



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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ANIMAL EXHIBITORS & ANIMAL THEATRICAL AGENCIES

Attached is an initial application for a New Jersey permit to utilize regulated exotic and nongame wildlife for the purposes of Animal Exhibition and/or Animal Theatrical Agency events. Please read carefully, including the criteria for the transport, caging & exhibition of regulated wildlife in New Jersey. It is your responsibility to comply with all pertinent regulations while exhibiting or conducting animal theatrical activities with regulated wildlife in New Jersey. If you have any questions please call (609) 223-6055, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

No Animal Exhibition or Animal Theatrical Agency activities are allowed in New Jersey before your permit application has been received with the correct fee, health certificates, documentation, and any other current, relevant state or federal required permits, and your application has been approved and a permit has been issued.

*****A minimum of four weeks from receipt by the Wildlife Permits Unit, Exotic and Nongame Species section is required to process a permit application.**

If the regulated wildlife in your program is leased, on loan or under contract, you and the owner(s) of the regulated wildlife are required to obtain separate New Jersey Animal Exhibitor or Animal Theatrical Agency permits.

Regulated exotic and nongame wildlife entering the state must have the appropriate, current health certificates to ensure that they do not pose a threat to humans, native wildlife or agriculture, and that they are capable of performing as indicated in your application.

It is the responsibility of the permittee to act in accordance with state, federal and worldwide health organization mandates regarding any current applicable circumstance, restriction, quarantine, etc. for the exhibition of health risk or restricted regulated wildlife species.

The NJDEP Fish and Wildlife's primary concern is public safety and animal welfare.

◆◆◆ NEW JERSEY IS A **NO CONTACT STATE**. WILDLIFE MUST BE EXHIBITED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO PREVENT ANY POSSIBILITY OF PUBLIC CONTACT. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ANY REGULATION COULD RESULT IN FINES, PENALTIES AND REVOCATION OF PERMIT. ◆◆◆

EXAMPLES OF PROHIBITED CONTACT INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- **Picture taking of the public holding regulated exotic and nongame wildlife.**
- **Hand feeding of regulated exotic and nongame wildlife by the public.**
- **Exhibition of any potentially dangerous wildlife outside of approved cage.**

As a reminder, Nosey's Law was signed into law in December 2018. It is your responsibility to read the law and ensure compliance with it. If you plan to provide off-site performances with any animal subject to Nosey's Law, you must submit an educational outline that incorporates New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for approval before any off-site performances may take place.

It is the applicant's responsibility to provide for veterinary care and provide the proper diet while in New Jersey. **In order to avoid problems with animal health and to ensure public safety, feeding of regulated exotic and nongame wildlife by the public is strictly prohibited.**

Caging will be evaluated to ensure that there is no chance of escape or injury to the regulated wildlife or the public through direct contact. The type of act or performance should be described in enough detail for our staff to evaluate public and animal safety. Perimeter fences at least 3.5 feet in height and at least 4 feet from the main cage must be used to prevent contact with the regulated wildlife. Alternately, Plexiglas type caging is allowed if it is ascertained to be safe by the NJDEP Fish and Wildlife. **(See Attached Criteria for the Transport, Caging & Exhibition of regulated wildlife in New Jersey).**

If you plan to exhibit potentially dangerous wildlife in a cage different than the transport cage, the type of public protection during transfer from one cage to the other must be described in detail. Any ramp used must be sturdy and be capable of preventing escape during transfer. **WALKING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS WILDLIFE ON LEASHES TO THE ARENA CAGE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED!**

The name of the on site supervisor along with a pager, telephone or fax number to allow us to contact him/her must be provided on the application.

NOTE: *Exhibit animals must never be left unattended by staff whether "on" or "off" exhibit.*

N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.6(h) states: “Animal exhibitors and animal theatrical agencies shall notify the Division no less than two weeks prior to any scheduled activity in New Jersey covered by permit in order to permit inspection of the activity by Division personnel”.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If an amendment is requested (other than any New Jersey Staff clerical error) after an Exotic & Nongame current year permit is issued, a \$5.00 amendment processing fee will be required, per amendment.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

*******Effective immediately under the authority of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Fish and Wildlife: Captive Game and Exotic and Nongame regulations, THERE IS A BAN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ON THE IMPORTATION OF ALL CERVIDAE SPECIES INTO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY – INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: WHITE-TAILED DEER, BLACK-TAILED DEER, MULE DEER, RED DEER, SIKA DEER, MUNTJAC, REINDEER, ELK AND MOOSE. This is due to the growing concern of the spread of CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE into wild and farmed herds of animals in the deer family throughout the United States.*******

All Applicants bringing regulated hooved stock from outside of New Jersey **MUST PROVIDE** a photocopy of their **CURRENT USDA PERMIT**. **Also ATTACH PHOTOCOPIES OF CURRENT PERMITS AND HEALTH CERTIFICATES FOR MAMMALS.** *All applicants bringing in any regulated hooved stock from outside of New Jersey must supply copies of health certificates certifying that the wildlife is free of Tuberculosis and Brucellosis and any other communicable disease. Photocopies of health certificates must be submitted with your application. For more information contact the United States Department of Agriculture.*

ANIMAL EXHIBITOR APPLICATION

NO ANIMAL EXHIBITION ACTIVITIES ARE ALLOWED IN NEW JERSEY BEFORE YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE WILDLIFE PERMITS UNIT, WITH THE CORRECT FEE, HEALTH CERTIFICATES, DOCUMENTATION AND CURRENT PHOTOCOPIES OF ANY OTHER APPLICABLE STATE OR FEDERAL REQUIRED PERMITS. ALL NEW JERSEY ANIMAL EXHIBITION ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED UNTIL YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED AND A CURRENT YEAR PERMIT ISSUED.

A MINIMUM OF FOUR WEEKS, OF RECEIPT BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FISH & WILDLIFE, WILDLIFE PERMITS UNIT, EXOTIC AND NONGAME WILDLIFE PERMITS, IS REQUIRED TO PROCESS AN ANIMAL EXHIBITOR APPLICATION.

ANIMALS MAY NOT come in contact with the public for ANY REASON and MUST BE EXHIBITED in a way which will PREVENT PUBLIC ACCESS.

Note: NO NEW JERSEY RESIDENT MAY OBTAIN ANY POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS WILDLIFE SPECIES WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Fish and Wildlife, WILDLIFE PERMITS UNIT. REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL MUST BE IN WRITING and include information on the species, potential source of acquisition, description of animal exhibition, caging, diet, and handler experience with the specific species, etc. (see NJAC 7:25-4.7, 4.8 and 4.9).

ATTACH PHOTOCOPIES OF CURRENT, APPLICABLE PERMITS INCLUDING STATE PERMITS, USDA CLASS “C” PERMITS, U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE PERMITS, ETC. YOUR PERMIT WILL NOT BE REVIEWED OR ISSUED UNTIL THIS MANDATORY INFORMATION HAS BEEN SUPPLIED.

*******NEW JERSEY IS A NO CONTACT STATE. EXAMPLES OF PROHIBITED CONTACT ARE PICTURE TAKING OF THE PUBLIC HOLDING REGULATED WILDLIFE; HAND-FEEDING OF REGULATED WILDLIFE BY THE PUBLIC; EXHIBITION OF ANY POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS WILDLIFE OUTSIDE OF APPROVED CAGING; OTHER RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY.*******

NEW JERSEY ELEPHANT RIDES POLICY AND SEPARATE APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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COMPLETE APPLICATION IN FULL - TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY - ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY. IF THIS APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE, IT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU. NO PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED TO THE WILDLIFE PERMITS UNIT. **ALL NEW JERSEY UNAUTHORIZED ANIMAL EXHIBITION ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES, FINES AND/OR POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF YOUR PERMIT.**

Business Name _____

Owner Name _____

Business Address _____
MUST BE PROVIDED Street

City State Zip Code with Extension

Permanent Home Address _____
MUST BE PROVIDED Street

City State Zip Code with Extension

NJ COUNTY _____ SCHEDULE: Days and Hours open _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____

Fax Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

******REQUIRED******

******Your Animal Exhibitor Permit and accompanying information will be emailed to you when processed. The Wildlife Permits Unit will no longer mail you a hard copy of your permit, so please be sure that your email address is correct.******

Website Address (if applicable): _____

Contact Name *(if different from owner)* _____

Emergency Contact (Name & Cell or Beeper Number): _____

NEW JERSEY VETERINARIAN NAME/COMPANY: _____
MUST BE PROVIDED

ADDRESS _____
Street

City State Zip Code with Extension

VETERINARIAN PHONE: (_____) _____
Required

N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8 POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES

(a) "Potentially Dangerous Species" is defined as any exotic mammals, birds, reptiles or amphibians, or nongame species which, in the opinion of the Division, is capable of inflicting serious or fatal injuries or which has the potential to become an agricultural pest, or a menace to the public health, or indigenous wildlife populations, including **but not limited to** the following:

CLASS/ORDER	FAMILY
Primates	Cebidae – New World Monkeys Cercopithecidae – Old World Monkeys Baboons Pongidae – Apes
Carnivora	Canidae – Nondomestic Dogs Ursidae – Bears Felidae – Nondomestic Cats
Saura (Venomous)	Helodermatidae – Gila Monsters
Serpentes (Venomous)	Elapidae – Coral Snakes & Cobras Viperidae – Vipers Crotalidae – Pit Vipers
Crocodylia	Alligatoridae – Alligators & Caiman Crocodylidae – Crocodiles Gavialidae – Gavials
Psittaciformes	<i>Psittaculis spp.</i> – Ring-necked Parakeets <i>Myiopsitta spp.</i> – Monk (Quaker) Parakeets <i>Cyanoliseus patagonus</i> – Patagonian Conures <i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i> – Plum-Headed Parakeet <i>Psittacula alexandri</i> – Mustached Parakeet
Rodentia	<i>Cynomys spp.</i> – Prairie Dogs <i>Spermophilus spp.</i> – Ground Squirrels

(b) The Department, in its discretion, may issue a permit for possession of a potentially dangerous species only after a clear showing that the criteria for the possession of such potentially dangerous species have been met.

***ALL POSSESSION PERMITS EXPIRE
DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR OF ISSUE***

**SINGLE EXHIBIT FEE: \$35.00
ANNUAL FEE: \$110.00**

NOTE: All New Jersey Residents MUST pay the ANNUAL FEE regardless of the number of exhibitor activities intended in the state of New Jersey or out of state.

**SUBMIT CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY
(CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MUST HAVE
COMPLETE NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT)**

Make payable to: NJDEP Fish and Wildlife

I hereby affirm that the information on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false representation by the applicant or a permittee who knows or reasonably should know that the representation is false, and who has submitted the representation to induce the Department to issue a permit or take any other action, shall subject the applicant or permittee to all penalties available under State law, including revocation of any permit obtained based upon false information. All permits issued are valid only when used by the permittee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit and the regulations governing that permit. I have read these conditions and by signing and dating this application, I acknowledge and agree to all of the permit stipulations.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Return Application with correct fee to:



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