



**RHODE ISLAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
 DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE  
 235 Promenade Street, Room 370  
 Providence, Rhode Island 02908

<b><u>DEM Use Only:</u></b>
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<b>Date Approved:</b> _____

**POSSESSION PERMIT APPLICATION FOR AN EXOTIC WILD ANIMAL**

PERMIT FEE \$5.00 **PER SPECIMEN** / ONE APPLICATION PER SPECIMEN

*This application must be filled out COMPLETELY or application may not be processed.*

**OWNER / IMPORTER INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Not a P.O. Box): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Alternate/Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address (if diff. from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXOTIC SPECIMEN INFORMATION**

Species (Common name): \_\_\_\_\_

True Scientific Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Identification: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Carrier and probable of point of first arrival: \_\_\_\_\_

The location where the animal will be held in QUARANTINE pending tests/veterinary examination including PHONE number: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (address) where animal will be permanently housed following quarantine (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose for which animal will be imported:     Breeding     Exhibition     Pet Ownership  
 Resale     Zoo     Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Full Consignee Name and Address (No P. O. Boxes): \_\_\_\_\_

Full Consignor Name and Address (No P. O. Boxes): \_\_\_\_\_

**VETERINARIAN (Licensed to Practice in Rhode Island):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to the above listed information, the applicant must also provide, along with the application:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI aka “Health Certificate”) issued by a federally accredited veterinarian licensed in the state of origin of the exotic animal. The Health Certificate must include the results and test dates of any testing that was determined necessary by the director prior to entry into the state of Rhode Island. The Health Certificate must be as defined in Rule 3.6 of Rules and Regulations Governing Importation and Possession of Wild Animals (250-RICR-40-05-3).
2. A signed letter from the above-named Veterinarian stating that they will provide routine medical care for the animal as well as performing those tests and procedures required by the Department.
3. A detailed written description of the manner in which the animal’s nutritional, housing and exercise needs will be met as well as any needs specific to the particular species.
4. A signed letter from the applicant describing the applicant’s experience providing care for animals in general and for this particular species of animal.
5. A signed letter from the Animal Control Officer, or individual in charge of Animal Control, in the Municipality which the animal will be housed, stating that there are no ordinances prohibiting ownership of that animal at that location.
6. A letter from the Chief of the RI DEM Division of Fish and Wildlife, or his/her designee, stating that the above referenced animal is not considered to be a Native, Endangered, Invasive, or Nuisance species.
7. Name, address and contact phone numbers for three (3) people who will serve as references. These people must not be members of your immediate family. The Department reserves the right to contact these people prior to issuance of an exotic animal possession permit to ascertain the level of competence and experience possessed by the applicant regarding the care of the aforementioned species.

*NOTE: RI DEM Division of Agriculture, Animal Health section reserves the right to waive certain requirements depending on species.*

## REGULATIONS

RI DEM Website- <http://www.dem.ri.gov/>

[Rules and Regulations Governing the Prevention, Control, and Suppression of Rabies Within the State of Rhode Island \(250-RICR-40-05-2\)](#) URL: <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/250-40-05-2>

[Rules and Regulations Governing Importation and Possession of Wild Animals \(250-RICR-40-05-3\)](#)  
URL: <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/250-40-05-3>

## RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

State of Rhode Island General Laws / TITLE 4 - Animals and Animal Husbandry

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE4/INDEX.HTM>

Relevant Chapter(s):

- [CHAPTER 4-1 Cruelty to Animals](#)
- [CHAPTER 4-4 Animal Diseases in General](#)
- [CHAPTER 4-18 Importation of Wild Animals](#)

State of Rhode Island General Laws / TITLE 20 - Fish and Wildlife

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE20/20-37/INDEX.HTM>

Relevant Chapter(s):

- [CHAPTER 20-37 Endangered Species of Animals and Plants](#)

Permit Application, along with Application Fee (\$5.00 per specimen), letter from the Veterinarian, and written detailed description must be submitted within 7 Days preceding the probable date of shipment.

Submit to:

The RI Department of Environmental Management  
Division of Agriculture / Animal Health Section  
235 Promenade St. / Rm. 370  
Providence, RI 02908-5767

I (please print name), \_\_\_\_\_ will not release the above indicated animal into the wild, nor keep it in an outdoor habitat from which it could escape.

Signature below indicates that Exotic Animal owner understands all laws, regulations, and requirements listed above and can attest that they have never been convicted of animal cruelty or mistreatment.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exotic App OCT 2020