



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

DEM Use Only:
Number: _____ / _____
Approved By: _____
Date: _____

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 (No P.O. Boxes): _____

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 where animal will be permanently housed following quarantine (if different from above): _____

The purpose for which animal will be imported:

Breeding Zoo Pet Ownership Exhibition 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 "Health Certificate" (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) issued by a federally accredited veterinarian licensed in the state of origin of the exotic animal. The Health Certificate is to 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 6 of Rhode Island Rules and Regulations Governing Importation and Possession of Exotic Wild Animals herein.
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 & REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PREVENTION, CONTROL AND SUPPRESSION OF RABIES WITHIN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

(Updated February 2016) <http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/agric/rabies16.pdf>

RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERNING IMPORTATION AND POSSESSION OF WILD ANIMALS <http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/agric/wildanml16.pdf>

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](#)

The Permit Application, along with Application Fee, letter from the Veterinarian, and written detailed description must be submitted within 7 Days *preceding* the probable date of shipment.

Signature below indicates knowledge and understanding of the laws, regulations and requirements listed above.

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 of Applicant: _____ Date: _____