



Possession Certificate

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish *Conserving New Mexico's Wildlife for Future Generations*

Use this certificate if you give game animals or parts to a person or organization.

I, _____ ,
Full name of license holder. Please print.

residing at: _____ tel.: (____) ____-____,
Address and telephone of license holder required. Please print.

on this day: ___/___/___ at: _____ ,
Date of transaction; Place of transaction.

hereby convey to: _____ the following game animal(s) or parts:
Full name of person receiving game animal(s) of parts.

Detailed description of the kind and number of animals donated or the kind, approximate weight and specific parts donated.
(Example: one elk hind quarter weighing approximately 75 lbs.)

for the purpose of, _____ ,
Donation, taxidermy and/or meat processing.

taken in GMU _____ under my valid license number: _____ and taken on: ___/___/___.

Donor: _____ Recipient: _____
(Signature of license holder) (Signature of recipient)

By signing we understand and acknowledge to postdate, predate or otherwise falsify a Possession Certificate is unlawful.

Skulls Are State Property

Skulls are both fascinating and valuable. When found in the field, the skulls of all protected species remain the property of New Mexico—unless from an animal legally taken by a licensed hunter during an approved hunting season. This rule applies to all individuals, whether hunting or not.

To combat poaching of our valuable big-game resources, the New Mexico State Game Commission has adopted this rule. This important law enables conservation officers to better regulate the taking of big-game animals solely for the head or trophy.

Deer and elk shed antlers each year. Although possession of shed antlers is legal, possession of antlers attached to a skull found in the field is not. Antlered skulls may be available for purchase from NMDGF. If purchased, the receipt must be retained by the owner. Should probable cause suggest an animal was killed or is possessed unlawfully, conservation officers may confiscate such skulls. If you find the skull of a protected animal, leave it where it is found and contact an NMDGF conservation officer.