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***1 RE: Definition of Hunting**

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Dear Captain Murray:

You have asked for a definition of hunting or hunters as defined by South Carolina Law. The leading South Carolina case is [Proser vs Parsons, 245 SC 493, 141 SE 2nd 342 \(1965\)](#) wherein the South Carolina Supreme Court defined hunting as the act of trying to find, seek, or obtain, pursue or diligently search for game. Although this case does not precisely say that 'hunting' encompasses the use of dogs to chase after game for sport or exercise or for the purpose of catching or killing game, the legislature obviously understood that dogs are frequently used to find or pursue game. For example Section 50-11-590 S. C. Code of Laws (1976) as amended specifically allows hunting rabbits with dogs in Aiken County thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the season. There are similar provisions found in the following sections: 50-11-610; 50-11-580; 50-11-710 and 50-11-890. All of these sections allow hunting of rabbits with dogs but without firearms at certain times of the year in the respective game zones.

It is the Opinion of this Office that the definition of hunting under South Carolina Law includes the act of seeking or pursuing game with dogs regardless of whether or not the intention is to catch or kill the prey.

I trust this information will prove sufficient for your purposes.

Very truly yours,

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