



Fish & Wildlife
Exotic and Nongame Permits
Mail Code 501-03, PO Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

INITIAL ANIMAL THEATRICAL PERMIT APPLICATION

Nonrefundable application fee: \$110.00

All permits expire December 31 each year

Important Notice Regarding Cervidae: Effective immediately under the authority of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Fish & Wildlife: Captive Game and Exotic and Nongame regulations, there is a ban until further notice on the importation of all Cervidae species into the State of New Jersey, including but not limited to: white-tailed deer, black-tailed deer, mule deer, red deer, sika deer, muntjac, reindeer, elk, and moose. This is due to the growing concern of the spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD) into wild and farmed herds in the deer family throughout the United States.

Attach photocopies of any current permits, including Federal permits, in your possession. Attach a list of Federal permit(s) you are in the process of applying for and include copies of these applications.

Please allow a minimum of 30 days to process permit application. No activities are allowed in New Jersey before your permit has been issued.

Applicant Name: _____

Business/Organization Name: _____

Business/Organization Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ County: _____

Hours of Operation: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Your permit will be emailed to you, so please be sure that your email address is legible.

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Owner Name: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Veterinary Services:

Provide the contact information of a licensed veterinarian who will care for the animals in your possession.

Name of Veterinarian: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Application Criteria

If the regulated wildlife in your program is leased, on loan, or under contract, you and the owner(s) of the regulated wildlife are required to obtain separate permits.

Possession of exotic and nongame mammals and/or birds may require a permit from USDA-APHIS Animal Care. For more information: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/permits>.

Possession of an endangered species may require a US Fish & Wildlife Service permit. For more information: <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/permits-native-endangered-and-threatened-species>.

Off-Site Exhibits

Nosey's Law was signed into law in December 2018. It is your responsibility to read the law and ensure compliance with it. If you plan to provide off-site performances with any animal subject to Nosey's Law, you must submit an educational outline on company letterhead that incorporates the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for approval before any off-site performances take place.

Per **N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.6(h)**, "Animal exhibitors and animal theatrical agencies shall notify the Division no less than two weeks prior to any scheduled activity in New Jersey covered by permit in order to permit inspection of the activity by Division personnel."

Off-site exhibit animals must never be left unattended.

Importation

Regulated exotic and nongame wildlife entering the state 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 performing as indicated in your application.

All applicants bringing regulated hooved stock from outside of 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 in any regulated hooved stock from outside of New Jersey must supply copies of health certificates certifying that the wildlife is free of tuberculosis, brucellosis, and any other communicable disease. Photocopies of health certificates must be submitted with your application. For more information, contact the United States Department of Agriculture.

Exhibition Criteria

New Jersey is a no-contact state. Regulated wildlife must be exhibited in a way that prevents public contact. Non-compliance with any regulation or permit condition will result in fines, penalties, and/or revocation of your permit.

In order to avoid problems with animal health and to ensure public safety, feeding of regulated exotic and nongame wildlife by the public is strictly prohibited.

List all regulated exotic and nongame wildlife

Include animals in your possession and/or those you intend to acquire. Resident theatrical agencies must obtain written approval from the Wildlife Permits Unit prior to acquiring new potentially dangerous species. A separate application is required for potentially dangerous species. Leg band/microchip numbers must be listed for all regulated exotic and nongame birds.

Quantity	Gender	Species*	Source of Acquisition (include contact information)

*If the animal is a potentially dangerous species (PDS), email the Wildlife Permits Unit for a PDS application: NJWildlifePermits@dep.nj.gov.

Explain the purpose of possession for the animals listed above (i.e., school programs, nature center, educational programs, etc.).

Describe the on-site and/or off-site enclosures, including size, type of barriers, enclosure materials, etc. For off-site exhibits, describe the exhibition area, distance from the public, barriers, transportation carriers, etc.

Describe diet for each species.

List animal handler names. Describe their experience, including number of years, with each regulated wildlife.

Thoroughly describe your procedures to ensure safety. How is the regulated wildlife protected from the public? How is the public protected from the regulated wildlife?

Provide the anticipated schedule of exhibitions in New Jersey for the upcoming year.

Animal Theatrical permit holders must notify NJFW in writing at least 2 weeks prior to any exhibition/performance so to allow for inspection. An Activity Notification Form (website) must be submitted via email to the Wildlife Permits Unit at NJWildlifePermits@dep.nj.gov.

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.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUBMIT: ___ Initial Animal Theatrical Permit Application
 ___ \$100.00 Application Fee (check or money order only; make payable to: NJ Fish & Wildlife)
 ___ USDA License (if applicable)
 ___ Supporting Documents

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