NJ DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE – WILDLIFE PERMITS UNIT - EXOTIC AND NONGAME WILDLIFE PERMITS

ANIMAL THEATRICAL AGENCY

2017 RENEWAL APPLICATION - ANNUAL REPORT

***PLEASE CIRCLE ONE*:** **RENEW THIS PERMIT** **DO NOT RENEW THIS PERMIT**

An Annual Report is required for all New Jersey residents, even if you are not renewing. Only use this form if you have been issued a previous year permit. If you are not renewing, you must inform this office of the disposition of all the regulated wildlife in your possession - DO NOT SUBMIT FEE. Non-residents of New Jersey – Only send in application if you intend to perform activities in New Jersey in 2017.

ANIMAL THEATRICAL AGENCY PERMIT NUMBER: TH 2016_____

2016 PERMIT NUMBER MUST BE SUPPLIED

Business Name _____ _

Owner Name _____ _

Business Address _____ _

MUST BE PROVIDED **Street**

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City **State** **Zip Code with Extension**

New Jersey County: _____

Permanent Home Address_____ _

MUST BE PROVIDED **Street**

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City **State** **Zip Code with Extension**

New Jersey County: _____ _

Home Phone: (_____)_____Work Phone: (_____) _____

Fax Number: _____E-mail Address: _____

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

*******Your 2017 Animal Theatrical Permit and accompanying information will now 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): _____

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NEW JERSEY VETERINARIAN NAME/COMPANY: _____
MUST BE PROVIDED

ADDRESS _____
Street

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City **State** **Zip Code with Extension**

VETERINARIAN PHONE: (_____) _____
Required

It is your responsibility to comply with all pertinent regulations while exhibiting regulated wildlife in New Jersey. If you have any questions please call (908) 735-5450, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

NO ANIMAL THEATRICAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES ARE ALLOWED IN NEW JERSEY BEFORE YOUR COMPLETED RENEWAL 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 THEATRICAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED UNTIL YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED AND A CURRENT YEAR PERMIT ISSUED.

COMPLETE RENEWAL APPLICATION - ANNUAL REPORT 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 THEATRICAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES, FINES AND/OR POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF YOUR PERMIT.***

A *MINIMUM OF FOUR WEEKS*, OF RECEIPT BY THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE, WILDLIFE PERMITS UNIT, EXOTIC AND NONGAME WILDLIFE PERMITS, *IS REQUIRED* TO PROCESS AN ANIMAL THEATRICAL AGENCY 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: For New Jersey RESIDENT ANIMAL THEATRICAL AGENCY PERMITTEES - PRIOR WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ANY ADDITIONAL WILDLIFE SPECIES CLASSIFIED AS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES from the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Permits Unit. REQUESTS FOR PRIOR APPROVAL MUST BE IN WRITING and include information on the species, potential source of acquisition, description of animal exhibition, caging, diet, and handler experience of 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

SPECIFY IN DETAIL ALL ANIMAL THEATRICAL AGENCY INFORMATION

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE COMPLETED WITH DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OR YOUR APPLICATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO DENIAL. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY. COMPLETE IN DETAIL, ITEMS 1-4

1. List all Regulated Wildlife including Potentially Dangerous Species (see attached list) that you now have in your inventory. NO ADDITIONAL POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES MAY BE OBTAINED BY NEW JERSEY RESIDENT ANIMAL THEATRICAL AGENY WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE WILDLIFE PERMITS UNIT, EXOTIC AND NONGAME WILDLIFE SECTION. Bird band/Microchip numbers must be listed for regulated exotic and nongame birds. New Jersey Residents - If your regulated wildlife inventory has changed, also complete page 7.

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2. Describe both the OFF-SITE & ON-SITE facilities that will be utilized in New Jersey. Thoroughly describe type of barrier/barriers, secondary fencing, caging facilities (type of cage materials - metal mesh size/gauge, Plexiglas, etc.), SIZE/MEASUREMENTS of caging, TRANSPORT CAGING, thoroughly describe actual stage or exhibition area, distance from public, barriers, etc. See *CRITERIA FOR THE TRANSPORT, CAGING & EXHIBITION OF REGULATED WILDLIFE IN NEW JERSEY beginning on page 11.*

3. List names of Animal Handler/Handlers, describe their experience with regulated and potentially dangerous wildlife and number of years experience with the regulated and potentially dangerous wildlife listed on this application.

4. Define your procedure for PUBLIC SAFETY. How is the regulated wildlife protected from the public? How is the public protected from the regulated wildlife? Define thoroughly, your EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.

NEW JERSEY RESIDENT
ANIMAL THEATRICAL AGENCY PERMITTEES ONLY
FILL OUT THIS PAGE.

IF YOUR COLLECTION HAS CHANGED IN ANY WAY DURING THE PAST YEAR YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS. NO POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS REGULATED EXOTIC OR NONGAME SPECIES OF ANY KIND MAY BE ACQUIRED OR BROUGHT INTO THE STATE WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE WILDLIFE PERMITS UNIT.
COMPLETE IN DETAIL, ITEMS 1-4

1. ***NEW ADDITIONS TO YOUR COLLECTION*** (For new species, thoroughly describe caging facilities, animal transport and exhibition facilities on a separate sheet).

NUMBER SEX SPECIES SOURCE of ACQUISITION
(Include complete name and Mailing Address)

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2. ***BIRTHS***

NUMBER SEX SPECIES DATE

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3. ***DEATHS***

NUMBER SEX SPECIES CAUSE DATE

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4. ***SALES or TRANSFERS*****: NOTE – Animal Theatrical Agency Permit privileges do not imply or include UNLIMITED possession and/or BREEDING of species for sales purposes. A commercial permit may be required. Transfer of regulated wildlife species to New Jersey residents requires recipient to obtain an exotic and nongame possession permit prior to acquisition. The sales or transfer of any Potentially Dangerous Species of any kind to a New Jersey Resident is strictly prohibited. Contact the Wildlife Permits Unit for more information.**

RECIPIENT NAME SPECIES NUMBER SEX DATE
(Include complete mailing address)

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List the New Jersey ANIMAL THEATRICAL AGENCY - SCHEDULES *NOW KNOWN* INCLUDING DATES, ACTUAL LOCATIONS, ACTUAL TIMES, COMPANY and/or ORGANIZATION NAMES, CONTACT NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS, STREET ADDRESSES, CITIES, ETC. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY.

AFTER YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION/ANNUAL REPORT HAS BEEN REVIEWED, APPROVED AND A PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED, ALL OTHER ANIMAL THEATRICAL AGENCY ACTIVITIES MUST BE REPORTED IN WRITING VIA MAIL, E-MAIL OR FAX AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO SCHEDULED EVENTS. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THESE NOTIFICATIONS.

Any permit issued to an applicant for the possession of any regulated animal shall not exempt that applicant from compliance with any other law of the State of New Jersey or any municipal or federal law.

If this information is not received within this time period, you are in violation of N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.6(h) and are subject to penalties, fines and/or possible revocation of your permit. Your New Jersey Exhibition or Theatrical Activities may have to be cancelled.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING NEW JERSEY'S WILD BIRD BILL: A-649 Amending R.S. 23:4-50. After December 10, 1991 - the only regulated birds that can be brought into the state of New Jersey (SEE REGULATIONS FOR EXEMPT SPECIES) that are WILD-CAUGHT BIRDS, must have been in captivity legally before that date. All other birds must be captive-bred. You must have in WRITING from the source of the birds: DOCUMENTATION - PROOF – RECORDS, THAT SPECIFY EACH AND EVERY REGULATED BIRD THAT IS BROUGHT INTO NEW JERSEY IS CAPTIVE-BRED OR THAT IT WAS IN CAPTIVITY LEGALLY BEFORE December 10, 1991.

ANIMAL EXHIBITORS & ANIMAL THEATRICAL AGENCIES

If the regulated wildlife in your program - circus - performance 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 Division of 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.**

*Elephant rides** and Camel rides (on backs only) are the only public contact allowed via ramp if your permit application has been approved.* ***IMPORTANT NOTE:*** **New Jersey Elephant Rides Policy and Separate Application is available upon request. If you intend to provide elephant rides, the Wildlife Permits Unit must have *RECEIVED* and *APPROVED* your elephant ride application prior to any elephant rides being given in New Jersey.**
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 Division of Fish and Wildlife. **(See Criteria for the Transport - Caging - Exhibition of regulated wildlife, beginning on page 11).**

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.

<u>NOTE</u>: ***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".

***<u>IMPORTANT NOTE</u>*: 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.**

Effective immediately under the authority of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife: Captive Game and Exotic and Nongame regulations, **THERE IS A BAN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ON THE IMPORTATION OF WHITE-TAILED DEER, BLACK-TAILED DEER, MULE DEER, RED DEER, SIKA DEER, MUNTJAC, REINDEER, ELK AND MOOSE INTO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**. 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 hoofed 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 hoofed 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. It is mandatory to comply with the USDA Tuberculosis Eradication in Cervidae: Uniform Methods and Rules (Cervid UM&R). Cervids not known to be affected with or exposed to tuberculosis that originate from other herds (i.e. non-Accredited, non-Modified or non-Qualified herds) may be moved interstate if they are accompanied by a certificate stating that such cervids have been classified negative in two official tuberculosis tests that were conducted no less then 90 days apart, that the second test was conducted within 90 days prior to the date of movement, and* ***that the animals were isolated from all other members of the herd during the testing period****. Additionally, the Cervid UM&R has* ***<u>NO</u>*** *minimum age standards for testing of cervids for interstate movements from herds that are unclassified. Photocopies of health certificates must be submitted with your application. For more information contact the United States Department of Agriculture.*

CRITERIA FOR THE TRANSPORT, CAGING & EXHIBITION OF REGULATED WILDLIFE IN NEW JERSEY

THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE ADHERED TO:

FELIDAE-NON-DOMESTIC FELINES (LIONS, TIGERS, MT. LIONS, LEOPARDS, ETC.):

Cats are to be exhibited in steel arena and may not be uncaged at any time in New Jersey, except while in steel arena.

Steel arena must be at least 10 feet high, with a 45-degree overhang or a mesh net enclosing the top of the exhibit arena.

Transport caging must attach directly and securely to steel arena so cats can pass through without being uncaged at any time.

Transport & Exhibition caging must comply with all USDA regulations.

Transport cages must allow cat's freedom of movement typical to their species.

Transport enclosures must be well ventilated for summer travel and heated for winter travel.

If transport cages are removed from a semi-truck or other type of transportation, the area must be fenced off; monitored at all times by staff and a sunshade must be provided.

Absolutely **NO PUBLIC CONTACT**.

CANIDAE-NON-DOMESTIC CANINES (WOLVES, FOX, ETC.):

Canines are to be exhibited in steel arena and may not be uncaged at any time in New Jersey, except while in steel arena.

Steel arena must be at least 10 feet high, with a 45-degree overhang or a mesh net enclosing the top of the exhibit arena.

Transport caging must attach directly and securely to steel arena so canines can pass through without being uncaged at any time.

Transport & Exhibition caging must comply with all USDA regulations.

Transport cages must allow canine's freedom of movement typical to their species.

Transport enclosures must be well ventilated for summer travel and heated for winter travel.

If transport cages are removed from a semi-truck or other type of transportation, the area must be fenced off, monitored at all times by staff, and a sunshade must be provided if outdoors.

Absolutely **NO PUBLIC CONTACT**.

URSIDAE (ALL SPECIES OF BEARS EXCEPT BLACK BEARS*):

Bears are to be exhibited in steel arena and may not be uncaged at any time in New Jersey, except while in steel arena.

Steel arena must be at least 10 feet high.

Transport caging must attach directly and securely to steel arena so bears can pass through without being uncaged at any time. Bears ***MAY NOT*** be walked to and from the steel arena on a leash.

Transport & Exhibition caging must comply with all USDA regulations.

Transport cages must allow bear's freedom of movement typical to their species.

Transport enclosures must be well ventilated for summer travel and heated for winter travel.

Absolutely **NO PUBLIC CONTACT**.

*Black Bears require a Captive Game Species Permit

ELEPHANTIDAE (AFRICAN & ASIAN ELEPHANTS):

When not performing, elephants must be tethered with chains or kept inside an electric fence while in holding area.

Tethering chains must be of sufficient length to allow the elephants to lie down, rise, groom themselves and move within a reasonable range.

The holding area **MUST** be monitored by staff at all times.

A sunshade must be provided if the elephants are kept outside.

Transport enclosures must be well ventilated for summer travel and heated for winter travel.

At least (2) animal workers (includes handler) must walk on either side of the elephant when moving from holding area to elephant ride* area or to ring for performance and back to holding area. Other staff or fencing must be utilized to keep public away from elephant(s) a minimum of 10 feet on each side during transfer.

Absolutely **NO PUBLIC CONTACT**.

Elephant Rides (The Only Public Contact Allowed):

If you intend to provide elephant rides, the Wildlife Permits Unit must receive and approve your elephant ride application prior to any rides being given in New Jersey.

The elephant ride area is required to be double-fenced. The ride is to take place inside the first barrier fence (at least 4 feet high); a second barrier fence (at least 4 feet high) must be placed at least 3½ feet from the first fence.

At least (2) animal workers (includes handler) must walk on either side of the elephant when moving from holding area to elephant ride area and back to holding area. Other staff or fencing must be utilized to keep public away from elephant(s) a minimum of 10 feet on each side during transfer.

Elephant rides and camel rides (on backs only) are the only public contact allowed via ramp.

CAMELIDAE (BACTRIAN AND DROMEDARY CAMELS):

Transport enclosures must comply with all USDA regulations.

Transport enclosures must allow camel's freedom of movement typical to their species.

Transport enclosures must be well ventilated for summer travel and heated for winter travel.

Holding areas must be fenced off, monitored at all times by staff and a sunshade must be provided if camels are kept outdoors.

Absolutely **NO PUBLIC CONTACT**.

Camel Rides (The Only Public Contact Allowed):

The camel ride area is required to be double-fenced. The ride is to take place inside the first barrier fence (at least 4 feet high); a second barrier fence (at least 4 feet high) must be placed at least 3½ feet from the first fence.

At least (2) animal workers (includes handler) must walk on either side of the camel when moving from holding area to camel ride area and back to holding area. Other staff or fencing must be utilized to keep public away from camel(s) a minimum of 10 feet on each side during transfer.

Elephant rides and camel rides (on backs only) are the only public contact allowed via ramp.

PRIMATES (CAPUCHINS, CHIMPANZEES, SQUIRREL MONKEYS, GORILLAS, ORANGUTANS, GIBBONS, BABOONS, MACAQUES, ETC.):

Primates are to be exhibited in steel arena and may not be uncaged at any time in New Jersey, except while in steel arena.

Steel arena must be at least 12 feet high, with a 45-degree overhang or a mesh net enclosing the top of the exhibit arena.

Transport caging must attach directly and securely to steel arena so primates can pass through without being uncaged at any time.

Primates ***MAY NOT*** be walked to and from the steel arena on a leash.

Primates used for educational programs must remain caged at all times.

Transport & Exhibition caging must comply with all USDA regulations.

Transport cages must allow large primate's freedom of movement typical to their species.

Transport enclosures must be well ventilated for summer travel and heated for winter travel.

Absolutely **NO PUBLIC CONTACT**.

ALL OTHER REGULATED PERFORMING ANIMALS (ZEBRAS, ALL CROCODILIA, BIRDS, ETC.):

Transport & Exhibition caging must comply with all USDA regulations.

Transport enclosures must allow animal's freedom of movement typical to their species.

Transport enclosures must be well ventilated for summer travel and heated for winter travel.

Holding areas must be fenced off, monitored at all times by staff and a sunshade must be provided if animals are being kept outdoors.

Absolutely NO PUBLIC CONTACT.

RENEWAL DUE DATE: JANUARY 31 OF CURRENT YEAR OF ISSUE

ANNUAL FEE: $110.00

SUBMIT CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY

(CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MUST HAVE

COMPLETE NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT)

Make payable to: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife

I hereby affirm that I have read this application and agree to abide by all New Jersey Exotic and Nongame regulations. I hereby affirm that the information provided by me and/or my company on this application 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 and regulations.

OWNER NAME _____

Please Print Legibly

OWNER SIGNATURE_____ **DATE** _____

MUST BE SIGNED ***MUST BE DATED***

Return Renewal Application - Annual Report with correct fee to:

DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE
WILDLIFE PERMITS UNIT
Exotic & Nongame Wildlife Permits
26 Route 173 West
Hampton NJ 08827

NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF
Fish and Wildlife

PHONE: (908) 735-5450 - FAX: 908-735-5689
exoticpermits@dep.nj.gov

www.njfishandwildlife.com

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