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 Department of Natural Resources  
 Captive Wildlife Program LE/8  
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## Cougar - Additional Requirements for Captive Wild Animal Farm License

**Notice:** Pursuant to s. 169.15(5), Wis. Stats., this form is required to be submitted along with form 9400-577, Captive Wild Animal Farm License Application, when applying for a license to have cougar on a captive wild animal farm. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has additional standards, limitations, and requirements for captive wild animal farm licenses and for captive wild animal farms, including fencing of the farms. Personal information collected may be used for participation in surveys, eligibility for approvals, law enforcement and other secondary purposes and may be provided to requesters to the extent required by Wisconsin's Open Records laws (ss. 19.31-19.39, Wis. Stats.)

All sections must be completed.

<b>Applicant Name</b> (as entered on form 9400-577, Captive Wild Animal Farm License Application)	Date of Application
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### 1. Fencing Requirement

In most cases an outdoor housing facility for harmful wild animals shall be enclosed by a secondary perimeter fence that is at least 8 feet high and at least 3 feet from the primary enclosure and which restricts unauthorized public from entering the area where the primary enclosure is located. Variations or exceptions require special written approval from the DNR.	Height of Perimeter Fence Surrounding Enclosure Feet
	Distance from Perimeter Fence to Primary Enclosure Feet

### 2. Written Assurance Requirement

Initial Application - Initial captive wild animal farm applications **must** be accompanied by written assurance that the application is in compliance with local ordinances and zoning regulations on possession of captive wild animals.

Is the written assurance enclosed?

Yes  No Attach assurance to this application.

### 3. Environment Enhancement Plan Requirement

Holders of bear, cougar, bobcat and/or lynx shall develop, document and follow an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well being of these captive wild animals. The plan shall be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. The plan shall be made available to DNR staff upon request.

Name of attending veterinarian	Has veterinarian reviewed the Plan? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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### 4. Confinement Area

Cougar pens shall be a minimum of 200 square feet. No more than one cougar may be held in a 200 square-foot pen. At least 100 additional square feet is required for each additional cougar. The pen height shall be a minimum of 8 feet. Resting surfaces shall be elevated, impervious to moisture, and be able to be easily cleaned and sanitized, or easily replaced when soiled or worn. Cougar pens with open tops shall be a minimum of 1,000 square feet. The walls of of open top pens shall be a minimum of 10 feet in height with an additional 4 feet at the top slanted in at a 30 to 45 degree angle.

Cougar will be confined in a pen with: <input type="radio"/> Closed Top <input type="radio"/> Open Top	Size of Primary Enclosure (Pen or Cage) Sq. Feet	Height of Primary Enclosure (Pen or Cage) Feet	Resting Surfaces Number _____
	Total Square Footage _____		

### 5. Exhibition

Facilities that Exhibit: Harmful wild animals may only be exhibited at the location authorized on the license. Exhibition of a harmful wild animal at an alternate location requires special written approval from the DNR. Pens must be surrounded on all sides where the public may approach them by substantial guard rails not less than 3 feet in height. Guard rails must be well supported, fully enclosed with not greater than 6 inch square fencing, and shall be at least 3 feet from the pens.

### 6. Diagram

Draw Primary Enclosure, include dimensions in feet. Attach description of structure, additional diagram, or plat photo if needed.

Do you exhibit? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Height of Guard Rails Feet	Distance Guard Rail to Enclosure Feet
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### Leave Blank – DNR Use Only

This license is subject to all conditions listed above and the following special restrictions:

Approved? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	If not approved indicate reason.		
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Enclosure Inspected By	DNR Conservation Warden Name (Print)	Signature	Date
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