



State of New Jersey
Fish & Wildlife
Exotic and Nongame Permits
Mail Code 501-03, PO Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

INITIAL ZOOLOGICAL HOLDING PERMIT APPLICATION

Nonrefundable application fee: **\$110.00 (10 regulated animals or more)**
\$60.00 (fewer than 10 regulated animals)

All permits expire December 31 each year

Important Notice Regarding Cervidae: Effective immediately under the authority of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Fish & 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 (CWD) into wild and farmed herds in the deer family throughout the United States.

Attach photocopies of any current permits, including Federal permits, in your possession. Attach a list of Federal permits(s) you are in the process of applying for and include copies of these applications.

Please allow a minimum of 30 days to process your permit application.

Applicant Name: _____
Organization/Facility Name: _____
Organization/Facility Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ County: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

Your permit will be emailed to you, so please be sure that your email address is legible.

Website Address (if applicable): _____
Owner/Director Name: _____
Owner/Director Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Veterinary Services:

Provide the contact information of a licensed veterinarian who will care for the animals in your possession.

Name of Veterinarian: _____
Business Name: _____
Business Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Important Notice Regarding Wild Bird Bill A-649 Amending R.S. 23:4-50: After December 10, 1991, wild caught birds may not be possessed, bought, sold, or bartered, except those which were in captivity legally before this date. All other birds regulated by NJFW must be captive bred with appropriate documentation. Leg band or microchip numbers must be listed.

Note: No potentially dangerous species of any kind may be obtained without prior written approval from the Wildlife Permits Unit, Exotic and Nongame Wildlife Permits Section. Requests for approval must be in writing and include information on the proposed origin of the animal, description of diet, caging, etc. (see N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.7, 4.8, and 4.9).

Application Criteria

Please allow 30 days to process Zoological Holding permit applications.

Possession of exotic and nongame mammals and/or birds may require a permit from USDA-APHIS Animal Care. For more information: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/permits>.

Possession of an endangered species may require a US Fish & Wildlife Service permit. For more information: <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/permits-native-endangered-and-threatened-species>.

Importation

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.

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, 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.

Exhibition Criteria

New Jersey is a no-contact state. Regulated wildlife must be exhibited in a way that prevents public contact. Non-compliance with any regulation or permit condition will result in fines, penalties, and/or revocation of your permit.

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.

Other Requirements

Quarterly reports must be submitted by the due date, even if no changes to the animal inventory occurred. Failure to comply may result in penalties and/or fines.

Note: Regulated wildlife may not be taken home with zoological staff for any reason. If the animal requires 24-hour care, it must be provided at your facility or a licensed veterinary clinic.

Describe the on-site and/or off-site enclosures, including size, type of barriers, enclosure materials, etc. For off-site exhibits, describe the exhibition area, distance from the public, barriers, transportation carriers, etc.

Describe diet for each species.

List animal handler names. Describe their experience, including number of years, with each regulated wildlife.

Thoroughly describe your procedures to ensure safety. How is the regulated wildlife protected from the public? How is the public protected from the regulated wildlife?

Next page must be signed.

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.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

- SUBMIT: ___ Initial Zoological Holding Permit Application
 ___ Application fee (check or money order only; make payable to: NJ Fish & Wildlife)
 ___ Federal permit(s) (if applicable)
 ___ Supporting documents

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For questions or concerns, please contact NJWildlifePermits@dep.nj.gov.