



Captive Wildlife Permit Application and Checklist

New Renewal – Current Permit # (Required)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant (First, Middle Initial and Last Name): _____

Social Security # or Federal Tax I.D. #: _____

Name of Business (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Kentucky Resident Yes No

County (if resident) _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Commercial License & Fees: fw.ky.gov/Licenses/Pages/Commercial-License-Fees.aspx

Statement of Fact: (Required by KRS 164.772)

I hereby state that I am not in arrears or default on a repayment obligation under any financial assistance program with Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. I understand that if I am in arrears or default on a repayment obligation under any financial assistance program with Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, my license or permit may not be issued or renewed.

Statement:

I, the undersigned, hereby state that upon signing this instrument, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) and all of its employees shall be released of any liability that might occur as a result of my issuance of this license or permit. I certify that I have read and understand 301 KAR 2:081. Further, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information herein is correct and true.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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| Office Use Only |
| Date: _____ |
| Reviewed by: _____ |
| Approved: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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PURPOSE

- Pet
- Personal Use
- Commercial Use
- Propagation for personal use
- Propagation for commercial use Exhibition
- Education
- Dog Training Area
- Shooting Area
- Shoot to Retrieve Field Trial
- Bobwhite Quail Shoot to Train Scientific Collection
- Educational Collection
- Foxhound Training Enclosure
- Other

If you chose "Foxhound Training Enclosure" as your purpose, provide the following information for the Foxhound Training Enclosure:

Permit Holder Name:

Facility Name:

Facility Address:

County:

FEDERALLY PROTECTED SPECIES

Check if you possess Federally Protected Species (migratory birds or endangered species). You must provide a copy of your HSEWS Federal Permit for migratory birds or endangered species. (Certain institutions are exempt from federal permitting requirements for migratory birds per 50 CFR 21.12.)

LEGAL SOURCE FROM WHICH YOUR ANIMALS WILL BE SECURED (REQUIRED)

(Multiple sources should be listed on back)

Name: Business Name (if applicable):
Telephone: Email:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

*Out of state sources require a valid wildlife transportation permit prior to importation.

Live Trap during legal season Provide Trapping License Number: _____

(Reptiles and amphibians can be collected year-round without a trapping license)

OR

Check here if no new stock has been obtained since your last application and you do not plan to obtain new stock.

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INITIAL THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS

_____ I understand that any permit issued is void if the transaction involves any violation of federal or state wildlife laws or regulations.

_____ I, the undersigned, shall indemnify and hold harmless KDFWR and all of its officers, agents, and employees from all suits, actions or claims of any character because of any injuries or damages received by any person, persons, or property resulting from my holding of wildlife species in captivity based upon this authorization, to the extent allowed by Kentucky law. No part of this agreement shall constitute, either directly or indirectly, a waiver of sovereign immunity granted under the Kentucky Constitution, Section 231, and the United States Constitution, Eleventh Amendment.

_____ I understand that receipt and cashing of payment does not imply approval of permit request. Correct payment must accompany application.

_____ I certify and understand that my permit shall be revoked and/or denied and wildlife confiscated if I fail to comply with the provisions of this administrative regulation, 301 KAR 2:041, 301 KAR 2:082, 301 KAR 2:084, 301 KAR 2:195, 301 KAR 2:230, or 301 KAR 2:251, if I am convicted of a violation of KRS Chapter 150, any department regulation, or any federal statute or regulation related to hunting, fishing, or wildlife or if I falsify information on this application, reports, or corresponding documents.

_____ I certify that I have not been convicted for a violation of KRS Chapter 150, 301 KAR 2:081 and/or 301 KAR 2:082, the administrative regulations promulgated under its authority, or hunting, fishing, or wildlife laws of the federal government, within the denial period established in 301 KAR 2:081.

_____ I certify and understand that it is my responsibility to renew and possess a valid captive wildlife permit prior to the expiration date listed on the permit.

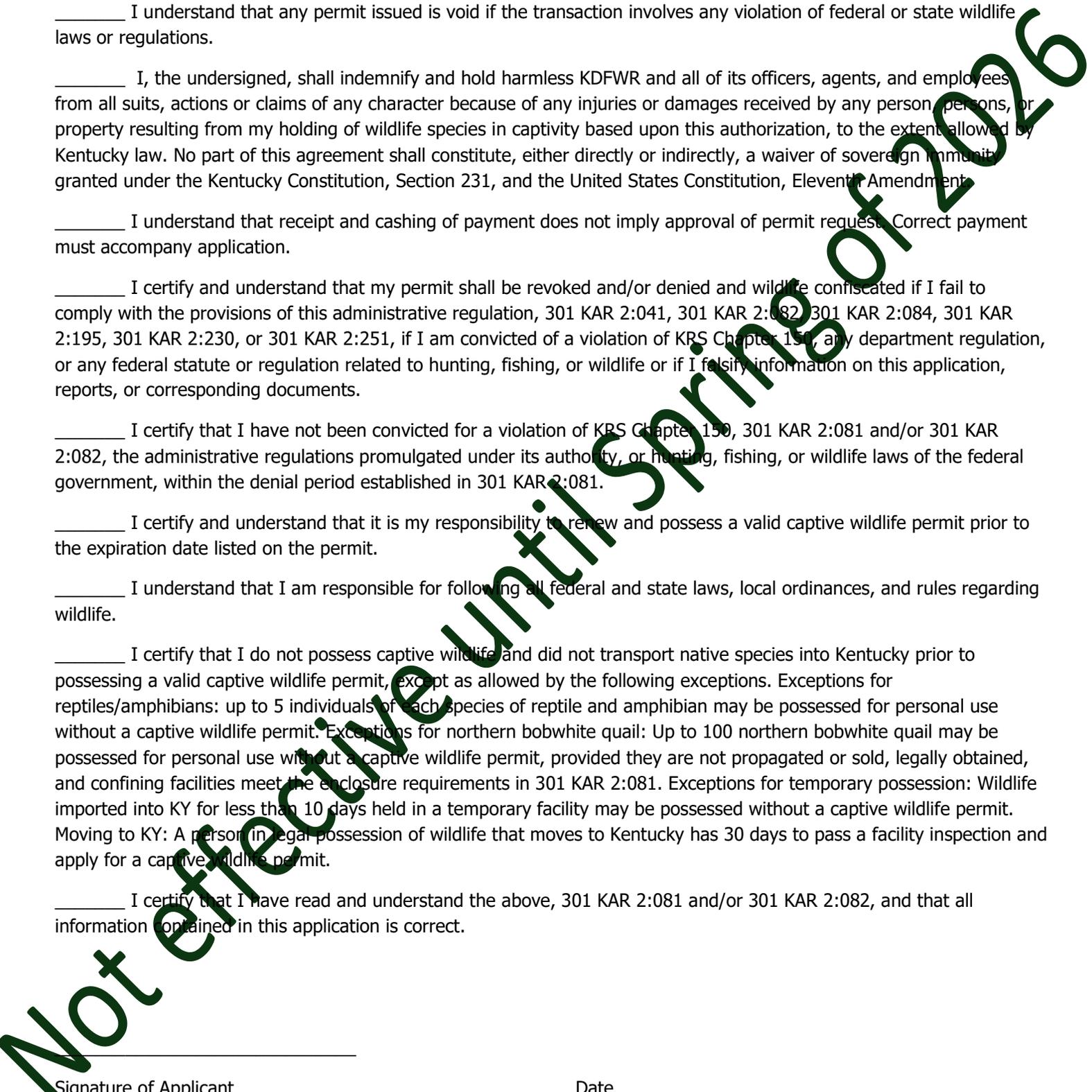
_____ I understand that I am responsible for following all federal and state laws, local ordinances, and rules regarding wildlife.

_____ I certify that I do not possess captive wildlife and did not transport native species into Kentucky prior to possessing a valid captive wildlife permit, except as allowed by the following exceptions. Exceptions for reptiles/amphibians: up to 5 individuals of each species of reptile and amphibian may be possessed for personal use without a captive wildlife permit. Exceptions for northern bobwhite quail: Up to 100 northern bobwhite quail may be possessed for personal use without a captive wildlife permit, provided they are not propagated or sold, legally obtained, and confining facilities meet the enclosure requirements in 301 KAR 2:081. Exceptions for temporary possession: Wildlife imported into KY for less than 10 days held in a temporary facility may be possessed without a captive wildlife permit. Moving to KY: A person in legal possession of wildlife that moves to Kentucky has 30 days to pass a facility inspection and apply for a captive wildlife permit.

_____ I certify that I have read and understand the above, 301 KAR 2:081 and/or 301 KAR 2:082, and that all information obtained in this application is correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date



FACILITY INSPECTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY KDFWR LAW ENFORCEMENT)

Name: _____
Facility Name: _____
Facility Address: _____

Section 1. Complete for NEW permit applicants

- Yes No Does the applicant currently possess the wildlife species they are applying
Yes No for? The applicant is eighteen (18) years of age or older.

Section 2. Complete for ALL permit applicants

- Yes No Mark "YES" if the applicant has obeyed KRS 150 and federal wildlife laws (has not been convicted of a violation of KRS 150 or federal wildlife law or had permit revoked or denied during the denial period established in 301 KAR 2:081.
- Yes No The applicant has indicated a legal source for where/how they will obtain the wildlife species.
- Yes No Holding facilities meet or exceed the minimum enclosure sizes required by 301 KAR 2:081, or 50 C.F.R. 21.29 for federally protected birds.
- Yes No The cages, pens, or other enclosures for confining native wildlife are of sufficient strength to*:
 - Prevent the escape of the captive animals;
 - Protect the caged animals from injury and predators; and
 - Prevent the entrance of free individuals of the same species.*Wing-clipped and pinioned birds may be kept in suitable unroofed enclosures even though wild birds may enter.
- Yes No A shelter is provided for security and protection from inclement weather, and shade and overhead structure is provided for warm seasons.

Section 3. Complete for permit applicants who **currently possess legally held wildlife**

(i.e. **RENEWALS, or BOBWHITE, REPTILE and AMPHIBIAN, OR GRANDFATHERED SPECIES EXCEPTIONS**)

Yes No

Wildlife is maintained in sanitary and safe conditions resulting in proper treatment and good health of wildlife. Clean drinking water is provided daily in clean containers.

Yes No

Yes No

If present, swimming or wading pools are clean to ensure good water quality.

Yes No

Yes No

Enclosures provide adequate drainage of water.

Yes No

Yes No

Feeding containers are kept clean and uneaten food removed within a reasonable time. Food is provided daily and is in an unspoiled and uncontaminated condition

Yes No

Fecal and food waste is removed from enclosure daily and stored or disposed of in a manner that prevents noxious odors or insect pests.

Yes No

Enclosure is ventilated to prevent noxious odors.

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Name: _____

Facility Name: _____

Facility Address: _____

Section 4. Complete for permit applicants who possess legally held, prohibited wildlife

| Species | Sex | Age | Scanned (Y or N) | Microchip # | Additional information (Name, identifying marks, etc) |
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Yes No Applicant only possesses legally obtained grandfathered species and has not acquired additional prohibited

Yes No species Species, age, and description match previous records and applications

Yes No Prohibited wildlife species are not reproducing

Yes No Prohibited species are maintained in an enclosure sufficient to prevent escape and direct contact with the public

Section 5. Complete for Mobile Facilities

Yes No The mobile facility is equipped to provide fresh air and adequate protection from the elements, without injurious

Yes No drafts. The animal housing area is free of engine exhaust fumes.

Yes No cage is large enough to ensure that each animal has sufficient room to stand erect and lay naturally.

Yes No The structural strength of the enclosure is sufficient to contain the live animals and to withstand the normal rigors of transportation.

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I certify that I have inspected this facility.

Conservation Officer Name (Print)

Signature

Badge #

Date Make checks payable to KDFWR

Mail completed application and check or money order to: The Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601 ATTN: Captive Wildlife Permit

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Minimum Enclosure Sizes and Associated Requirements for Stationary Facilities (301 KAR 2:081, Section 9)

Birds

Northern bobwhite older than fourteen (14) weeks shall be held in an enclosure with the following minimum specifications:

1. An enclosure for a single Northern bobwhite shall be a minimum of 100 square feet.
2. There shall be an increase in one (1) square foot per additional bobwhite.
3. Bobwhite may be held in smaller breeding pens during the breeding season.

A **duck** shall be held in an enclosure with the following minimum specifications:

1. No more than two (2) pairs or one (1) pair and their offspring prior to first molt shall be confined to an area smaller than 100 square feet;
2. There shall be at least two (2) square feet of additional land space for each additional adult duck.

A **goose** shall be held in an enclosure with the following minimum specifications:

1. No more than two (2) pair or one (1) pair and their offspring prior to first molt shall be confined to an area smaller than 500 square feet;
2. There shall be a minimum of fifty (50) square feet of water that is two (2) feet or greater in depth; and
3. There shall be at least 100 square feet of land and twenty-five (25) square feet of water surface for each additional adult goose.

Ruffed grouse shall be held in an enclosure with the following minimum specifications:

1. There shall be 200 square feet of floor space for five (5) or fewer birds with a height of at least six (6) feet; and
2. There shall be an additional twenty (20) square feet of floor space for each additional bird.

Raptors shall be held in an enclosure meeting the federal falconry standards described in 50 C.F.R. Part 21.29.

Mammals

A **bat** shall be kept in an enclosure with the following minimum specifications:

1. A little brown bat, long-eared bat, and pipistrelle shall be kept in an enclosure that is at least 6 ft. x 6 ft. x 6 ft.
2. An evening or red bat shall be kept in an enclosure that is at least 8 ft. x 12 ft. x 8 ft.
3. A big brown or hoary bat shall be kept in an enclosure that is at least 10 ft. x 20 ft. x 8 ft.

A **fox, bobcat, or raccoon** shall be held in an enclosure with the following minimum specifications:

1. A single animal enclosure shall be 8 ft. x 8 ft. x 6 ft.; and
2. There shall be thirty (30) square feet floor space for each additional animal.

A **coyote** shall be held in an enclosure with the following minimum specifications:

1. A single animal enclosure shall be 8 ft. x 8 ft. x 6 ft.; and
2. There shall be twenty-five (25) square feet floor space for each additional animal.

A **beaver** shall be held in an enclosure with the following minimum specifications:

1. A single animal enclosure shall be 8 ft. x 12 ft. x 6 ft. with a 4 ft. x 6 ft. pool that is three (3) feet deep at one (1) end;
2. There shall be an increase in horizontal cage size and pool size by eight (8) square feet for each additional animal;
3. An otter shall have a slide and a dry place for sleeping and retreat; and
4. A beaver shall be supplied with gnawing logs and a dry place for sleeping and retreat.

Muskrat and mink shall be held in an enclosure with the following minimum specifications:

1. A single animal enclosure shall be 6 ft. x 4 ft. x 3 ft. with a 2 ft. x 4 ft. pool which is two (2) feet deep at one (1) end;
2. There shall be an increase in horizontal cage size by eight (8) square feet and a pool size of two (2) square feet for each additional animal; and
3. A muskrat shall have gnawing material.

A **gray squirrel, fox squirrel, or flying squirrel** shall be held in an enclosure with the following minimum specifications:

1. A single animal enclosure shall be 4 ft. x 4 ft. x 8 ft.; and
2. There shall be an increase in floor space by two (2) square feet for each additional animal.

A **skunk, opossum, rabbit, or woodchuck** shall be held in an enclosure with the following minimum specifications:

1. A single animal enclosure shall be 6 ft. x 8 ft. x 8 ft.;
2. There shall be an increase in floor space by four (4) square feet for each additional animal; and
3. A woodchuck shall have several gnawing logs approximately six (6) inches in diameter.

A **weasel** shall be held in an enclosure with the following minimum specifications:

1. A single animal enclosure shall be 3 ft. x 3 ft. x 3 ft.; and
2. There shall be an increase in floor space by three (3) square feet for each additional animal.

Reptiles or Amphibians - No Minimum Enclosure Sizes are Required

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