

Instructions: Use page 3 of this application to apply for a Non-Resident Temporary Exhibiting License. Pages 1 and 2 are informational only and not a complete set of rules. Captive wildlife licenses are governed by ch. 169, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 16, Wis. Adm. Code.

Non-Resident Temporary Exhibiting License General Information

A Non-Resident Temporary Exhibiting License may be issued to any individual who is a non-resident or to a business organization that is not organized under the laws of this state.

A Non-Resident Temporary Exhibiting License authorizes the holder to possess and exhibit live captive wild animals of the species that the Department specifies on the license for the production of motion pictures or television programs or as part of theatrical acts, carnivals, or other animal attractions or displays, and to move animals in mobile facilities in compliance with NR 16.35 and 16.38 rules.

The location of the exhibit(s) must be specified on the application and the license.

This license does not authorize the purchase or sale of captive wild animals.

This license is required for any non-resident to possess and exhibit most native wild animals, non-native wild ducks, geese or swans, and wild animals that are defined as harmful wild animals (all bear and cougar). Possession of an endangered or threatened species also requires a permit obtained through the Bureau of Endangered Resources, PO Box 7921, Madison WI 53707. A list of these species is found in Wis. Adm. Code ch. NR 27.

This license is not required to possess or exhibit the following: arthropods, chipmunks, pocket gophers, mice, moles, mollusks, opossums, pigeons, porcupines, rats, shrews, English sparrows, starlings, ground squirrels, red squirrels, voles, weasels, pheasants, non-native quail, non-native partridge or other non-native game birds obtained from a lawful captive source.

A Non-Resident Temporary Exhibiting License is effective for the period specified on the license, not to exceed 30 days unless an extension is granted by the department.

General Exhibit Regulations

- Primary enclosures and water receptacles must be cleaned and sanitized as necessary to prevent an accumulation of dirt, debris, food waste, excreta and other disease hazards.
- Material that may not be sanitized, such as absorbent bedding, must be sanitized by removing the contaminated material as necessary to prevent odors, diseases, pests, insects and vermin infestation.
- A copy of the Non-Resident Temporary Exhibiting License must be publicly displayed at the place of the exhibit.
- Each pen must be labeled for the information of the public with the proper common name, in English, of the captive wild animal(s) confined in the pen(s).
- Pens containing bear, cougar, bobcat, lynx, timber wolf, coyote, fox and fisher must be surrounded on all side(s) where the public may approach them by substantial guardrails not less than 3 feet in height. Guardrails shall be well supported and fully enclosed with no greater than 6-inch-square openings from the ground to the top and must be at least 3 feet from the pens in which the captive wild animals are confined.
- Pens, guardrails and fencing must be kept in good repair at all times and all gates and doors must be kept securely locked.
- Captive wild animals held for exhibition purposes may be used in interactive sessions outside of the enclosure only if:
 - The licensee is licensed by the USDA to exhibit animals and complies with the federal animal health regulations found in the Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR 2.1 and 9 CFR 2.131).
 - Harmful wild animals (bear and cougar), timber wolf, coyote, fox, fisher, lynx and bobcat over 3 months of age and all venomous snakes may not be exhibited outside of the enclosure or used in interactive sessions.
- If any bear, cougar, bobcat, lynx, wolf, coyote or fox escapes from its enclosure or fenced area the licensee must notify the department within 24 hours of the escape. Notification may be made by calling the DNR Hotline at 1-800-847-9367.
- Compliance with Local Zoning: Applicants must assure that they are in compliance with local ordinances and zoning regulations on possession of captive wild animals.

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Harmful Wild Animals

Cougar and bear are considered harmful wild animals. Applicants must assure that they will be in compliance with local zoning regulations on possession of captive wildlife, including harmful wild animals.

Amphibians and Reptiles

A Non-Resident Temporary Exhibiting License is required to exhibit native reptiles and amphibians within possession limits established under NR 16.12, Wis. Adm. Code.

Traveling Wildlife Exhibits

No person may transport or exhibit live captive wild animals in transportation enclosures under the authority of a Nonresident Temporary Exhibiting License unless the following requirements are met:

(a) Construction of transportation enclosures. The captive wild animal shall be contained in a transportation enclosure such as a compartment, transport cage, carton or crate. Transportation enclosures used to transport captive wild animals shall be constructed to meet all of the following requirements:

1. The transportation enclosure must be strong enough to contain the captive wild animals securely and comfortably and to withstand the normal rigors of transportation.
2. Transportation enclosures used to transport live captive wild animals shall be large enough to ensure that each animal contained in the transportation enclosure has enough space to turn about normally while standing, to stand and sit erect, and to lie in a natural position.
3. The interior of the transportation enclosure shall have no sharp points or edges and no protrusions that could injure the captive wild animal contained within it.
4. The captive wild animal must at all times be securely contained within the enclosure and may not be able to put any part of its body outside the enclosure in a way that could result in injury to itself, to handlers, or to persons or animals nearby.
5. It must be possible to easily and quickly remove the animals from the enclosures in an emergency.
6. Unless the enclosure is permanently affixed to the conveyance, adequate devices such as handles or handholds shall be provided on its exterior which ensure that anyone handling the enclosure will not come into physical contact with the captive wild animal contained inside.
7. The transportation enclosure shall have ventilation openings located on at least 2 opposing walls of the transportation enclosure and the openings shall be at least 16% of the surface area of each wall, and the total combined surface area of the ventilation openings shall be at least 14% of the total combined surface area of all the walls of the transportation enclosure.
8. The transportation enclosure must have a solid bottom or a slatted or wire mesh floor designed and constructed so that the captive wild animals' feet and legs can not pass between the slats or through the holes in the mesh.
9. Transportation enclosures used to transport captive wild animals shall be positioned in the transportation conveyance so as to provide protection from the elements (wind, rain, snow, sun, etc.).

(b) Cleaning of transportation enclosures. A transportation enclosure used to hold or transport captive wild animals in commerce shall be cleaned and sanitized before each use. If the captive wild animals are in transit for more than 24 hours, the enclosures shall be cleaned to prevent the soiling of the animals by body wastes. If it becomes necessary to remove the captive wild animal from the enclosure in order to clean, or to move the animal to another enclosure, this procedure shall be completed in a way that safeguards the animal from injury and prevents escape.

(c) Compatibility.

1. Live captive wild animals transported in the same transportation enclosure shall be of the same species and be maintained in compatible groups.
2. Captive wild animals that are overly aggressive or exhibit a vicious disposition shall be transported individually in a transportation enclosure.

Note: In order to fill and save this form electronically, it must be opened using Adobe Reader or Acrobat software. Save a copy of the file, open Adobe Reader, select File > Open and browse for the file you saved.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources
Captive Wildlife Program LE/8
PO Box 7921, Madison WI 53707
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Include the required fee with application.

Fee: Non-Resident Temporary Exhibiting License \$50.00

Notice: To possess and exhibit, propagate, and purchase live captive wild animals pursuant to ch. 169, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 16, Wis. Adm. Code, non-resident individuals or businesses are required to provide and submit complete information as requested on this form and obtain a Non-Resident Temporary Exhibiting License. A complete application must be submitted at least 20 business days prior to any captive wild animals entering this state. Operation as an exhibit without a license may result in forfeitures of up to \$500.00 in addition to suspension of eligibility for future licenses. Personally identifiable information collected may be used for participation in surveys, eligibility for approvals, law enforcement (including child support and tax delinquency enforcement) purposes and other secondary purposes. Wisconsin's Public Records law requires the department to provide this information to requesters [ss. 19.31 to 19.39, Wis. Stats.].

A social security or federal tax identification number is REQUIRED when applying for licenses according to s. 169.34 and 169.35, Wis. Stats., but the Department may not disclose it to anyone except the Department of Workforce Development or the Department of Revenue.

Applicant Information

Individual or Business Name		<input type="radio"/> Federal Tax ID OR <input type="radio"/> Social Security No.:		Current License Number (if renewal)	
Contact Name--Last	First	MI	E-Mail Address		
Mailing Address			Daytime Telephone Number		
City	State	ZIP Code	Alternate Telephone Number		

Exhibit Location/Information

Indicate the actual address where the animals will be exhibited below. Be as specific as possible. Include additional sheets if needed.

Exhibit Street Address		Required Attachments: (Check if attached)	
City	County	<input type="checkbox"/> Written proof of authority to possess animals listed below in applicant's home state of residence.	
List Dates of Exhibition (Not to exceed 30 days)		<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of all federal permits required to possess and exhibit animals indicated below.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of animal health certificates required by state and federal law to transport animals into Wisconsin.	
		<i>Note: The license will not be issued unless all required documents are included.</i>	

Indicate the species of animals for which you would like to exhibit below. This license is for animals in **PENS ONLY**.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Felidae (cougar) Harmful wild animal | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Mustelidae (mink, otter, badger) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Ursidae (bear) Harmful wild animal | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Felidae (bobcat, lynx) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Canidae (coyote, fox, wolf) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amphibians and Reptiles. List species: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfowl of the species approved for which you possess a USFWS permit or receipt. List species: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> List any other native Wisconsin wild animal species (mammals and birds) : _____ | |

Species exemptions: A Non-Resident Temporary Exhibiting License is not required to possess, or exhibit the following: arthropods, chipmunks, pocket gophers, mice, moles, mollusks, opossums, pigeons, porcupines, rats, shrews, English sparrows, starlings, ground squirrels, red squirrels, voles, weasels, pheasants, non-native quail and non-native partridge. All such animals must be lawfully obtained from a lawful captive source.

Certification

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. Furthermore, I certify that the applicant possesses all other local, state and federal license and permits required to possess and exhibit the above species of wild animals in this state and the applicant's state of residence. I understand that providing incorrect information may result in revocation of this license and possible penalties.

Signature of Applicant	Date
Approval Signature (DNR Personnel)	Date

Retain the attached information sheets for your records.