



State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection
Fish & Wildlife
Captive Game Permits
Mail Code 501-03, PO Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

INITIAL CAPTIVE GAME PERMIT APPLICATION

Nonrefundable application fee: \$12.00

All permits expire December 31

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.

Please allow a minimum of 30 days to process your permit application.

Applicant Name: _____
Business/Organization Name (if applicable): _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ County: _____
Social Security #: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
Email Address: _____
Your permit will be emailed to you, so please be sure that your email address is legible.
Location of Holding Facility: _____
County: _____ # of Acres: _____ Type of Zoning: _____

Permit type (check one) : Refer to N.J.A.C. 7:25-10 for an explanation of permit categories.

☐ Individual Hobby ☐ Animal Exhibitor
☐ Scientific Holding ☐ Animal Theatrical Agency
☐ Zoological ☐ Fur Farming
☐ Propagation and Sales

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: _____

Game animals or game birds held under a Propagation and Sales Permit type may be harvested and sold for food purposes, provided each carcass is tagged. If you wish to purchase tags now, complete the information below:

small game bird tags _____ at \$0.15 each = \$ _____
metal deer tags _____ at \$0.25 each = \$ _____

List all regulated captive game wildlife

Include animals in your possession and/or those you intend to acquire. A separate application is required for potentially dangerous species. Attach documentation (i.e., receipt, letter of transfer, etc.) noting the origin of each animal. No permits will be authorized for animals obtained from wild stock except where authorized by NJFW for rehabilitation or scientific purposes.

Qty	Gender	Species* (common name)	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 why you intend to possess the species and the number of game animals/birds for which you are making this application. If you are applying for a Scientific Holding permit, include a description of the nature and scope of your study.

Describe the diet for each species.

Describe the on-site and/or off-site enclosures, including size, type of barriers, enclosure materials, etc. for each species. Include a diagram and photographs of your facility including housing pens, fencing, netting, etc.

Next page must be signed.

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 Captive Game Permit Application
 ___ Application fee (check or money order only; make payable to: NJ Fish & Wildlife)
 ___ Tag Fee (if applicable)
 ___ USDA license (if applicable)
 ___ Supporting documents
 ___ All receipts for purchases/sales/transfers
 ___ Diagrams and photographs of caging

TO: NJ Fish & Wildlife
 Exotic and Nongame Permits
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For questions or concerns, please contact NJWildlifePermits@dep.nj.gov.

Application Criteria

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.

Animal Exhibitor and Theatrical permit holders must notify NJFW in writing at least 2 weeks in advance prior to any exhibition/performance. Please contact the Wildlife Permits Unit for additional information.

Exhibition Criteria

Animal Exhibitor, Animal Theatrical, and Zoological permittees must submit quarterly reports of births, deaths, acquisitions, and disposals. Forms may be faxed to NJ Captive Game Permits at 609-259-8155 or emailed to NJWildlifePermits@dep.nj.gov.

Importation

Persons wishing to import game birds and game animals into NJ are required to apply for and obtain an Importation Permit prior to importation. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) dated within 30 days prior to the importation date must be included. Game birds must be accompanied with documentation noting negative test results for Avian Influenza and Pullorum-Typhoid at the originating facility. Allow a minimum of 15 days to process the application.