



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION



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Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Application and Release of Liability

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Organization Name (if any): _____ County: _____

Phone number(s): _____ Driver's License # _____

Email Address: _____ SSN: _____

Facility Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Does applicant live at Facility Address? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, provide address of residence: _____

RELEASE:

I, _____ of _____
(Print full name of applicant) (Address)

do hereby remise, release, forever discharge, indemnify and hold harmless, and for my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns do hereby remise, release, forever discharge, indemnify and hold harmless, the State of Alabama, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the employees of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and its successors and assigns, of and from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, rights, and causes of action of whatsoever kind and nature arising from or by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injuries, damage to property, and the consequences thereof, resulting from the rehabilitation or release of wildlife on my property located in the following Alabama county:

_____.

***SPECIES INTERESTED IN ACCEPTING FOR REHABILITATION:**

* Note: species for which a rehabilitation permit is issued may vary from those requested.

Have you ever held a rehabilitation permit or any captive wildlife permit in this or any other state? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list permit name, state, and contact information for permitting agency:

Have you ever received a warning or written citation for violation of a wildlife law or regulation, or animal cruelty in this or any state?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list state and contact information for agency involved: _____

AGREEMENT:

I hereby take full responsibility for wildlife held by me in temporary captivity. My signature below indicates that I have read, understand, and agree to the conditions of the Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit as detailed in this application document and on permit letter. I acknowledge that handling wildlife carries the potential of exposure to zoonotic disease that can be fatal to humans, pets, and livestock. I agree to release the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division from any liability related to the activities authorized by this permit, as indicated by my signature below:

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, or disability in its hiring or employment practices nor in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities.

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) No person shall keep, hold, or possess in captivity for the purposes of rehabilitation any live wildlife, without first obtaining a Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit from the Director or his designee.
- 2) Applicant must be an Alabama resident age 19 or older, and a legal resident of the United States.
- 3) First-time applicant must score at least 80% on a written examination administered by the Division. Examination will be administered by appointment at any Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division office.
- 4) Applicant must submit a nonrefundable \$75 administration fee with application payable to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- 5) Applicant must submit a Letter of Support from a licensed veterinarian practicing in Alabama which indicates that they are willing to cooperate with the applicant as needed for medication distribution, medical procedures, and euthanasia.
- 6) Applicant must submit a letter from their corresponding County Commission or City Council confirming that containing wildlife is not prohibited on the Facility property by local laws or ordinances.
- 7) Applicant must possess suitable enclosures for designated species:
 - a) For mammals*, reptiles, and game birds: applicant must possess indoor enclosures for designated wildlife species which are housed in a detached structure separate from human and domestic pet habitation, with its own potable water and electrical power supply, and that are equal to or larger than those listed for “nursing/pre-weaned” in *Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation (4rd Edition)* published by the National Wildlife Rehabilitator’s Association (NRWA). First-time applicant must submit photos and dimensions of these indoor enclosures to the Division and submit to an on-site inspection of these enclosures by Division staff before permit will be issued. *Indoor enclosures are not required for deer.
 - b) For mammals, reptiles, and game birds: Applicant must possess outdoor enclosures for designated wildlife species that are equal to or larger than those dimensions listed for “juveniles outside” in: *Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation (4rd Edition)* published by the National Wildlife Rehabilitator’s Association (NRWA). First-time applicants must submit photos and dimensions of these outdoor enclosures to the Division and participate in a scheduled on-site inspection and approval of these enclosures by Division staff before permit will be issued.
 - c) For migratory birds listed in 50 CFR 10.13: applicant must possess enclosures as required by the USFWS and supply the Division with a copy of a current Federal Migratory Bird Rehabilitation Permit issued by the USFWS before being considered for a permit to rehabilitate migratory birds in Alabama. In addition to federal requirements, permittee must comply with state requirements and permit conditions for migratory bird rehabilitation. Both federal and state rehabilitation permits are required to possess migratory birds for the purposes of rehabilitation. A federal bird rehabilitation permit holder may not possess migratory birds for the purposes of rehabilitation unless they are also granted an Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit.
- 8) A Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit is issued to an individual named permittee, and wildlife must be kept at the location(s) specified on the permit. Volunteers may assist the permittee at the permittee’s authorized, inspected facility and may not care for animals away from the designated facility. A permittee using volunteers shall keep on file an updated list of volunteers and their contact information and provide this information to Division staff upon request.
- 9) Wildlife Rehabilitation Permits are not issued to individuals who are holding wildlife in captivity illegally or who have had prior incidents or complaints related to wildlife violations in this or any state.
- 10) The Division may elect to deny a permit despite general requirements being met if there is no demonstrated need for rehabilitators in the permittee’s area or for other reasons at the discretion of the Division.

DEFINITIONS:

“Division” – Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

“Director” - The Director of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

“Wildlife” – Wild animal species, to include all species designated as game animals in 220-2-.06, furbearers designated in 220-2-.30, those listed as protected nongame species in 220-2-.92, game birds designated in 220-2-.04, and all bird species protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act as listed in 50 CFR 10.13.

“Designated Species” – Those wildlife species which a rehabilitator is specifically permitted to possess for the purposes of rehabilitation.

“Animal” – any individual specimen being held under a Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit.

“Rehabilitation” – the action or process of restoring wildlife to a condition of health after illness or injury, or of maintaining health in young wildlife to an age of independence, with the goal of its release into the wild. Rehabilitation activities also include euthanasia.

“Wildlife Rehabilitator” – an individual person authorized by permit to conduct rehabilitation activities; permittee.

“Facility” – The authorized location(s) approved for Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit activities.

“USFWS” – The United States Fish & Wildlife Service

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

1). Applicant must complete and submit the Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Application and Release of Liability to the address below along with nonrefundable \$75 administrative fee payable to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in addition to the following:

- a) Copy of current driver’s license.
- b) Letter of Support from a licensed veterinarian practicing in Alabama.
- c) Letter from County Commission or City Council.

All required documents must be submitted collectively via mail to:

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division
64 North Union Street, Suite 584
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

2). Division will contact applicant via email to confirm receipt of application documents, provide information about and schedule written examination, and indicate designated species.

3.) After scoring at least 80% on written examination, applicant can begin construction of enclosures as indicated for designated species.

4). Applicant must submit photos and dimensions of all enclosures to:
DCNR.wildliferehabilitation@dcnr.alabama.gov

- 5). Division will contact applicant via email to confirm receipt of enclosure information and schedule a Division inspection of completed enclosures.
- 6). Upon successful completion of the above, a Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit may be issued in the form of a letter which will include specific permit conditions and term of permit. Permit applications are reviewed on an annual basis and permit conditions are subject to change.