

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Application for

LICENSE TO POSSESS CLASS I AND/OR CLASS II WILDLIFE FOR EXHIBITION OR PUBLIC SALE

()ESA – One to Twenty-Five Animals.....\$ 150.00 Fee

()ESB – Twenty-Six or More Animals.....\$250.00 Fee

P.O. Box 6150, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6150

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New Applicant – yes _____ no _____

Business Name _____ E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Facility Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County (where the facility is located) _____ Business Phone (_____) _____

Note: Corporations or Fictitious Names must be registered

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY: (Attach copy of USDA permit)

Exhibition of Wildlife: _____ Permanent Exhibit _____ Mobile Exhibit (12 month itinerary required)

Sale of Wildlife: _____ Mammals _____ Non-Venomous Reptiles _____ Birds (Ostrich or Cassowary)

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY – Applicants possessing Class I Wildlife must provide one of the following:

_____ \$10,000 Check, Money Order or Cash

_____ \$10,000 Bond _____ \$10,000 Letter of Credit _____ \$2 Million Liability Insurance Policy

Expiration Date of Bond, Letter of Credit or Insurance Policy _____ / _____ / _____
MM DD YY

INVENTORY OF ANIMALS (Attach Completed Inventory Page – ESA/ESB)

All applicants (new or renewal) must provide an inventory of the animals that you are requesting the authority to possess – see pg 2 - 3

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: CRITICAL INCIDENT/DISASTER PLAN

All Applicants (new or renewal) must provide Part A of their Critical Incident/Disaster Plan.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: New Applicants (including facility relocations) must attach the following:

_____ Facility Location information form

_____ Documentation of experience from applicant _____ 2 Letters of Reference

FACILITY INFORMATION:

_____ I do not house or maintain wildlife in Florida

_____ Property is Owned

Number of Acres: _____

_____ Property is Leased (attach lease agreement)

Lease Agreement Expiration Date: _____ / _____ / _____
MM DD YY

I swear and affirm that the information provided is true and correct. I agree to adhere to the provisions of Chapter 379 Florida Statutes, and the rules and regulations of the Commission pertaining to the possession of wildlife. I understand that my wildlife facilities are subject to inspection by Commission personnel as required by Florida Statute.

_____ (_____) _____ / _____ / _____
Owner/Contact Name (Please Print) Home Phone Owner/contact Name (Signature) MM DD YY

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Social Security # _____ Sex _____ Race _____ Height _____ ft _____ in

FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY: Approved by _____ Code: Class I _____ Class II _____

Date _____ / _____ / _____ Denied by _____ Reason: _____

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED

Instructions for Completing Applications

Biographical Data

Complete **all information** in this section. The information must pertain to the person (possessor, manager or owner) applying to possess the wildlife. **Corporations or Fictitious Names must be officially registered.** The facility address, including the county, should indicate the physical location where the wildlife is to be housed or possessed. **The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) collects social security number (SSN) for the issuance of recreational and professional wildlife, fishing or hunting licenses or permits to an individual in accordance with s. 379.352F.S. and 42 USC 666 for the purposes of administration of the Title IV-D program for child support enforcement, use by the commission, and as otherwise provided by law.**

Commercial Activity

Check the appropriate box(es), which best describes your intended activity. All Travelling Acts and Exhibits must attach a 12-month itinerary. Additional permits are required for wildlife rehabilitation, venomous reptiles, reptiles of concern, conditional species and elephant rides.

Financial Responsibility

Applicant must guarantee financial responsibility by providing one of the listed types of financial responsibility. This must be provided each year when applying for possession of Class I Wildlife. Checks/Money Orders, Bonds, Letters of Credit and Insurance policies must be made payable to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Inventory

Complete the inventory page(s) attached to the application. Indicate the number of each **species** that you currently possess by entering the quantity in the "QTY" field. For species that you plan to possess put a "P" in the "QTY" quantity field. For species that you currently possess but do not house in Florida put a zero (0) in the "QTY" field.

Required Documentation—Critical Incident/Disaster Plan

Critical Incident/Disaster Plan:

A completed **Part A** (first page) must be attached with each individual and renewal application.

Required Documentation—New Applicants

Facility Location Information:

Complete and attach the captive wildlife Facility Location Information Form. This form must be submitted with all initial applications and for all facility relocations.

Notice to Applicant: This form will be provided to the local county or municipality wherein the facility is located.

Documentation of Experience:

Attach documentation of experience. Documentation of such experience shall include a description of the specific experience acquired, dates and times experience was obtained and the specific location(s) where acquired.

CLASS I: Applicants shall demonstrate no less than one (1) year of substantial practical experience (to consist of no less than 1,000 hours) in the care, feeding, handling and husbandry of the species for which the permit is sought, or other species, within the same biological family (except crocodylians which shall be in the same biological order; ratites which shall be in the same biological sub-order; and cougars, panthers or cheetahs which shall remain at the genus level) which are substantially similar in size, characteristics, behavior, habits, care and nutritional requirements to the species for which the permit is sought.

CLASS II: Applicants must document no less than one (1) year of substantial practical experience (to consist of no less than 1,000 hours) as described above, **or** demonstrate 500 hours of substantial practical experience and successfully complete a written examination (80%) which is administered by the Division of Law Enforcement. Application should not be submitted until notification by FWC that you have passed the exam.

References:

Attach two letters of reference from individuals having personal knowledge of your stated experience. Only one reference letter may be from a relative. One reference letter must be from an individual licensed by FWC for wildlife of the same or higher class and family or a professional organization or governmental institution.

Failure to complete the application will result in application being returned and/or denied.

WILDLIFE THAT YOU CURRENTLY POSSES IN FLORIDA: Please indicate the exact number of species you currently possess in the “QTY” field. If you do not house these species in Florida, put a zero (0) in the “QTY”.

WILDLIFE THAT YOU DO NOT POSSESS IN FLORIDA: For the species that you do not currently possess but plan to possess put a “P” in “QTY”. For species that you possess but do not house in Florida, put a zero (0) in “QTY”.

Class I					
SPECIES	CODE	QTY	SPECIES	CODE	QTY
Ardwolves	R2		Gavials	B2	
Baboon	C2		Gibbon	T1	
Baboon – Gelda	C3		Gorilla	D2	
Bear	E		Hippopotamus	H	
Caiman – Black	B3		Hyenas	R1	
Cape Buffalo	K1		Jaguar	A4	
Cheetah	A10		Komodo Dragon	L	
Chimpanzee	D1		Leopard	A3	
Cougar	A1		Leopard – Snow	A2	
Crocodiles (except Dwarf and Congo)	B1		Lion	A6	
Drills and Mandrill	C1		Orangutan	D3	
Elephants – Exhibit only	G1		Rhinoceros	F	
Elephants – Rides authorized	G2		Siamang	T2	
Gaur	K2		Tiger	A5	

NOTE: Only those specimens of Class I wildlife possessed and licensed for personal use on **August 1, 1980**, or cougars or cheetahs possessed for personal before **August 27, 2009** shall be eligible for a personal use license. **No other Class I wildlife shall be kept of personal use.**

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CLASS II					
SPECIES	CODE	QTY	SPECIES	CODE	QTY
African Hunting Dog	O8		Jackal – Side striped	O6	
American Alligator	B6		Langur – Douc	C10	
Badger – American	P3		Langur – Snub-nosed	C11	
Badger – Honey	P2		Langur	C9	
Badger – Old World	P4		Leopard – Clouded	A16	
Binturong	Q		Lynx (All)	A8	
Bobcat	A9		Macaque (All)	C8	
Bovidae – Wild cattle; forest, woodland & aridland antelope; and similar species of non-native hoofstock	K		Mangebey	C5	
Caracal	A11		Monkey – Guereza (Colobus)	C6	
Cassowary	S2		Monkey – Howler	M1	
Celebes Ape	C7		Monkey – Patas	C13	
Chinese Alligator and Caiman	B5		Monkey – Proboscis	C12	
Coyote	O1		Monkey – Vervet, Grivet or Green	C14	
Dwarf and Congo Crocodile	B4		Ocelot	A15	
Fishing Cat	A14		Okapi	I2	
Giraffe (All)	I1		Ostrich	S1	
Golden Cat – African	A12		Sakis (All)	M3	
Golden Cat – Temminck’s	A13		Serval	A7	
Guenon	C4		Tapir (All)	J	
Indian Dhohes	O7		Uakari	M2	
Indris	N		Wolf – Gray	O2	
Jackal – Asiatic	O4		Wolf – Red	O3	
Jackal – Black bearded	O5		Wolverine	P1	