

## Wild Animal Possession Permit Application Process

Wild Animal Possession Permits are required for the possession of the species of wild animals listed below that are typically kept as a pet (certain exemptions apply, such as for mammals held under a game breeder's license or USDA exhibitor's license). There are basic housing requirements and the animal must be legally obtained (with documentation such as a receipt from a breeder). Requirements are set forth in Indiana Administrative Code in 312 IAC 9-11.

### **Class I**

Eastern Cottontail Rabbit  
Fox Squirrel  
Gray Squirrel  
Southern Flying Squirrel  
Endangered Species of Mammals

### **Class II**

Beaver  
Coyote  
Gray Fox (includes their colors)  
Red Fox (includes their colors like silver, marble, and cross)  
Raccoon  
Striped Skunk (includes their colors)  
Muskrat  
Long-tailed Weasel  
Virginia Opossum  
Wild cats (such as servals and other small cats), other than feral cats and those listed as Class III

### **Class III**

Bears (all species)  
Wild Cats (other than feral cats and those listed as Class II)  
Wolves (purebred only)  
Venomous Reptiles (includes venomous snakes and lizards)  
Crocodilians that are 5 feet in length or more

**Class I and II Wild Animals:** Submit the signed, completed application form within five (5) days of taking possession of the animal with the payment of \$10 (made payable to Indiana DNR).

**Class III Wild Animals:** Submit the signed, completed application form before taking possession of the animal with the payment of \$10. In addition to the primary housing requirements, the cage or enclosure required for a Class III wild animal must also be surrounded by a perimeter chain link fence which is at least 6 feet high (or in a locked room in a house with walls of equal height and strength) and have secondary housing such as a den or transport crate in which the animal can be secured.

### **All Species:**

Mail the application form to Indianapolis with the fee of \$10 where it will be forwarded to the appropriate conservation officer. A conservation officer must do an inspection to ensure that the housing requirements are met (as required in 312 IAC 9-11) and that the animal is/will be legally obtained prior to the issuance of a permit. Documentation is required to verify legal acquisition of the animal (such as a receipt from a breeder).

For new applications, the signature of a veterinarian is not required on the application. The animal will need to be examined by a veterinarian within forty-five (45) days of the issuance of the permit, and a copy of the receipt or a signature from the veterinarian on the application form will be needed by that time. For renewal applications, the signature of a veterinarian is required, attesting that the animal appears to be free of disease and in good health. If a signature cannot be obtained, a health certificate or other proof that the animal was examined by a veterinarian must be submitted. No vaccinations are required by the Indiana DNR for an animal held under a wild animal possession permit.