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 Department of Natural Resources
 Captive Wildlife Program LE/8
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 Madison WI 53707-7921
dnr.wi.gov

Captive Wild Animal Farm License Application

Consult the attached instructions before completing

Notice: Pursuant to ch. 169, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 16, Wis. Adm. Code, completion of this form is required to apply for a captive wild animal farm license. Operation of a captive wild animal farm without a license may result in forfeitures of up to \$500 in addition to suspension of eligibility for future licenses. A social security number or federal employer identification number is REQUIRED when applying for licenses according to ss. 169.34 and 169.35, Wis. Stats., but it may not be disclosed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to anyone except the Departments of Children and Families, Workforce Development or the Department of Revenue. 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 Public Records laws (ss. 19.31-19.39, Wis. Stats.).

Fees:	
Class A Captive Wild Animal Farm (Annual sales of \$10,000 or more)	\$200 Initial license \$100 Annual renewal
Class B Captive Wild Animal Farm (Annual sales less than \$10,000)	\$50 Initial license \$ 25 Annual renewal
	\$ 0 Sport Club or 4-H member under age 14. Attach proof of current membership
+ \$20 Late fee if application filed after license expiration date.	

A. Applicant Information

Last Name		First		MI	DNR Customer ID		Current License # (if renewal)	
Address					Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		<input type="radio"/> SSN OR <input type="radio"/> FEIN	
City		State	ZIP Code		Daytime Phone (incl. area code)		Alternate Phone # or FAX	
Business Name (if applicable)				Email				
Mailing Address				City		State	ZIP Code	
If Lessee, name of Property Owner				I Hereby Certify that I am the: <input type="radio"/> Owner <input type="radio"/> Lessee If lessee, MUST include copy of lease.				

B. Animal Species Information

Indicate below, the species of animals for which you would like to be licensed. The captive wild animal farm license is for animals in **PENS ONLY**.

Harmful Wild Animal

If applying to hold a harmful wild animal you **must** also complete the respective form (listed) for each species of animal held.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Anatidae (Mute Swan) - form 9400-577A | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Felidae (Cougar) - form 9400-577C |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Ursidae (Bear) - form 9400-577B | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Canidae (Wolf-dog Hybrid) - form 9400-577D |

Other Species of Native Wild Animals

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Mustelidae (Mink, Otter, Badger) | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Felidae (Bobcat, Lynx) | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Canidae (Coyote, Fox, Wolf) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amphibians and Reptiles (must apply for a class A license for these species if you intend to sell any native species or possess more than 5 leopard frogs, tiger salamanders or mud puppies) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfowl for which you possess a USFWS permit to possess. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other species (mammals and birds), List all that apply: | | |

C. Animal Species Location

Indicate the actual address where the animals are located below. include additional sheets if needed and be as specific as possible.

Do you plan to Exhibit?
 Yes No If Yes, complete the following information

Property Street Address				Exhibit Street Address							
City		State	ZIP Code	County		City		State	ZIP Code	County	
Section	Township	Range	<input type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> City <input type="radio"/> Town <input type="radio"/> Village <input type="radio"/> W of		Section	Township	Range	<input type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> City <input type="radio"/> Town <input type="radio"/> Village <input type="radio"/> W of			

D. Certification

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand that providing incorrect information may result in revocation of my license and possible penalties.

Signature of Applicant	Date Signed
If Applicant is less than 18 years of age, Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date Signed

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Please read these instructions before completing this application.

The following information is provided to assist you in determining which class of Captive Wild Animal Farm License you require and in completing the application. This document **does not** contain a complete set of Wisconsin's laws applicable to captive wild animal farms.

For complete listing of Wisconsin's laws pertaining to captive wild animal farms and licenses, consult [ch. 169, Stats.](#), and [ch. NR 16, Wis. Adm. Code](#). [Captive Wild Animal Farm Regulations, PUB-CS-17](#), is a summary of Wisconsin's captive wild animal farm laws and regulations. It is available online at dnr.wi.gov, keyword search "captive".

Captive Wild Animal Farm License (CWAFL) – General Information

A CWAFL authorizes the holder to possess, propagate, kill, exhibit, purchase and sell live captive wild animals of the species specified by the department on the license. A captive wild animal farm license does **NOT** authorize taking, capturing or killing animals from the wild, or the possession, care or rehabilitation of orphaned or injured wild animals. All captive wild animals must be obtained from a legal captive source. Captive wild animals can be killed only by the holder of the license or an employee of the holder of the license. The licensee may only sell live animals of the species listed on the license and only to persons authorized to possess these species.

- This license is for captive wild animals confined to **PENS**. It is not issued for open, unenclosed acreage and does not authorize hunting or dog training. The location of the facility(s) must be specified on the application.
- This license is required to possess native wild animals; non-native wild ducks, geese, brant or swans; non-native wild animals that are harmful wild animals (all bear, cougars, wolf-dog hybrids and mute swans); and threatened or endangered species. Note: Possession of an endangered or threatened species first requires a permit obtained through the [Bureau of Endangered Resources](#), PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. A list of these species is found in [ch. NR 27, Wis. Adm. Code](#).
- **A Class A CWAFL** is required when a farm grosses \$10,000 or more in annual sales of the species licensed.
- **A Class B CWAFL** is allowed when a farm grosses less than \$10,000 in annual sales of the species licensed.
- **Fee Structure:** A person applying for 2 or more captive wildlife licenses that are necessary to engage in a single business or other operation shall pay a total fee that equals the fee for the license with the highest fee that is required, plus 50% of the fee for each additional required license.
- The initial license fee is waived for an individual less than 14 years of age if the individual is a member of a 4-H club or a sporting club. A sporting club is a non-profit organization whose primary purpose is wildlife related outdoor recreation. Proof of membership must be enclosed with the application.
- A captive wild animal farm license is effective from the date issued through the following December 31st.

A CWAFL is not required:

- to possess the following, provided they are not endangered or threatened species: arthropods and mollusks (Note: other licenses and restrictions apply to collection and possession of clams and crayfish), chipmunks, pocket gophers, mice, moles, opossums, pigeons, porcupines, rats, shrews, English sparrows, starlings, ground squirrels, red squirrels, voles, weasels, pheasants, non-native quail and non-native partridge. These animals must be obtained from a legal source.
- to keep pheasants or other non-native game birds in pens. A bird hunting preserve license is required to use or release pheasants to hunt outside normal hunting seasons or bag limits. If game birds are used for dog training or trails outside of a bird hunting preserve, a bird dog training or trial license is required.

Other Required Permits:

- In addition to this license, a person may also be required to possess other local, state, or federal agency permits to possess, exhibit or transport captive wild animals.
- Import permits are required from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to bring animals into Wisconsin from another state or country.

Record and Reporting Requirements:

- **License holders must submit** copies of records or reports required to be kept under [ch. NR 16, Wis. Adm. Code](#) or under s. [169.36, Stats.](#), to the department by required deadlines or upon request.
- CWAFL may not be renewed when the licensee fails without good cause to submit all records required by s. 169.36, Stats., by the required deadlines or within 10 days of a request for the records.

Escapes: If any bear, cougar, wolf-dog hybrid, mute swan, wolf, bobcat, lynx, coyote or fox escapes from its enclosure or fenced area, the licensee must notify the department within 24 hours of the escape. This may be done by calling the DNR Hotline at 1-800-847-9367.

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A: Applicant Information: Leased Land

If land is leased, a copy of the lease MUST accompany the application. All lease(s) shall be in writing and shall include:

1. Specific authorization of the right to establish a captive wild animal farm for the term of the captive wild animal farm license.
2. Name of the land owner(s) and lessee(s).
3. A legal description of the land leased.
4. Signatures of both owner(s) and lessee(s).
5. The term (length) of the lease.
6. Identify any conditions placed on the lease.

B: Animal Species Information:

Harmful Wild Animals: Bear, Cougar, Wolf-dog hybrids and Mute Swans are designated as harmful wild animals.

Additional requirements exist for these species including:

- **Additional Species-specific Application:** No CWAFL application will be approved for the possession of harmful wild animals unless the application is accompanied by the appropriate additional species-specific application.
- **Perimeter Fencing:** 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 humans from entering the area where the primary enclosure is located. Mute swans and wolf-dog hybrids are exempt from the perimeter fence requirement.
- **Written assurance** that the application is in compliance with local ordinances and zoning rules.
- **Enhancement Plan:** In addition to environmental enrichment requirements, bear and cougar license holders shall develop, document and follow an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of these captive wild animals.
- **Confinement Area:** In addition to required guard rails for exhibits and compliance with general pen requirements, all facilities or pen locations where harmful wild animals are kept must be in compliance with minimum specific requirements and additional pen standards that apply to the species held.
- **Exhibition of animals** (if applicable): harmful wild animals may only be exhibited at the location authorized on the license.
- **Inspection of pens and perimeter fences** by the department is required before any license that list bear, cougar, wolf-dog hybrid or mute swan will be issued.

Amphibians and Reptiles:

A Class A CWAFL is required:

- to take or possess more than 5 leopard frogs, tiger salamanders and mud puppies **taken in Wisconsin;**
- to sell northern leopard frogs, mudpuppies and eastern tiger salamanders **taken in Wisconsin;**
- for the sale or possession of native amphibians and reptiles that were legally taken or reared outside of Wisconsin. Note: These can only be sold to educational or research institutions in Wisconsin or to someone located outside of Wisconsin.

Migratory Waterfowl:

- Additional regulations related to the possession of migratory waterfowl can be found in ch. NR 16, Wis. Adm. Code and in *Captive Wild Animal Farm Regulations* (PUB -CS-17) available online at dnr.wi.gov, keyword search "captive"

C: Animal Species Location

Exhibition of Captive Wild Animals: If you choose to exhibit captive wild animals under the authority of a Captive Wild Animal Farm License, all pen specifications, humane handling, care, and treatment requirements found in [ch. NR 16, Wis. Adm. Code](#), must be met including:

- Captive wild animals held for exhibition purposes may be used in interactive sessions outside of the enclosure provided the licensee is licensed by USDA to exhibit animals under 9 CFR 2.1 and follows all of the requirements identified in 9 CFR 2.131.
- **NOTE:** the following captive wild animals must **NOT** be used in interactive sessions or exhibited outside of the enclosure:
 - o The following Captive wild animals that are greater than 3 months of age: Bear, cougar, wolf-dog hybrid, mute swan, bobcat, lynx, timber wolf, coyote, fox and fisher.
 - o Venomous snakes
- Pens of most animals being exhibited shall 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 and fully enclosed with not greater than 6 inch square fencing and shall be erected not less than 3 feet from the pens in which the animals are confined.
- Pens, guard rails and fencing shall be kept in good repair at all times and all gates and doors shall be kept securely locked.
- **Bear, cougar, wolf-dog hybrid and mute swan** may be exhibited **only at the location authorized on the license**. Any exhibition of these harmful wild animals at an alternate location requires special written approval from the DNR.