

ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
501-223-6300
2 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205
Expires December 31st
APPLICATION FOR A CONSERVATION EDUCATION PERMIT

☐ **New permit** ☐ **Renewal**

FIRST NAME _____ INITIAL _____ LAST NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ COUNTY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE () _____ WORK PHONE () _____

CID _____ EMAIL _____
(CREATE YOUR CID AT WWW.AGFC.COM)

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A LICENSED WILDLIFE REHABILITATOR (additional provisions may apply)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A LICENSED WILDLIFE BREEDER DEALER (additional provisions may apply)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

PHYSICAL HOME LOCATION OF SPECIES _____

(Street Address, County, Distance and Direction from Nearest Town)

SPECIES AND NUMBER OF ANIMALS TO BE USED FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION: (Form on back)

I agree to fully comply with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Code Section 09.00 and Addendum F concerning Conservation Education Permit Requirements and certify that I am of 18 years of age, have not been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* for, violating any federal, state or municipal law governing captive wildlife, illegal appropriation or commercialization of wildlife, or cruelty to animals within five years of the application date. I understand that my facilities and all required records are subject to inspection by Commission personnel. This permit is non-transferable. Failure to comply with Commission codes and regulations will result in cancellation of this permit. Failure to not provide all required information will result in delay of issuance of permit.

I have provided to the Commission, in writing, proof from the appropriate county or municipal jurisdiction, stating that the applicant's possession of wildlife is in compliance with all local ordinances.

I certify that I possess a minimum of 20 hours conservation education experience involving the use of live animals and provide letters of support from at least 2 non-familial individuals familiar with my experience. If applicable, I have provided proof of possessing a valid U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Exhibition Permit for all mammal species. I also understand the permit expires on December 31st. Upon expiration of the permit, but no later than sixty (60) days after the expiration date, the permittee shall submit to the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission a complete written of all species (attached).

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

-----COMMISSION USE ONLY-----

AGFC REPRESENTATIVE APPROVAL _____ DATE APPROVED: _____

*Include Age and Sex if known. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Certification of Compliance With Local Captive Wildlife Ordinances

_____,
First Name *Last Name* of *Street Address*
_____,
City *State* *ZIP* in *County Name* *County*

has applied for the following permit(s) from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission:

Check all that apply

Wildlife Breeder/Dealer Permit _____
Game Bird Shooting Resort Permit _____
Commercial Wildlife Hunting Resort Permit _____
Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit _____
Venomous Reptile Possession Permit _____
Conservation Education Permit _____

For applicants living inside the limits of a city:

Check One

This activity WOULD NOT violate any city ordinances: _____

This activity WOULD violate city ordinances _____

City Official Signature: _____

City Official Name (please print): _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____

Suggested officials to contact for signature: Animal Control Department, City Attorney, Mayor

For applicants living outside the limits of a city:

Check One

This activity WOULD NOT violate any county ordinances: _____

This activity WOULD violate county ordinances _____

County Official Signature: _____

County Official Name (please print): _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____

Suggested officials to contact for signature: County Attorney, County Judge, County Sheriff

Note to applicants: A signed letter on city or county letterhead certifying that your proposed activity would not violate any city or county ordinances is acceptable in place of this form.

Reporting form: For each individual include date, ID, species, event description, and the number of hours used. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Submit to: **ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**
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2 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205

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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Code Book

The regulations in this Code Book are hereby adopted by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under authority of Amendment 35 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

09.18 Conservation Education Permit Required

It is unlawful to possess more than 6 wildlife individuals captured from the wild in Arkansas except for conservation education purposes in compliance with the Conservation Education Permit requirements in Addendum [F1.10](#) and the following restrictions:

- A. Species that may be hand captured from the wild in Arkansas for conservation education purposes are listed Code [09.14](#)(A)(1), excluding cervids.
- B. It is unlawful for any person to remove such wildlife or their offspring from Arkansas except under the terms of a permit that may be issued by the Chief of Wildlife Management to persons who are moving to another state and have presented proof from that state that it is legal to import the wildlife.
- C. Wildlife retained under this regulation may be temporarily transported out of state for conservation education programs or veterinary care in compliance with all state and federal regulations.
- D. The sale, transfer, or intentional breeding of hand-captured native wildlife or their offspring is prohibited except as provided in this regulation.
- E. Native wildlife kept in compliance with this regulation may be transferred to a wildlife rehabilitator permitted by the Commission (Code [09.12](#)) and released back into the wild in the county where they were captured provided such animals were not confined with commercially obtained, captive born wildlife of the same species.
- F. Holders of a Conservation Education Permit may receive animals from holders of a Commission-issued Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit in accordance with Addendum [F1.05](#)(B)(5).

EXCEPTION: Individuals conducting educational programs using only avian species in accordance with a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Permit.

PENALTY: Class 3

F1.10 Conservation Education Permit Requirements

A. Permit Requirements: A Conservation Education Permit may be issued to applicants complying with the following requirements:

1. The applicant must be at least 18 years old and shall not have been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for, violating any federal, state or municipal law governing captive wildlife, illegal appropriation or commercialization of wildlife, or cruelty to animals within 5 years of the application date.
2. The applicant shall provide to the Commission, in writing, proof from the appropriate county or municipal jurisdiction, stating that the applicant's possession of wildlife is in compliance with all local ordinances.
3. The applicant shall complete and submit a written application form provided by the Commission.
4. The applicant shall possess a minimum of 20 hours conservation education experience involving the use of live animals and provide letters of support from at least 2 non-familial individuals familiar with the applicant's experience.
5. The applicant shall provide proof of possessing a valid U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Exhibition Permit for all mammal species.
6. Special conditions may be applied to the Conservation Education Permit as deemed necessary by Commission staff.

B. The requested permit shall be denied if:

1. The applicant fails to meet any of the issuance criteria set forth in this Addendum chapter;
2. The applicant fails to disclose material information required, or makes false statements as to any material fact in connection with the application, or supplies false information or makes a false statement on the application;
3. The Commission finds, through further inquiry or investigation, the issuance of the permit may pose a significant risk to human health and safety, native fish and wildlife health or populations, or agriculture, or the proposed species cannot be safely confined in a humane manner;
4. The applicant fails to provide a report for a previously issued permit; or
5. The Commission finds, through further inquiry or investigation, that the applicant's proposed conservation education activities do not possess sufficient educational rigor.

C. Caging and Facility Requirements: All Conservation Education Permittees shall provide secure housing of all wildlife removed from the wild as defined herein:

1. All wildlife possessed in captivity shall be maintained in enclosures, pens, or cages that are sufficiently strong to prevent escape of the wildlife and that will protect the wildlife from injury.
2. All native medically significant venomous reptiles must be kept in accordance with Addendum [F1.08](#)(C) and (F), except as otherwise approved in the applicant's permit conditions.
3. It is unlawful for anyone to keep animals under inhumane or unhealthy conditions.
4. Males and females of the same species must be kept in separate enclosures.

D. Reporting: Holders of the Conservation Education Permit shall submit legible, complete annual reports on forms provided by the Commission that shall detail provision of at least 20 hours of conservation education to the public using animals kept under this permit for each annual report.

E. Transport Requirements:

1. All wildlife possessed in captivity shall be transported in ventilated containers or cages that are sufficiently strong to prevent escape of the wildlife and that will protect the wildlife from injury.
2. Native, medically significant venomous reptiles shall be transported in accordance with Addendum [F1.08](#)(F)(1).

F. Renewal, Transfer, Suspension, and Revocation:

1. Permits may be revoked or suspended for failure to comply with the terms of the permit or with the terms of this Addendum Chapter.
2. Persons in violation of the terms of this permit, violation of the Commission Addendum, or upon conviction or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for violation of any federal, state or municipal law governing captive wildlife, illegal appropriation or commercialization of wildlife, or cruelty to animals, shall be notified in writing of such violations and shall have 20 days to respond.
3. If, at the end of 20 days, just cause has not been given, the Commission may revoke any existing permit and refuse to issue any future permit. Permit suspension, revocation or refusal shall be in addition to any criminal charges that may be filed.
4. Upon revocation, permit holder must legally remove all captive wildlife within the time designated in the revocation, not to exceed 60 days, and failure to do so shall result in the Commission taking action, per Commission policy, at the permit holder's expense.