

R12-4-420. Zoo License

- A. With the exception of all live cervids, which shall not be imported, transported, or possessed except as allowed under R12-4-430, a zoo license allows an individual to perform all of the following: exhibit, display for educational purposes, import, purchase, export, possess, propagate, euthanize, transport, give away, offer for sale, sell, or trade restricted live wildlife and other Arizona wildlife legally possessed, subject to the following restrictions:
1. A zoo license holder shall hold all wildlife possessed in the facilities specified on the license except when the wildlife is transported to or from a temporary exhibit. A temporary exhibit shall not exceed 60 consecutive days at any one location.
 2. A zoo license holder shall only dispose of restricted live wildlife in this state by selling, giving, or trading it to another zoo licensed under this Section, to an appropriate special license holder such as a game farm licensed under R12-4-413, to a medical or scientific research facility exempted under R12-4-407, by exporting it to a zoo that is certified by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, or as directed by the Department.
 3. A zoo license holder shall not accept any wildlife that is donated, purchased, or otherwise obtained without accompanying evidence of lawful possession.
 4. A zoo license holder shall dispose of all wildlife obtained under a scientific collecting permit or wildlife that has been loaned to the zoo by the Department only as directed in writing by the Department.
 5. A zoo license holder shall hold wildlife in such a manner as to prevent it from escaping from the facilities specified on the license, and to prevent the entry of unauthorized individuals or other wildlife.
- B. The Department shall issue a zoo license only for the following purposes:
1. The advancement of science, wildlife management, or promotion of public health or welfare;
 2. Education; or
 3. Conservation, or maintaining a population of wildlife threatened with extinction in the wild.
- C. An applicant for a zoo license shall apply on a form provided by the Department and available from any Department office. The applicant shall provide the following information:
1. Name, address, telephone number, birthdate, physical description, and Department ID number (if applicable) of the applicant;
 2. If the applicant will use the wildlife for a commercial purpose, the name, address, and telephone number of the applicant's business. If the applicant will use wildlife for activities authorized by an educational or scientific institution that employs, contracts, or is similarly affiliated with the applicant, the applicant shall provide the name, address, and telephone number of the institution;
 3. The wildlife species and the number of animals per species that will be held under the license. The list shall include scientific and common names for all wildlife held;
 4. An applicant for a zoo license shall include a typewritten, computer or word processor printed, or legibly handwritten proposal that describes the following:
 - a. How the facility or operation meets the definition of a zoo, as stated in A.R.S. § 17-101; and
 - b. The purpose of the license. Acceptable purposes of a zoo license are listed in subsection (B);
 5. If the applicant is renewing the zoo license, the species and number of animals per species that are currently in captivity, and evidence of lawful possession as defined in A.R.S. § 17-101;
 6. Proof of current licensing by the United States Department of Agriculture under 9 CFR Subchapter A, Animal Welfare;
 7. The name, address, and telephone number of the zoo where the wildlife will be held. If the applicant applies to hold wildlife in more than one location, the applicant shall submit a separate application for each location;
 8. A detailed description or diagram of the facilities where the applicant will hold the wildlife, and a description of how the facilities comply with R12-4-428, and any other captivity standards that may be prescribed by this Section. The Department shall not approve a license application until the wildlife holding facility satisfies a Department inspection; and
 9. The applicant's signature and the date of signing. By signing the application, the applicant attests that the information they have provided is true and correct to their knowledge and that the applicant's live wildlife privileges are not revoked in this state, any other state, or by the United States.
- D. The Department shall issue a zoo license in compliance with R12-4-106. If the Department denies the application for a zoo license, the Department shall proceed as prescribed by R12-4-409(D). The Department shall issue a license for the purposes stated in subsection (B) if:
1. It is in the best interest of the wildlife, and
 2. Issuance of the license will not adversely impact other wildlife in the state.
- E. A zoo license holder shall clearly display an entrance sign that states the days of the week and hours when the facility is open for viewing by the general public.
- F. A zoo license holder shall maintain a record of each animal obtained under subsection (A)(4) for three years following the date of disposition. The record shall include the species, source of the wildlife, date received, any Department approval authorizing acquisition, and the date and method of disposition.
- G. Before January 31 of each year, a zoo license holder shall file a written report on activities performed under the license for the previous calendar year. A zoo license holder shall submit an annual report to the Department in

compliance with R12-4-409(O). The report shall summarize the current species inventory, and acquisition and disposition of all wildlife held under the license.

H. A zoo license holder may not add restricted live wildlife as specified in R12-4-406 to the license without making a written request to and receiving approval from the Department.

I. A zoo license holder is subject to R12-4-409, R12-4-428, and R12-4-430.

Historical Note

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