



2011 NEW RESTRICTED SPECIES PERMIT APPLICATION

IMPORTANT! YOU MAY NOT OBTAIN ANIMALS PRIOR TO APPROVAL

DFG USE ONLY
PERMIT NUMBER

PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED IN: [] YOUR NAME [] BUSINESS NAME
SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

Form with fields for FIRST NAME, M.I., LAST NAME, BUSINESS NAME, DRIVER'S LICENSE OR DMV ID NUMBER/STATE, DATE OF BIRTH, MAILING ADDRESS, CONTACT NAME, CONTACT TITLE, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE, BUSINESS TELEPHONE/EXT., STREET ADDRESS, DAY TELEPHONE/EXT., CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE.

CHECK TYPE OF PERMIT

- Checkboxes for various permit types: ANIMAL CARE WELFARE SPECIES, ANIMAL CARE DETRIMENTAL SPECIES, AQUACULTURE, AZA DETRIMENTAL SPECIES, BREEDING, NONRESIDENT BROKER/DEALER, NONRESIDENT EXHIBITING, NONRESIDENT NUISANCE BIRD ABATEMENT, RESEARCH DETRIMENTAL SPECIES, RESIDENT* BROKER/DEALER, RESIDENT* EXHIBITING, RESIDENT* NUISANCE BIRD ABATEMENT, SHELTER, SINGLE EVENT BREEDING, FISH.

*Resident means any person who has resided continuously in the State of California for six months or more immediately prior to the date of his application for a license or permit, any person on active military duty with the Armed Forces of the United States or auxiliary branch thereof, or any person enrolled in the Job Corps established pursuant to Section 2883 of Title 29 of the United States Code.

PERMIT(S) FEE SUBTOTAL \$
NONREFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE \$101.50
STANDARD INSPECTION FEE** \$173.25
AQUACULTURE AND FISH INSPECTION FEE** ... \$3,000.00
**Applicants for aquaculture and fish permits shall pay the inspection fee. All other applicants may provide veterinarian's certification below or include the inspection fee for the Department to inspect your facility.
GRAND TOTAL \$

WILL ANIMALS BE IMPORTED INTO CALIFORNIA? [] YES, COMPLETE IMPORTATION SECTION [] NO, EXPLAIN:

IMPORTATION ONLY - COMPLETE THIS PORTION OF THE APPLICATION IF YOU ARE IMPORTING ANIMALS INTO CALIFORNIA

Form with fields for LIST SPECIES TO BE IMPORTED, NUMBER OF ANIMALS, ORIGIN (STATE OR COUNTRY), PERSON/BUSINESS SHIPPING ANIMALS, DAY TELEPHONE, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE, NAME OF CARRIER, POINT OF ENTRY INTO CALIFORNIA.

Veterinarian's Information: Must be completed and signed by your USDA accredited veterinarian or you must include the inspection fee** for the Department of Fish and Game to inspect your housing. Exception: Applicants uncertain if they will be approved for a permit will be required to have the housing inspected prior to a permit being issued. ** Not applicable to Aquaculture and Fish permit applicants.

Form with fields for VETERINARIAN'S FIRST NAME, M.I., LAST NAME, LICENSE NUMBER, DAY TELEPHONE, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE.

Veterinarian's Certification for New Permits: I certify that I am a USDA accredited veterinarian and that I have inspected the housing for the animal(s) as listed on the Restricted Species Inventory of Animals, and the housing and if applicable, the animal(s) and transport caging, meets the minimum applicable requirements as set forth in subsection 671.1(a)(9)(A-F), Section 671.2 (nonresidents only) and/or Sections 671.3 through 671.4, Title 14, of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

Form with fields for VETERINARIAN'S SIGNATURE (MUST BE IN INK), DATE.

Form with fields for ANIMAL FACILITY INSPECTION DATE, ANIMAL INSPECTION DATE (Nonresident Only).

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws and regulations of the State of California that all information on this application is true and correct and I am not violating any city or county laws. I agree to comply with the provisions of Section 671, Title 14, of the CCR. I understand it is unlawful to use or possess a permit which was obtained by fraud or deceit (Fish and Game Code Section 1052b). I understand that in the event that this information is found to be untrue or incorrect, the permit will be considered invalid and must be surrendered where purchased and I will be subject to criminal prosecution. I further understand that failure to comply with the terms and conditions of a permit may result in revocation of current permit and/or denial of future permits. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor, punishable by fine of not more than \$1,000.00, imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both the fine and the imprisonment. In addition I may be subject to civil penalties as stated in Fish and Game Code Section 2125. I further certify that the animal(s) and their housing will be inspected at least once more within the next six months.

Form with fields for APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (MUST BE IN INK), DATE.

FOR DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME USE ONLY

Form with fields for REVIEWED BY/DATE, CASHIERED BY/DATE, TRANSACTION #, ISSUED BY/DATE, KEYED BY/DATE.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE NEW RESTRICTED SPECIES PERMIT APPLICATION

Read the enclosed Department of Fish and Game (Department) Manual No. 671 - Importation, Transportation and Possession of Restricted Species before completing the application. The manual will provide you with a list of animals for which a permit is required in California, a description of authorized permit activities, and caging requirements.

Please allow 45 business days for processing your application and an additional 45 business days when requesting Department inspection. Applications for transgenic species must go before the Fish and Game Commission, so you must allow an additional 30 business days. **Incomplete applications will be returned and may delay the issuance of your permit. Contact the License and Revenue Branch at (916) 928-5845 or SPU@dfg.ca.gov if you need additional information regarding restricted species permits.**

To complete this application you must:

1. It is mandatory to complete all items unless exempted.
2. Sign and date the application in ink (an original signature is required).
3. Provide a veterinarian's certification or submit the inspection fee for the Department to inspect your housing. **Aquaculture and fish applicants must submit the inspection fee.** The inspection fee may be waived for all other applicants only if a veterinarian accredited by the USDA certifies that the housing and if applicable, animal(s) and transport caging meets the minimum requirements for the animal(s) as applicable in subsection 671.1(a)(9)(A-F), Section 671.2 (nonresident applicants only) and/or Sections 671.3-671.4, Title 14, of the CCR. A veterinarian's original signature is required. If animals are being housed at multiple locations, a veterinarian must inspect and approve each location. The applicant shall certify that the animals and their housing will be inspected at least once more within the next six months.
4. Provide an inventory of animals (FG1313). List animals you are qualified to possess, wish to acquire within the next year, and for which housing will be inspected. An original signature in ink is required.
5. Provide any other supporting documentation required by regulations.
6. Mail the completed application and supporting documentation with a cashier's check, money order, personal or business check*, or credit card** authorization form with the appropriate fee to the Department of Fish and Game, License and Revenue Branch, 1740 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834 or apply in person. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

New applicants must also provide the following supporting documentation, except as otherwise indicated. Exceptions: Applications for animal care, aquaculture and fish are exempt from a, b, c, d and g. Applications for AZA and research permits are exempt from a, b, c and g. Applications for broker/dealer are exempt from b, c and g.

- a. A statement of purpose describing in detail the planned use for each animal. Applicants shall include relevant materials, as appropriate, including any lists of prospective clients with their contact information or contracts with clients or websites, scripts, brochures or flyers promoting or describing the planned use of the animals. If the animals will be used in an educational program, the applicant shall provide an explanation why live restricted species are necessary and samples of the educational material and message that will be distributed (not required for breeding and single event breeding applications).
- b. A resume that provides dates and details documenting you or your full-time employee's qualifying experience caring for restricted animals at a facility engaged in a similar or directly related activity to the permit requested and for the animal(s) to be acquired. This experience shall have been acquired within the previous five years and include a total of at least one-year full-time hands-on experience caring for a species in the same family or closely related taxonomic family as the species requested.
- c. A letter of recommendation, written within the previous five years on letterhead stationary, with an original signature, from the facility where you or your full-time employee gained the experience, documenting the quality and extent of the knowledge and experience, as related to the species and permit requested.
- d. A copy of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) license (required only for mammals) and most recently completed USDA facility inspection report. This requirement is waived for new resident applicants. If approved, new resident permittees that have mammals must apply for and obtain a USDA license. Upon receipt of the license from USDA, the resident permittee must provide the Department with a copy within 10 business days of receipt (not required for animal care, nuisance bird abatement and shelter (nonexhibiting) applications).
- e. A copy of your Emergency Action Plan.
- f. A written statement detailing the type of business that will be conducted with the animals requested (required for aquaculture and fish applications only).
- g. A copy of your Breeding Plan (required for breeding and single event breeding applications only).
- h. Applicants for nonresident exhibiting permits shall submit a copy of their current and valid contract or other written confirmation that specifies each place and length of time where the exhibition will take place in California. If no contract is in effect at the time of application, copies of past contracts and/or written descriptions of anticipated performances being negotiated shall be substituted. In addition, applicants shall submit a completed Restricted Species Nonresident Exhibiting Permit Itinerary form.
- i. A copy of your United States Fish and Wildlife Service USFWS permit if a permit is required by the USFWS for the restricted species animal(s) for which you applied. The Department may waive compliance for initial applications by California residents. If approved new resident permittees must apply for and obtain a USFWS permit. Upon receipt of the USFWS permit, the resident permittee must provide the Department with a copy within 10 business days of receipt.
- j. Applicants for a research permit shall include proof that the applicant is part of a federal program or have a permit meeting or exceeding federal requirements such as those under the NIH guidelines administered by an IACUC. In addition, applicants who are not a university, college or government research agency, shall submit the following: (1) at least one letter of recommendation from a university, college, governmental research agency or other bona fide scientific research institution, as recognized by the Department, with expertise with the species and in the field of the proposed project. The letter must contain specific reasons for the support and a statement verifying that the anticipated results are reasonably achievable using the species and techniques described; (2) a description of the proposed project stating the objectives, and if experimental or manipulative, a study plan based on the "Scientific Method"; (3) the estimated completion date of the project; and (4) the anticipated benefits of this research.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has regulatory authority over the importation of specified carnivores (including skunks and raccoons), nonhuman primates and bats, due to potential health hazards.

Section 2606.8, Title 17, of the CCR, prohibits the importation of skunks because the hazard to the public from exposure to rabies is extremely high. The CDPH is concerned that certain wild animals could carry rabies and introduce new strains of rabies into the state of California. Therefore, the Department routinely denies requests for the importation and possession of skunks and raccoons. Exceptions may rarely be made for zoological or research institutions demonstrating an extraordinary need. The importation of other specified carnivores, bats, or nonhuman primates may be allowed under a CDPH permit in certain circumstances. **For more information on CDPH permits, please contact them at (916) 552-9740.**

NOTICE

Disclosure Statement—Under Section 671.1, Title 14, of the CCR, the Department of Fish and Game is authorized to collect information from applicants to maintain a record of licensure. All information requested on this application is mandatory unless otherwise indicated. All information except the street address and telephone number of the applicant may be provided to the public, if requested. All information related to a business may be released, including the residence address if it is the same as the business address. Other personal information submitted on this application may be released for law enforcement purposes, pursuant to court order, or for official natural resources management purposes.

A licensee may obtain a copy of his/her license records maintained by the Department by submitting a written request to the Custodian of Records, Department of Fish and Game, License and Revenue Branch, 1740 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834. All requests must include the requester's name, address, and telephone number.

PAYMENT POLICY

* **Personal or business checks** will be accepted by the Department if name and address are imprinted on the check. Checks returned to the Department due to insufficient funds will render your permit invalid. The Department may also deny the issuance or renewal of any permit if a person has failed to reimburse the Department for the amount due. Any activity performed without a valid permit is a violation of the Fish and Game Code and therefore subject to enforcement action.

** **Credit Cards**—Licenses, permits, tags, stamps, or registrations may be purchased with a Visa or MasterCard.