



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

INITIAL PET SHOP PERMIT APPLICATION

This permit application is for the sale of regulated exotic and nongame species to other businesses. Sales to individual hobby customers require an Animal Dealer permit. Selling to both businesses and individual hobby customers requires two separate permits.

Retain receipts of all sales, purchases, and transfers of regulated exotic and nongame wildlife. These documents must be included with your permit renewal application. Failure to provide documentation will result in fines, penalties, and/or possible revocation of your permit.

Nonrefundable application fee: \$100.00

All permits expire December 31 each year

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

Applicant Name: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Business 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.

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: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Potentially dangerous species [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8] may not be possessed or sold for any reason. Endangered species [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.14] as listed on NJFW, USFWS, and IUCN, may not be possessed or sold for any reason. See each animal category for additional details.

Possession and sale 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>.

Complete applicable sections on the following pages.

EXOTIC BIRDS

Note: budgerigar, cockatiel, peafowl, rock dove, canary, house sparrow, European starling, zebra finch, society finch, emu, ostrich, and greater and lesser rhea are exempt from requiring a permit.

Important Notice Regarding Wild Bird Bill A-649 Amending R.S. 23:4-50: After December 10, 1991, wild caught birds may not be possessed, bought, sold, or bartered, except those which were in captivity legally before this date. All other birds regulated by NJFW must be captive bred with appropriate documentation. Leg band or microchip numbers must be listed.

Specify Types:

Describe Caging/Enclosures:

Describe Diet:

List Sources of Acquisition (include contact information):

REPTILES

Note: Red/wild/natural/normal/ phase corn snakes are classified as endangered in NJ and may not be possessed or sold for any reason. Albino and alternative morphs that do not appear red/wild/natural/natural may be sold and must be included on all documents. NJFW does not recommend breeding corn snakes of any morph because they can produce offspring that appear red/wild/natural/normal. It is difficult to determine which of these offspring are wild and which are bred in captivity.

The New Jersey Department of Health mandates that turtles and tortoises cannot be sold in NJ.

Specify Types:

Describe Caging/Enclosures:

Describe Diet:

List Sources of Acquisition (include contact information):

AMPHIBIANS

Note: Axolotls are classified as critically endangered according to the IUCN. All species of gray tree frog and larval salamanders may not be possessed or sold due to the difficulties in determining morphological differences among the species.

Specify Types:

Describe Caging/Enclosures:

Describe Diet:

List Sources of Acquisition (include contact information):

MAMMALS

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.

Note: The possession, sale, and distribution of bats is strictly prohibited.

Specify Types:

Describe Caging/Enclosures:

Describe Diet:

List Sources of Acquisition (include contact information):

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 Pet Shop 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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For questions or concerns, please contact NJWildlifePermits@dep.nj.gov.