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January 30, 2015

Sonke Mastrup  
Executive Director  
Fish & Game Commission  
1416 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 94224

Dear Mr Mastrup:

Please consider this request for a letter permit from the Commission authorizing the keeping of more than the bag limit of native rattlesnakes.

We would like to extract native rattlesnake venom for the production of a canine rattlesnake vaccine. There is a current vaccine available, but studies show it to be ineffective with our local rattlesnakes. Additionally, snakes would be used for rattlesnake aversion dog training, where dogs are taught to avoid rattlesnakes.

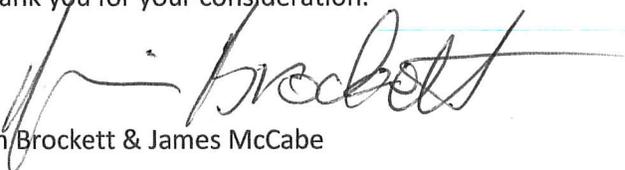
There is currently no provision for the Department to provide a permit for these uses. These are animals that are normally killed on site, so it would have no impact on the rattlesnake population.

We have held Fish & Wildlife permits since the early 1970's, and are currently authorized to keep non-native venomous snakes under our Exhibition permit #840.

We would like to ask permission from the Commission to possess any member of the family Crotalidae (rattlesnakes) for venom extraction and dog rattlesnake aversion training.

Enclosed are previous Commission requests for reference.

Thank you for your consideration.



Jim Brockett & James McCabe

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## Fish and Game Commission

October 13, 1994

Mr. Jim Brockett

Dear Mr. Brockett:

The Commission, at its October 7, 1994 meeting in Palm Springs, approved your request for authorization to possess snakes in the Families Elapidae and Viperidae and one female Cape vulture (Gyps copotheres) for exhibition purposes. You should be receiving your permit from the Department shortly.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Treanor  
Executive Director

cc: Wildlife Protection Division  
Region 5



## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

1416 NINTH STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814



G. Ray Arnett, Director

August 15, 1972

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In accordance with approval granted by the California Fish and Game Commission on June 30, 1972, and pursuant to Section 671.1, Title 14, California Administrative Code, permission is hereby granted to

BARNEY TOMBERLIN and JIM BROCKETT, Owners  
WESTERN ZOOLOGICAL SUPPLY  
209 W. Maple Avenue  
Monrovia, California 91016

to import from sources outside California and possess herein prohibited species of exotic reptiles and exotic amphibians for the purpose of supplying these animals to public research facilities, public educational institutions, and public zoological gardens for valid scientific research, educational, or exhibition purposes.

Messrs. Barney Tomberlin and Jim Brockett, hereinafter referred to as the permittees, may import and possess the live reptiles and amphibians listed above only in accordance with the following restrictions and requirements:

1. Upon acquisition of any venomous reptiles or amphibians authorized by this permit, the permittees shall transport the animals and any progeny directly to their facilities at 209 W. Maple Avenue, Monrovia, California, and no temporary maintenance or holding of the animals at any other facility is authorized.
2. The permittees shall confine all reptiles, amphibians, and their progeny in an escape-proof room at 209 W. Maple Avenue, Monrovia. The entrances to the room where the animals are maintained shall be equipped with double doors which are equipped with locks. The entrances or exits shall be kept locked to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons. Entrance to the room shall be restricted to the permittees and their authorized representatives or associates. All individual cages or enclosures within the room shall be of such design and construction as to preclude the escape of any reptiles or amphibians from any human or natural sources including earthquakes.
3. The permittees shall screen and bar all windows or other openings including vents in the room where venomous reptiles, amphibians, or their progeny are maintained to prevent the escape of any animals into the wild or the entry of unauthorized persons into such room.