasting: Chapter 58.

47 Field Card: Trapping Basics

Your state's limits, your traps and sets, the morning round and what to do about a wrong catch, on one sheet in the truck.

A trap keeps working after you drive home, and anything it holds waits there for you. Fill in the legal lines from this season's trapping regulations before you buy a single trap, then keep the card in the truck while you run the line.

01 / MY LICENSE AND THE LAW

CHAPTER 44

State: _____

License no.: _____

☐ Cable restraint certificate, if required, carried while I set or check them

Trapper education: ☐ required ☐ passed

Longest wait between checks (land / water): _____ · ☐ hours ☐ calendar days

Trap tags: ☐ name and address ☐ agency ID

ID no.: _____

- I check every set daily, early in the morning, even where the law allows longer.

02 / MY TRAPS

CHAPTERS 44 AND 45

☐ Foothold, jaw spread: _____ in

☐ Body-grip, model: _____

☐ Cable restraint, loop: _____ in

Target animals: _____

Pan tension: _____ lb

Jaw opening, measured: _____ in or sq in

☐ Cage

☐ Model and size named in its BMP

Where and how my state limits them: _____

- Red fox or bobcat: about 2 lb on the pan; coyote, near 4. Body-grips size 120 and up: tongs or a chain setter and the safety catches latched, never by hand. Never wax one.

03 / MY SETS

CHAPTER 46

- Dirt hole: 4 in across, 6–8 in deep, slanted under a backstop. Bed centered 7 in from the hole for a fox, 12 for a coyote, stake flush in the middle.
- Trap bedded just below ground, a jaw toward the hole; I press the jaws and levers, never the pan. Pan cover, then ½ in of sifted dirt over the whole trap. Bait in the bottom, lure on the back rim, urine on the backstop.

Dirt-hole spots on my line: _____

- Cage set by: _____ · Bait at the back, past the treadle, under cover where I can.

47 Field Card: Trapping Basics

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04 / MY MORNING ROUND

CHAPTER 46

Set no.	Date	Catch

Out at first light: _____ Back by: _____

Line map left with: _____

Sets I can check before work or school: _____

- [ ] Pan tension rechecked after each catch
- [ ] Rubber gloves for skunks and raccoons with patchy fur
- [ ] Every trap pulled the day I quit

05 / WRONG CATCHES AND DOGS

CHAPTERS 44 AND 46

- [ ] Catchpole
- [ ] Plywood with a V notch

- No pet food in my baits, and land sets with meat bait kept away from roads, public trails, boundary fences and houses.
- Hands clear of the teeth. Dog in a foothold: catchpole loop snug on the neck, not choking; I hold the head away while I press the springs, or a helper holds the pole.
- Cat or bobcat: no loop. Plywood between us, the V over the trapped foot, springs pressed behind it.
- Cage: gloves on, I stay behind the trap and hold the door open so it can walk out.
- Any pet that hasn't bitten or scratched me goes free at once, and I tell its owner if I can.
- Bitten or scratched: soap and water, a doctor and the health department; the animal isn't released or buried until they decide on a rabies test.

06 / LANDOWNER PERMISSION

CHAPTERS 44 AND 63

Landowner: _____ Phone: _____

- [ ] In writing

Date: _____

Where I may set traps: _____

- My license never gets me onto private land without the owner's permission.

60 Field Card: After the Shot

The wait, the trail, the tag, the knife work and the cold, in order, on one sheet folded in with your tag.

Every wait on this card counts from the minute you fired, so the time of the shot is the first blank to fill. Your state's tag and report rules go in before opening day (Chapter 50).

01 / THE WAIT

CHAPTER 48

Time of the shot: _____

Wait ends at: _____

Where it stood: _____

Last seen: _____

Its line, by compass: _____

☐ Pin or photo from my seat, flag on my tree

- Right after firing: reloaded, eyes on it. Dropped but still moving: I fire again at once from my seat, if safe and legal.
- Heart or lungs: 30–60 minutes. Liver: at least 4 hours. Gut, or a hit I can't place: at least 6 hours; late in the day, the next morning.
- Unloaded, or arrows covered and the bolt off the crossbow, to climb down. Reloaded on the ground, safety on, only in legal hours where my state allows; otherwise unarmed. Unloaded at a fence or near anyone.
- Jumped it: mark it, back out, at least an hour or two more.
- Still breathing: I stay back and shoot again, heart and lungs, solid ground behind, if that shot is as legal as the first. If not, I call the warden.
- Walk-up from above and behind the head, safety on. Dead for sure: unloaded, then tagged.

02 / SIGN AT THE SPOT

CHAPTER 49

- Arrow first. Bright blood with tiny bubbles: lungs. Green or brown with bits of food: gut. Dark red: liver. I back out and wait longer. Signs disagree: the longer wait wins.
- Orange flag at every sign, never toilet paper. I walk beside the drops.
- Drops stop: back to the last flag, circle wider or grid it; downhill, trails and water first.

03 / TAG AND REPORT

CHAPTERS 50, 52 AND 64

State: _____

Tag no.: _____

Tag on: ☐ before I dress or move it

☐ at the vehicle

Tied to: _____

Report due within: _____

Report by: ☐ app or online

☐ in-person check

Confirmation no.: _____

☐ Copied onto the tag

- Report needs: tag no., county or unit, date, sex. Proof of sex stays on the meat where required.

Game warden or dispatch: _____

Landowner: _____

60 Field Card: After the Shot

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04 / THE KIT

CHAPTERS 49–53

- [ ] Sharp fixed-blade knife
- [ ] String or zip ties
- [ ] Paper towels and wet wipes
- [ ] Game bags
- [ ] Small saw (older deer)
- [ ] Cord, 10–15 ft rope
- [ ] Two pairs of nitrile gloves
- [ ] Two gallon-size zip-top bags
- [ ] Orange flagging
- [ ] A clean tarp
- [ ] Bottle of clean water
- [ ] Headlamp

05 / THE ORDER

CHAPTERS 50–53

1. Tag first where my state requires it. Far from a road, the gutless method (Ch. 52) replaces steps 2–6. Otherwise, rear a little downhill.
2. Belly opened between two fingers, edge up. Anus freed and tied off.
3. Diaphragm cut along the ribs, then windpipe and gullet far forward. Free hand behind the edge.
4. Organs rolled out whole; tied colon pulled through the pelvis.
5. Heart and liver bagged; a spotted or lumpy liver stays.
6. Stick across the ribs, drained, in the shade. Near the road: dragged whole, cavity tied shut (Ch. 53).

- Throughout: fresh gloves after a gland; in CWD country, brain and spinal cord left alone. CWD-area deer only: knife, saw and board scrubbed, then kept wet 10 minutes with 2 parts household bleach to 3 parts water (Ch. 56).

06 / COLD, THEN THE FREEZER

CHAPTERS 54 AND 59

- Every part at 40°F or colder within 24 hours of the shot; on a warm day, on ice within a few hours.
- Shade, off the ground, air on all sides. No hose, no plastic on warm meat. Night above freezing: skinned that day.
- On the drive: on boards in the truck bed, never on the hood or in a trunk.

Ice or walk-in cooler: _____

Processor: _____

- One-meal packages, about a pound, no air, labeled with species, cut, weight and date.
- Frozen at 0°F or colder, one layer until hard. Thawed in the fridge, cold water or microwave, never on the counter.

07 / BIRDS AND SMALL GAME

CHAPTERS 54, 57 AND 58

- Birds laid out in moving air, out of the sun, never piled in a vest or a bag. Crop out soon; each in its own bag on ice when warm.
- Ducks and geese keep a head or one fully feathered wing until home. Upland rule in my state: _____
- Squirrel and rabbit: gloves on, skin before guts. Rabbit liver with many white pinhead spots: discard the rabbit.