

# ZOOLOGICAL HOLDING APPLICATION

COMPLETE APPLICATION IN FULL - TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY - ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY. NO PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A COMPLETED APPLICATION AND CORRECT FEE. IF THE APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE, IT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU AND NO PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF PERMIT MANAGEMENT.

ATTACH PHOTOCOPIES OF ANY CURRENT PERMITS, INCLUDING FEDERAL PERMITS IN YOUR POSSESSION. Attach a list of Federal permit/permits you are in the process of applying for.

**IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING QUARTERLY REPORTS: The IMPORT, EXPORT, BIRTH and DEATH reports MUST BE SUBMITTED EACH YEAR ON A QUARTERLY BASIS. THESE REPORTS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE ZOOLOGICAL HOLDING PERMIT! IF THE QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE NOT RECEIVED BY THE DUE DATES, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO PENALTY OR FINE. REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED EVEN IF NO CHANGES OCCURRED DURING THE QUARTER.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE** No additional Potentially Dangerous species of any kind may be obtained without prior written approval from the Wildlife Permits Unit, Exotic and Nongame Permit staff and your facility must undergo an inspection before receipt of the animal. Requests for approval must be in writing and include information on the proposed origin of the Potentially Dangerous Species; possession purposes; experience with species; description of diet, caging, etc. [SEE REGULATIONS: N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.7, 4.8 AND 4.9]. This includes animals on loan from other institutions or replacements of deceased animals.

NAME OF INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF OWNER/DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTION ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City State Zip Code with Extension

NJ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ SCHEDULE: Days and Hours open \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
**\*\*\*\*REQUIRED\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*Your Zoological Holding 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): \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER/DIRECTOR HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
MUST BE PROVIDED Street

City State Zip Code with Extension

Owner/Director Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
REQUIRED

Emergency Contact (Name & Cell Phone or Beeper Number): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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VETERINARIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
*Required*

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City* *State* *Zip Code with Extension*

VETERINARIAN PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Required*

**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 WRITTEN PROOF from the source of the birds THAT SPECIFIES EVERY REGULATED BIRD THAT IS BROUGHT INTO NEW JERSEY IS CAPTIVE-BRED OR THAT IT WAS IN CAPTIVITY LEGALLY BEFORE December 10, 1991.**

## **Important Notice**

**\*\*\*\*\*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 hooved stock from outside 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 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. 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 than 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 **NO** 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.*

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA), ANIMAL and PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS):**

**USDA/APHIS/ANIMAL CARE EASTERN REGION  
920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 200, Unit 304-O  
Raleigh NC 27606-5210  
Phone: (919) 855-7100**

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IMPORTANT NOTE: NO NEW JERSEY ZOOLOGICAL HOLDING OWNER AND/OR FACILITY MAY OBTAIN ANY POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS WILDLIFE SPECIES WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE WILDLIFE PERMITS UNIT STAFF.

No Zoological Holding activity is allowed 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.

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

**The Division of Fish & 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.

The requested regulated exotic and nongame wildlife species 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 Zoological Holding activities as indicated in your application.

It is the applicant's responsibility to provide veterinary care and proper diet for all regulated wildlife species. **In order to avoid problems with animal health and to ensure public safety, feeding of regulated exotic and nongame wildlife species by the public is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

***All regulated Exotic and Nongame Wildlife entering New Jersey must have the appropriate current health certificates to ensure that there is no potential public health threat of any kind, native wildlife and/or agriculture and that the wildlife is free of any diseases. Health certificates must be enclosed with applicable quarterly reports.***

***Quarterly reports MUST BE SUBMITTED by the due date, even if no changes occur. Violation of this could result in possible penalties or fines.***

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.

Caging will be evaluated to ensure that there is no chance of escape or injury to the regulated wildlife species or the public through direct contact. The caging facilities, size, construction materials, inclement weather shelter, water and food, etc., should be described in enough detail for the Wildlife Permits Unit, Exotic and Nongame Wildlife Permits 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 the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Permits Unit ascertains it to be safe.

**\*\*\* Animals may not be taken home with keepers, care takers, directors, and/or agents of your facility for any reason. If the animal requires twenty-four (24) hour care, it must be provided for at your facility or an approved licensed Veterinary clinic.\*\*\***









## 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

*Psittaculis spp.* – Ring-necked Parakeets  
*Myiopsitta spp.* – Monk (Quaker) Parakeets  
*Cyanoliseus patagonus* – Patagonian Conures  
*Psittacula cyanocephala* – Plum-Headed Parakeet  
*Psittacula alexandri* – Mustached Parakeet

Rodentia

*Cynomys spp.* – Prairie Dogs  
*Spermophilus spp.* – Ground Squirrels

Actinopterygii/Perciformes

*Channidae* - All species of Snakehead Fish

(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**



**FEE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 60.00 - Fewer than 10 regulated animals.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$110.00 - For 10 regulated animals or more.

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 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 fee to:

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



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