

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

353 Water Street, 41 SHS Augusta, ME 04333

Phone 207-287-5261

**Wildlife General Possession Permit Application
For Category 2 Restricted Species**

In accordance with the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 12, Section 12152, 3-D. D. I hereby apply for a permit that allows me to possess wildlife that requires special housing or care.

Application Fee: \$27

Permit Fee: \$27

Application Type: ☐ New OR ☐ Renewal

Name of Company/Facility: _____

Name of Owner/Manager: _____ **Date of Birth:** ____/____/____

Mailing Address: _____
(P.O. Box/Street/Apt#) (City/Town) (Zip Code)

Physical Address (where animal(s) will be held): _____
(Number, Street/Road Name/Apt#) (City/Town) (Zip Code)

Email Address: _____ **Phone Number:** (____) _____

List species (native species prohibited) you request to possess below (*Please note: you must provide a current certification of veterinary inspection as well as other required documentation – see next page for details*)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Gender	Number

Where is animal(s) coming from (*only one source per application; additional permits may be necessary*): _____

Are species listed on CITES Appendix 1, or the USFWS Endangered Species list? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

Describe your experience handling species listed above: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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☐ Approved or ☐ Denied	By _____ Date: _____
Notes: _____	

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Wildlife Possession Permit for Category 2 Restricted Species - Application Instructions

Applicants for Category 2 Restricted Species must be an exhibitor, rehabilitator, laboratory registered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, accredited research facility or an individual with demonstrated experience with the care and husbandry of the species for which a permit is requested or species which is substantially similar to the species for which a permit is requested.

Application must be filled out completely and signed. The following information is required to be submitted with your application:

The applicant must furnish an interstate health certificate/certification of veterinary inspection (CVI) and appropriate test results or statements about specific diseases (CVI must be dated within 30 days of taking possession). This certification must comply with the standards of the state of origin and issued by a veterinarian licensed in the state of origin. USDA accreditation of the veterinarian may be required for certain livestock and poultry disease testing. Information required on the health certificate must include:

- (1) Common and scientific name(s) of species;
- (2) Number to be imported;
- (3) Name and address of consignor and consignee;
- (4) Origin or shipment;
- (5) Destination of shipment;
- (6) Appropriate descriptions of animals by criteria such as sex, age, weight, coloration, tag numbers, brand, etc.
- (7) A health certificate must be signed by a qualified veterinarian and the owner or owner's representative from the point of origin.
- (8) The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Health and Human Services has the authority to approve disease test procedures and serve as the state's representative in interpreting the results of all tests administered in compliance with importation statutes and regulations.

An applicant for a permit pertaining to a Category 2 Restricted Species must submit documentation to verify a minimum of one year of practical husbandry or a minimum of 100 hours of experience, training or apprenticeship in the care, feeding, handling and husbandry of the species to be possessed or of another species that is substantially similar to the species to be possessed in size, characteristics, care and nutritional requirements. A Bachelor of Science or higher degree in a relevant biological science, obtained at an accredited institution of higher learning, may be substituted for 50 hours of experience or apprenticeship. Documentation shall consist of: a description of the specific experience acquired; the date and time the experience was obtained and the specific locations where acquired; and a minimum of two personal references

Maintenance Plan: An applicant for a permit pertaining to a Category 2 Restricted Species must submit a plan for the maintenance or disposition of all Category 2 Restricted Species in the event of the owner or keeper's absence, illness or death.

Mail completed and signed application, with required documentation and fee (payable "Treasurer, State of Maine") to:

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
ATTN: Wildlife Captivity Permits
41 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0041

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Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Statute Pertaining to Possession of Category 2 Species in the State

§12152. PERMIT TO POSSESS WILDLIFE IN CAPTIVITY

1-A. Permit required. Except as otherwise provided in this Part, a person may not import wildlife into or possess wildlife in the State or receive or possess wildlife imported into the State. The department shall maintain a list of unregulated fish and wildlife species for which a permit under this section is not required that is available to the public. Each day a person violates this subsection that person commits a Class E crime for which a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable permit fee must be imposed. The commissioner may grant a permit to introduce, import, transport, receive or possess fish or gametes in accordance with the provisions of section 12509.

1-B. Exemption. Notwithstanding subsection 1-A, a reptile, amphibian or invertebrate that is native to the State and not listed by the department as threatened, endangered or of special concern may be captured from the wild in the State and possessed without a permit. Possession limits for each species are as follows:

- A. Amphibians, up to 5 specimens of each species;
- B. Reptiles, up to 2 specimens of each species; and
- C. Invertebrates, no specimen limits.

Animals captured under this subsection must be kept in a manner that does not permit contact between those animals and any other animal that is not naturally present in the wild in this State. If an animal captured under this subsection is released back into the wild, the animal must be released in or near the same location where the animal was captured. Importation into the State of a reptile, amphibian or invertebrate exempted under this subsection is prohibited without a permit. Exhibition, propagation or export or sale for commercial purposes is prohibited without a permit. A person may not export, sell or otherwise use for commercial purposes any animal captured under this subsection unless the person holds an applicable permit for that use.

2. Affected species. Except as otherwise provided in this Part, this section applies to the possession of any wildlife regulated by the State that is held in captivity and to the importation of wildlife from an area outside the State, including:

- A. All species listed under state law as threatened or endangered;
- B. All species other than those listed in paragraph A not included on a list of unregulated, nonnative species that is maintained by the commissioner to facilitate the issuance of importation permits; and
- C. Species identified in rules adopted by the commissioner.

The commissioner may adopt rules that classify wildlife into categories as described in subsection 3-D for purposes of determining applicable fees under this section. The rules must, at a minimum, include the list of unrestricted, nonnative species as provided in paragraph B, a category of wildlife that is endangered or threatened or presents a risk to humans, a category of wildlife that requires special housing or care and a category of prohibited species for which a permit is not issued under any circumstances.

3. Issuance. The commissioner may issue a permit to a person permitting the introduction, importation, possession and use of wildlife in accordance with the provisions of subsection 5.

3-A. Restrictions. A permit issued pursuant to this section does not authorize the permittee to:

- A. Possess, propagate or sell deer, bear, moose, wild turkey, hybrid wild turkey or wild turkey-domestic turkey cross nor does it authorize the permittee to possess, propagate or sell any wild animal taken in accordance with section 11601, 11602, 12401, 12402 or 12404; or [2015, c. 374, §7 (NEW).]
- B. Import any species of wild turkey, hybrid wild turkey or wild turkey-domestic turkey cross or the eggs of these species.

3-C. Issuance for unpermitted wildlife. The commissioner may issue a permit under this section to a person who possesses wildlife without a permit for which a permit is required if the possession would have been allowed had the person applied for a permit before importing or possessing the wildlife. A person issued a permit under this subsection must pay a fee of \$500 in addition to the applicable application fee and permit fee. A person issued a permit under this subsection may not be charged with a penalty under section 12151.

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3-D. Permit types; application fees; permit fees. An applicant for a permit under this section shall submit a written application on a form specified by the commissioner. The application must be accompanied by the applicable nonrefundable application fee. The following permits may be issued by the commissioner:

D. A category 2 restricted species possession permit, which allows the holder to possess wildlife that requires special housing or care. A category 2 restricted species possession permit expires 2 years from the date of issuance. The following fees apply to a permit under this paragraph:

- (1) Application fee, \$27; and
- (2) Permit fee, \$27;

4-A. Renewal. A permit holder who wishes to renew a permit issued under this section must renew the permit prior to its expiration date. The department may assess a late fee of \$25, in addition to the required permit fee, to a person who does not renew a permit prior to its expiration date.

Rules. The commissioner may adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section, including provisions to ensure that all wildlife possessed under these permits receives humane treatment and proper husbandry and security, and to safeguard the interests of the wildlife and citizens of the State. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Rules adopted may include but are not limited to rules that:

- A. Maintain updated inspection provisions for applicants attempting to acquire a permit to possess or introduce, import and possess fish or wildlife in captivity;
- B. Maintain a fee structure to establish fees for inspection provisions for regulated species;
- C. Provide a process that allows authorized independent contractors to meet with permit applicants to educate applicants on minimum standard facility requirements and to inspect current facilities to recommend approval or denial of a permit; and
- D. Charge a responsible party for the cost incurred to remove or euthanize unpermitted regulated fish or wildlife species.

6. Additional permit requirements. In addition to the provisions adopted under subsection 3, the commissioner may assign permit conditions or requirements designed to mitigate potential impacts or risks that may arise from the possession of specific wildlife species or to ensure the humane treatment or proper husbandry for specific species.

7. Escaped wildlife prohibition; penalty. The following provisions apply to escaped wildlife.

- A. A person may not allow wildlife in captivity to escape that person's possession or control in violation of:
 - (1) Rules adopted pursuant to subsection 5; or
 - (2) An additional permit condition or requirement assigned pursuant to subsection 6.
- B. Notwithstanding section 12151, subsection 2, a person who violates paragraph A commits:
 - (1) A Class E crime if the wildlife is permitted in accordance with this section and the permit holder does not immediately notify a law enforcement officer that the wildlife has escaped;
 - (2) A Class E crime if the wildlife is not permitted in accordance with this section and the person immediately notifies a law enforcement officer that the wildlife has escaped; or
 - (3) A Class D crime if the wildlife is not permitted in accordance with this section and the person does not immediately notify a law enforcement officer that the wildlife has escaped.

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IFW RULE CHAPTER 7 LIST OF CATEGORY 2 SPECIES

Amphibia (Amphibians) - Captive Bred Origin Only

Frogs And Toads (Anura)

Common Name

Golden Poison Frog

Golfo Dulce Poison-dart Frog

Cane Toad

Scientific Name

Phyllobates terribilis

Phyllobates vittatus

Rhinella marina

Salamanders (Caudata)

Common Name

Axolotl

Scientific Name

Ambystoma mexicanum

Aves (Birds) - All pet birds including federally regulated birds, including finches and parrots brought into this state, must be obtained from companies that are registered with the Maine Department of Agriculture. Birds identified with a **Health certificate is required**: Anyone who will be importing the following birds from out of state, regardless of the purpose must have a current VS 9-3 or VS 9-2 form certifying that the birds come from a flock participating in the Nation Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP).

Perching Birds (Passeriformes)

Common Name

Japanese White-eye

Scientific Name

Zosterops japonicus

Mammals (Mammalia)

Carnivores (Carnivora)

Common Name

Binturong

All Species in Genus Genetta (Genets)

White-nosed Coati

South American Coatimundi

Mountain Coati

Scientific Name

Arctictis binturong

Genetta spp.

Nasua narica

Nasua nasua

Nasuella olivacea

Even-toed Ungulates (Artiodactyla)

Common Name

All Species in Family Camelidae (Camels and Llamas)

Scientific Name

Family Camelidae

Rodents (Rodentia)

Common Name

All Species in Family Caviidae (Cavies)

Scientific Name

Family Caviidae

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Reptiles (*Reptilia*) - Captive Bred Origin Only

Lizards (*Sauria*)

Common Name

Rhinoceros Iguana
Green Iguana
Pernatty knob-tail
Rock Monitor
Argus Monitor
Crocodile Monitor
Common Water Monitor
Togian Water Monitor

Scientific Name

Cyclura cornuta
Iguana iguana
Nephurus deleani
Varanus albigularis
Varanus panoptes
Varanus salvadorii
Varanus salvator
Varanus togianus

Snakes (*Serpentes*)

Common Name

All Species in Genus Charina (Rubber Boas)
Russian ratsnake
Brazilian Smooth Snake
Olive Python
Concho Water Snake
Eastern Fox Snake

Scientific Name

Charina spp.
Elaphe schrenckii
Hydrodynastes gigas
Liasis olivaceus
Nerodia paucimaculata
Pantherophis gloydi

Turtles and Tortoises (*Testudines*)

Captive Bred Origin Only; must be a minimum 4" diameter.

For species acquired in the state you should request a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or Health Certificate issued from the supplier, provided specifically for that pet, dated within the last 30 days to help ensure the animal is healthy and legally acquired. Species imported from outside the state require an importation permit from this department and a health certificate from the supplier.

Common Name

African Spurred Tortoise
Yellow Mud Turtle
All Species in Genus Macrochelys (Alligator Snapping Turtles)
Northern Diamondback Terrapin
Ornate Box Turtle

Scientific Name

Geochelone sulcata
Kinosternon flavescens
Macrochelys spp.
Malaclemys terrapin
Terrapene ornata