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# Animals and Fish - Historical Notes

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The following listing is of acts which do not appear to have any effect on hunting, fishing or animal control in Madison County. They are included herein for reference purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1897, Chapter 250, made it unlawful to ship quail or partridges from Madison County or to destroy the nest or eggs of quail.
2. Acts of 1901, Chapter 303, made it unlawful to kill partridges or quail or to molest their eggs or nests, for a period of five years. This act was repealed by Acts of 1903, Chapter 24.
3. Acts of 1903, Chapter 44, prohibited stock running at large in Madison County.
4. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 70, amended Public Acts of 1915, Chapter 152, Section 36, to set open season for partridge in Madison County from December 1 to February 1.
5. Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 539, was an act to protect fur-bearing animals from capture by means of box trap, snare, steel trap, dead fall or any other device.
6. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 137, set open season for hunting opossum in Madison County.
7. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 186, made it unlawful to capture rabbits in Madison County by means of a spotlight or any other light device at night.
8. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 257, set a year-round open season on rabbits and hares, but exempted Madison County from its provisions.
9. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 495, set open season for the hunting of quail and rabbits.
10. Private Acts of 1963, Chapter 189, would have allowed the training and running of raccoon dogs, but the act was not approved by the Quarterly County Court and never became effective.

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