

## COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 WRC

**6. WILDLIFE REHABILITATION****Today's Item****Information** ☐**Action** ☒

Discuss and potentially make recommendations on a potential future rulemaking to make improvements to the regulatory framework for authorizing wildlife rehabilitation, including forms, wildlife care standards, permit revocation and denial standards, and other changes.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

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| • Initial vetting  | September 15, 2022; WRC   |
| • Discussion   | January 11-12, 2023; WRC  |
| • Discussion   | May 17, 2023; WRC         |
| • <b>Today's discussion and potential recommendation</b> | <b>September 19, 2023</b> |

**Background**

In California, a wildlife rehabilitation facility is defined as "a site where activities are undertaken to restore to a condition of good health, for the purpose of release to the wild, animals occurring naturally and not normally domesticated in this state." Currently, 85 wildlife rehabilitation facilities operate under permits issued by the Department.

Wildlife rehabilitation permits are issued for a three-year period and include (by reference) international wildlife care standards that each facility must abide by in its operations. The minimum standards, currently referenced in regulation in Section 679, were developed in 2000; revisions to the Commission's wildlife rehabilitation regulations are needed to bring them up to the most current standards of animal care and welfare. The Department is proposing a new rehabilitation manual specific to California, to be incorporated in proposed regulation changes, outlining the standards of care (see draft in Exhibit 1).

The current permit application system for wildlife rehabilitation facilities consists of paper or PDF applications sent to the Department via mail service or email. Along with each permit, the Department issues a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that outlines specific terms and conditions governing the permit. The Department is proposing regulation changes that will update and introduce several forms (Exhibit 2), allowing integration with the Department's Automated License Data System. The Department's proposal also updates many other aspects of wildlife rehabilitation in California.

Initially presented at the May 17, 2023 WRC meeting, today the Department will present its updated proposal for changes to the wildlife rehabilitation regulations to bring them up to modern standards (Exhibit 1), including:

- Updating forms and other documents incorporated into the regulation by reference;
- defining categories of individuals associated with rehabilitation, to more clearly delineate responsibilities and authorizations;
- updating permitting requirements and procedures;

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- bringing animal care standards to the most modern criteria established by the field, updating facility protocol and standard operating procedure requirements, and establishing specialty rehabilitation guidelines;
- adding and/or updating administrative requirements, such as succession plans, biosecurity plans, and emergency evacuation plans;
- amending Department authorities for permit revocation, suspension and denial; and
- moving to an electronic permitting system.

Further information and details are available in exhibits 2 through 5. The Wildlife Resources Committee will discuss these options and potentially make a recommendation to the Commission regarding changes to wildlife rehabilitation regulations.

**Significant Public Comments (N/A)****Recommendation**

**Commission staff:** Based on the Department's presentation and today's discussion, recommend the Commission support a future rulemaking regarding wildlife rehabilitation.

**Department:** Support a future rulemaking regarding wildlife rehabilitation.

**Exhibits**

1. [Department presentation](#)
2. [Department frequently asked questions for Section 670 rulemaking process, dated August 2023](#)
3. [Department draft 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual, revised September 14, 2023](#)
4. [Draft proposed new forms](#)
5. [Draft proposed new regulation text](#)

**Committee Direction/Recommendation**

The Wildlife Resources Committee recommends that the Commission support a future rulemaking regarding wildlife rehabilitation, based on the Department's recommendation and today's discussion.

# **Title 14, Section 679 Possession of Wildlife and Wildlife Rehabilitation**

Presented to the  
California Fish and Game Commission  
Wildlife Resources Committee on  
September 19, 2023



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# California Department of Fish and Wildlife Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Program

- Wild Animal intakes: 125,000+
- Permitted Facilities: 81
- Satellite Facilities: 500+ (Known)
- Facility Staff & Volunteers: 3,000+
- Homecare Foster Volunteers: Unknown





# Proposed Regulation Changes

- Revoke Section 679
- New Sections 679.1-679.9
  - ✓ Definitions
  - ✓ Transportation and Confinement
  - ✓ Permits for Wildlife Rehabilitation
  - ✓ Facility and Enclosure Standards
  - ✓ Humane Care and Treatment Standards
  - ✓ Release of Animals Into the Wild
  - ✓ Inspection of Rehabilitation Facilities
  - ✓ Seizure of Animals by the Department
  - ✓ Denial and Revocation of Permits





# Benefits of Proposed Changes

- Correct deficiencies within existing regulations
- Update requirements for possessing, rehabilitating & releasing wildlife to protect native wildlife
- Establish requirements for facility operations & conditions to protect animal welfare, human health & safety





# Vision Statement

To support continued advancements and high ethical standards of wildlife rehabilitation in California; to increase recognition and appreciation of practitioners dedicated to wildlife rehabilitation; and to promote awareness of the intrinsic value of native wildlife...





# Reasonable Alternatives To Lessen Adverse Impacts on Small Business

- Transition period: Current permittees operate under existing MOU and permit conditions
- Variance process: Deviation in enclosure design and materials, if conditions met to maintain animal welfare, human health and safety
- No new fees





# Public Discussions and Outreach (to date)

- CA Council for Wildlife Rehabilitators (CCWR) Annual Meeting (11/22)
- Commission Wildlife Resources Committee Meetings (09/22, 01/23, 05/23, 09/23)
- CDFW Annual Wildlife Rehabilitators Meeting (03/23)
- CCWR 679 Town Halls (05/23, 06/23)
- CDFW 679 Town Halls (07/23, 08/23)
- Review Periods: Draft 679 sections & manual





# Public Discussions and Outreach (to date)

- CDFW 679 Surveys (11/22, 05/23, 07/23)
- Manual Review Teams: Specialty Rehab, Mammals, General Avifauna, Waterbird, Raptor
- Discussion Groups: Home Rehabilitation, Ethical Standards (08-09/23)
- Resources: FAQ guides (06-08/23), other states requirements spreadsheet
- Outreach & Opportunities for Input: ONGOING







## California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14 Section 679 Regulatory Rulemaking Process

### 1. WHY ARE 30+ PAGES OF REGULATIONS PROPOSED TO REPLACE 4 PAGES OF CURRENT REGULATIONS?

As part of this rulemaking process, the draft regulations incorporate the conditions listed in the department's current Wildlife Rehabilitation Memorandum of Understanding (9-10 pages). Additionally, department forms will no longer be "incorporated by reference" (e.g., DFW 470, Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Application). The information required in such forms are instead described in the regulatory text for clarity and transparency.

### 2. WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED OF CURRENT PERMITTEES DURING THE 679 RULEMAKING TRANSITIONAL PERIOD?

Program staff will work closely with currently permitted wildlife rehabilitators to collect the following required information during the transitional period:

- List of current caging and enclosures (size/dimensions, number by type – e.g., 10 flight cages)
- List of current individuals operating "satellite facilities" - to add as sub-permittees (new e-permit system).
- List of current individuals serving as "homecare fosters" – to add as authorized persons (new e-permit system).
- List of non-releasable animals (e.g., animals acquired prior to January 1, 2012, restricted species permit animals).

### 3. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN AUTHORIZED PERSON VS. QUALIFIED HANDLER VS. SUB-PERMITTEE VS. GENERAL VOLUNTEER?

DESCRIPTOR	AGE	DEFINITION	MINIMUM EXPERIENCE
<b>Authorized Person</b>	18+ years	A person with at least 80 hours of experience ( <i>deemed relevant by a permittee, sub-permittee, or designee</i> ) approved by and under the general supervision of that permittee, sub-permittee, or designee to directly handle and temporarily confine a rehabilitation animal, of a species or taxonomic group approved by the department, at a location other than the primary facility for the purpose of stabilization or pre-release conditioning.	80 hours
<b>Designee</b>	21+ years	A person with at least 500 hours of relevant experience, approved by the permittee as an authorized person to conduct activities under the permit, such as an animal care director or hospital manager, on behalf of the permittee.	500 hours
<b>Permittee</b>	21+ years	A person with at least 1,000 hours of relevant experience as listed in Section 679.3(a)(4)(C), authorized by the department to temporarily possess rehabilitation animals under a permit issued by the department.	1,000 hours
<b>Sub-permittee</b>	21+ years	A person with at least 500 hours of experience with wildlife rehabilitation authorized by the department pursuant to Section 679.3 to temporarily possess rehabilitation animals, without the supervision of the permittee, at a separate location (hereafter a satellite facility) than the facility location listed on the permit.	500 hours
<b>Qualified Handler</b>	18+ years	<u>For the purposes of specialty rehabilitation only</u> – A person with the minimum hours of relevant experience listed in Section 679.3(b), with that species or closely related taxonomic group of specialty rehabilitation animal.	Large Carnivore – 400 hrs. Specialty Raptor - 250 hrs. Large Ungulate - 250 hrs. Bat - 150 hrs. Venomous Snake - 100 hrs
<b>General Volunteer</b>	N/A	A person, of an age determined to be appropriate by the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee, who may provide general animal care, husbandry, facility and/or operational support (e.g., laundry, answering phones) under the direct supervision of the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee.	Minimum experience requirements determined by the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee



**4. WILL CURRENTLY PERMITTED WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS HAVE TO RE-APPLY FOR A PERMIT WHEN THE REGULATIONS TAKE EFFECT?**

No. The updated application process and eligibility requirements will primarily impact prospective applicants as they apply for new wildlife rehabilitation permits. Current permittees will continue to operate until their permit/MOU expires, or as otherwise indicated during the transition period. There will also be variances and accommodation available to help current permittees comply with the new regulations when it comes time for their renewal.

**5. WILL CURRENT PERMITTEES HAVE TO APPLY & BE INSPECTED FOR "SPECIALTY REHABILITATION AUTHORIZATION" FOR SPECIES THEY ALREADY TREAT?**

No. Existing facilities will not need to be inspected until they need to renew their permits or if they otherwise meet the criteria listed above. Sub-permittees will need to be inspected.

**6. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE (LIABLE) FOR THE ACTIONS OF WILD ANIMALS, SUCH AS LARGE CARNIVORES, RELEASED TO THE WILD AFTER REHABILITATION?**

Neither the State nor the wildlife rehabilitator are responsible for the actions of a wild animal upon its release or return to the wild.

**7. WHY DO WE NEED A "FACILITY EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN" AND "SUCCESSION PLAN"?**

A facility emergency action plan is needed to ensure emergency preparedness information and evacuation resources are readily available for each wildlife rehabilitator, their staff and/or network of volunteers, and the department. A succession plan is needed in case a permittee is no longer able to care for their rehabilitation animals. These plans will help ensure that humane animal care can continue with minimal interruption. The 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual, forms, and templates will be available for reference.

**8. CAN WE USE TELE-MENTORING TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE, CONSULTATION AND/OR TRAINING TO AUTHORIZED PERSONS, QUALIFIED HANDLERS, AND SUB-PERMITTEES?**

Yes. In person training/supervision may be necessary for some aspects of wildlife rehabilitation. But when the situation allows, virtual meetings or tele-mentoring can be a valuable tool. We encourage wildlife rehabilitators to use all the tools, both in-person and virtual, available to them.

**9. HOW WILL CDFW PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MINIMUM TRAINING AND/OR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, SUCH AS EUTHANASIA CERTIFICATION?**

Program staff are creating a robust continuing education framework that will include recurring and new department-hosted training opportunities, and list external training and certification courses. This process will include close collaboration with agency partners and various subject matter experts to support and/or create additional training & experiential learning opportunities. Of note, the CDFW Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant awards may be used for staff and volunteer training courses and certification.

**10. WHY IS SO MUCH INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE "DAILY OBSERVATIONS"?**

Based on the thoughtful input to date, the daily log requirements have been simplified to require only the following minimum information: date; common name; feeding/watering check-off; and medication check-off if applicable. Daily log may be recorded by individual enclosures housing multiple rehabilitation animals versus individual rehabilitation animal. Example below.

**EXAMPLE - DAILY LOG**

Date: 8/25/2024 Facility Name: "Wild Animal Rehabilitation Center"

Enclosure	Common Name	# Animals	Food	Water	Medication	Initial
Flight Cage #1	Red-tailed hawk	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>PST</i>
Fox Enclosure	Gray fox	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>PST</i>
Fawn Pen	Mule deer	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>PST</i>
Passerine Enclosure	Various swallow spp.	19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>PST</i>



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This manual provides essential information about native wildlife rehabilitation in California. The purpose of wildlife rehabilitation is to release healthy native wildlife back to suitable habitat in the wild or relieve their suffering through humane euthanasia. A wildlife rehabilitator serves an important and unique role by (1) ensuring the highest standards of humane care and treatment of sick, injured, and orphaned native wildlife for the purpose of their release to suitable habitat in the wild; and (2) providing wildlife conservation education and outreach to diverse local communities.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (department) recognizes the value of this service to the public. The department's Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Program (hereafter program) oversees the permitting of wildlife rehabilitators in the State and strives to support a collaborative network of permitted wildlife rehabilitators statewide.

**ETHICAL STANDARDS**

*Program Vision: To support continued advancements and high ethical standards of wildlife rehabilitation in California; to increase recognition and appreciation of wildlife rehabilitation professionals and practitioners; and to promote awareness of the intrinsic value of native wildlife and human-wildlife coexistence.*

For wildlife rehabilitation in California to reach its full potential, the department strives to ensure (1) a deeper understanding and appreciation of the ethical standards and expertise maintained by professional wildlife rehabilitators, their dedicated staff and volunteers; (2) compliance with all laws and permit conditions; (3) elimination of mal-imprinted and habituated rehabilitation animals; and (4) humane euthanasia is provided without hesitation or delay, as appropriate. Current and prospective wildlife rehabilitation professionals, as well as any person interested in learning more about wildlife rehabilitation, can stay informed of current information, methods, and techniques by joining a professional association or organization dedicated to serving wildlife rehabilitation practitioners.

<b>TABLE 1. WILDLIFE REHABILITATION PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS</b>
<p><b>California Council for Wildlife Rehabilitators (CCWR)</b> <a href="https://ccwr.org/">https://ccwr.org/</a> GOAL: Promote professionalism in the field of wildlife rehabilitation.</p> <p><b>National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association (NWRA)</b> <a href="https://www.nwra.org/">https://www.nwra.org/</a> MISSION: Improving and promoting the profession of wildlife rehabilitation and its contributions to preserving natural ecosystems.</p> <p><b>International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC)</b> <a href="https://theiwrc.org/">https://theiwrc.org/</a> MISSION: Provide evidence-based education and resources on wildlife rehabilitation to move the field of wildlife rehabilitation forward; to promote wildlife conservation and welfare; and to mitigate human-wildlife conflicts worldwide.</p>

**LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

This manual contains excerpts from the California Fish and Game Code (Appendix A), and each 679 section of Title 14, of the California Code of Regulations. It does not provide complete coverage of all federal, state, or local laws and regulations. It is a wildlife rehabilitator's responsibility to know and obey all applicable laws while participating in wildlife rehabilitation activity. Changes to any code and/or regulation may occur at any time during the year. Any discrepancies between this document and the code(s) from which it was prepared will be enforced and adjudicated according to the official



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code(s) and/or regulation(s) in effect on the date the activity takes place.

**DRAFT**679 NATIVE WILDLIFE REHABILITATION MANUAL  
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- (1) Animal welfare, or welfare of the animal. The treatment that an animal receives by providing for its physical and behavioral needs.
- (2) Authorized person. A person at least 18 years of age, with at least 80 hours of animal care and handling experience approved by a permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee at their sole discretion, and under their general supervision to directly handle and temporarily confine a rehabilitation animal, of a species or taxonomic group approved by the department, at a location other than the primary facility for the purpose of stabilization or pre-release conditioning.
- (3) Biosecurity practice. Preventative measures taken to reduce the risk of transmission of communicable diseases from one human, animal, or place to others.
- (4) California Veterinary Medical Practice Act. The compilation of laws relating to the practice of veterinary medicine in California produced by the California Veterinary Medical Board (Chapter 11 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code Section).
- (5) Conspecifics. Individual animals of the same species.
- (6) Designee. A person, at least 21 years of age, with at least 500 hours of relevant experience, approved by the permittee to conduct activities under the permit, such as an animal care director or hospital manager, on behalf of the permittee.
- (7) Enrichment. An item or activity designed to stimulate and encourage a range of innate behaviors of a rehabilitation animal, specific to that species and the condition and welfare of the animal.
- (8) Euthanasia. The humane induction of death with minimal pain, stress, anxiety, and distress to the animal.
- (9) Habituated. A wild animal that is repeatedly exposed to anthropogenic stimuli and, as a result, no longer has a natural behavioral response or overt reaction to humans.
- (10) Humane care. To provide adequate water, food, housing, enrichment, safe handling, medical treatment, euthanasia if necessary, and conditions that maintain the welfare of the animal, with the intent to minimize fear, pain, stress, and suffering.
- (11) Husbandry. The day-to-day care, feeding, and housing of a wild animal that considers the natural ecology of that species.
- (12) Large Carnivore Specialty Rehabilitation. Wildlife rehabilitation of an age class specified by the department of an American black bear (*Ursus americanus*) or mountain lion (*Puma concolor*) in California as authorized under specialty rehabilitation permit conditions issued by the department.
- (13) Mal-imprinting. The process by which a neonate or juvenile animal imprints on a human or adult animal of another species that prevents that animal from expressing innate natural behaviors of its species.
- (14) Neonate. A newborn or newly hatched animal, often unable to thermoregulate or ambulate on its own, and usually requiring parental care such as feeding to survive.
- (15) Non-releasable animal. A wild animal not suitable for release to the wild due to it being habituated, mal-imprinted, or having physical impairment that results in limited potential for survival in the wild and/or an inability to consistently express the natural behaviors of that species such as hunting or foraging.
- (16) Orphan. A young animal, still dependent on parental care for survival, that is found under conditions in which parental care is no longer available, such as permanent separation from or death of the parent.



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(17) Permittee. A person, at least 21 years of age, with at least 1,000 hours of relevant experience as listed in Section 679.3(a)(4)(C), authorized by the department to confine temporarily or temporarily possess rehabilitation animals under a permit issued by the department pursuant to Section 679.3.

(18) Qualified handler. For the purposes of specialty rehabilitation, a person at least 18 years of age with the minimum hours of relevant experience listed in Section 679.3(b)(1)(D) 1 through 4, with that specialty rehabilitation animal or animals of a closely related taxonomic group.

(19) Raptor Specialty Rehabilitation. Wildlife rehabilitation of any age class of any species of eagle or osprey (Order Accipitriformes), Peregrine falcon or Prairie falcon (Order Falconiformes), or a hybrid thereof pursuant to Section 670 (b), in California as authorized under specialty rehabilitation permit conditions issued by the department.

(20) Rehabilitation animal. A live individual bird, mammal, reptile, or amphibian of a wildlife species native to California that is temporarily possessed for the purposes of rehabilitation at a wildlife rehabilitation facility.

(21) Required record. Any department permit or memorandum of understanding, other permit, license, patient log, and records written in the English language that is required under sections 679.1 through 679.9.

(22) Satellite facility. A facility operated by a sub-permittee authorized pursuant to Section 679.3, that may temporarily possess wildlife for the purpose of rehabilitation at a location other than the wildlife rehabilitation facility location listed on the permit.

(23) Specialty rehabilitation authorization. Privilege provided to a permittee by the department to temporarily possess one or more of the following specialty rehabilitation animals: large carnivore, ungulate, raptor, bat, venomous snake.

(24) Sub-permittee. A person, at least 21 years of age, with at least 500 hours of relevant experience authorized by the department pursuant to Section 679.3 to temporarily possess rehabilitation animals without the supervision of the permittee at a satellite facility.

(25) Surrogate Animal. An adult wild animal acting as a conspecific surrogate parent to a neonate or juvenile rehabilitation animal.

(26) Ungulate Specialty Rehabilitation. Wildlife rehabilitation of an age class specified by the department of deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*), pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana*), elk (*Cervus canadensis* species, *C. elaphus*), or wild sheep (*Ovis canadensis*) native to California of the Order Artiodactyla as authorized under specialty rehabilitation conditions issued by the department.

(27) Venomous Snake Specialty Rehabilitation. Wildlife rehabilitation of any age class of any species of snake of the Order Squamata native to California that produces venom as authorized under specialty rehabilitation permit conditions issued by the department.

(28) Veterinarian of record. A veterinarian, currently licensed by the State of California, who agrees in writing to provide and direct appropriate veterinary treatment for rehabilitation animals at a wildlife rehabilitation facility.

(29) Wildlife rehabilitation. The temporary possession, treatment, and care of injured, diseased, displaced, or orphaned native wild animal for the purpose of releasing it in a condition of good health to suitable habitat in the wild.

(30) Wildlife rehabilitation facility. A location approved by the department pursuant to Section 679.3 whereby wild animals are temporarily possessed for the purposes of wildlife rehabilitation.

(31) Wildlife rehabilitation memorandum of understanding (MOU). An agreement between the department and the permittee for the purpose of the permittee's eligibility in of the Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant Program established pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1773.2.

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(32) Zoonoses. Diseases that are transmissible from animals to humans through direct or indirect contact; etiologic agents can be viral, bacterial, parasitic, mycotic, or unconventional (prions).

**§ 679.2 TRANSPORTATION AND CONFINEMENT OF LIVE WILDLIFE**

**(a) Temporary Confinement of Wild Animals.** Except for big game mammals listed in Section 350 or exotic game mammals listed in Section 325, a person who is not in possession of a permit or sub-permit issued pursuant to Section 679.3, and has not previously had a permit or sub-permit revoked or denied pursuant to Section 679.9 subsections (a)(2) or (b)(2), may temporarily confine for no more than 24 hours an injured, diseased, displaced, or orphaned animal native to the state of California for the purposes of transferring such animal to a wildlife rehabilitation facility. Any such person shall meet the requirements listed below.

- (1) Notify the nearest permitted wildlife rehabilitation facility, or the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) or telephone at (916) 358-2790, within 24 hours of confining such animal and provide the following required information:
  - (A) Name and address of person temporarily confining the animal; species or type of animal; description of its condition; date and location the animal was found; and the location where the animal is confined.
- (2) A person shall at the direction of the department, a wildlife rehabilitation facility, or their designee (i) immediately release the animal at the location it was found, (ii) transport the animal to a location the department deems necessary to protect native wildlife, agriculture interests, animal welfare, human health, and safety, or (iii) transport to a facility permitted pursuant to Section 679.3.
- (3) A person shall not knowingly temporarily confine or transfer any species that is not native to the state of California, or any animal identified by the department as an invasive pest pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code Section 5260.5. Invasive pest species shall include, but not be limited to nutria, American bullfrog, African clawed frog, common coqui, red-eared slider, watersnake (*Nerodia* species), mute swan, black-throated magpie jay, pin-tailed whydah, Japanese white-eye, and scaly-breasted munia.
- (4) Notwithstanding Section 465.5(g)(1), a person may transport for the purposes of rehabilitation any injured, diseased, or orphaned furbearing, game, nongame, or protected mammal that is lawfully trapped.
- (5) A person may transport for the purpose of rehabilitation any injured, diseased, or orphaned migratory bird pursuant to United States federal regulation 50 CFW 21.31(a).

**(b) Prohibition on Possession of Big Game Mammals, Exotic Game Mammals or Fully Protected, Threatened or Endangered Species Except Under Department Permit.** No person shall possess any big game mammal listed in Section 350 or exotic game mammal listed in Section 325, or any fully protected, endangered or threatened bird, mammal, fish, reptile or amphibian without specific written authorization from the department.

**(c) Disabled Wildlife in an Oil/Toxic Spill Area.** A person not in possession of a permit issued pursuant to Section 679.3 shall not enter a department designated oil/toxic spill area to temporarily confine or transport wildlife disabled by an oil spill or other spilled toxic substance for the purpose of rehabilitation, unless that person has authorization from the department pursuant to Government Code Section 8670.37.5.

**SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS**

The department recommends that a person keep a safe distance from any healthy or sick, young, or injured wildlife. A wild animal, regardless of condition, will instinctually use its natural defenses to avoid being handled or confined. Unnecessary human contact can cause harm, injury, or in some cases,



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death to the animal. A person should first contact the nearest wildlife rehabilitation facility, animal services agency, or department office (Appendix C), or visit the department website at <https://wildlife.ca.gov> for more information *prior* to attempting to temporarily confine any wild animal for the purposes of transporting to a wildlife rehabilitator.

**§ 679.3 PERMITS FOR WILDLIFE REHABILITATION**

**(a) Permit.** The department may issue a person a wildlife rehabilitation permit valid for 3 years, and amend existing permits with the conditions it determines are necessary to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

(1) Limited Scope. A permit issued pursuant to this section does not supersede any law, or the need for any applicable permit.

(2) Qualifications. Any person who is a resident of the state of California can qualify for and be issued a permit if the applicant possesses the qualifications specified in subsections 679.3(b) through (d) and is at least 21 years of age, except for the following reasons.

(A) That person has had a department-issued permit or license denied because of a violation or revoked, and the permit or license has not been reinstated; or

(B) That person has been convicted of a crime under Penal Code Section 597 or a crime of moral turpitude within the previous 10 years.

(3) Conferring. The department may confer with any person to verify information on the application, at any stage of the application process, and where applicable may require written proof of that information pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1054(b). An applicant shall provide such information to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) within 30 calendar days of the department's request, or the department shall deny the application.

(4) Initial Approval. A person seeking a wildlife rehabilitation permit shall first submit to the department an initial written request for a permit via email to [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov). The request shall include:

(A) Copies of two letters stating there is a need for a new wildlife rehabilitation facility to increase local or regional capacity to possess rehabilitation animals, written within 12 months from the date of the letter, on letterhead stationery with a printed name, title, signature, and affiliation of the signatory.

1. One letter shall be submitted by a permittee possessing a valid wildlife rehabilitation permit or sub-permit.

2. The second letter shall be submitted by any of the following persons: (i) a permittee possessing a valid permit pursuant to sections 679.3 or 671.1; (ii) Wildlife Health Laboratory (henceforth WHL) staff, department Regional Manager, or designee; (iii) a licensed veterinarian; or (iv) federal, tribal, state or local agencies with jurisdiction over wildlife or animal care.

(B) Maximum number of proposed rehabilitation animals that can be temporarily possessed at the proposed facility in the following categories: (i) amphibians, (ii) reptiles, (iii) small mammals, (iv) medium mammals, (v) large mammals, (vi) waterbirds, (vii) passerines, (viii) non-specialty raptors, and (ix) other avifauna.

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(C) Resume or *curriculum vitae* describing completion of at least 1,000 hours of wildlife rehabilitation experience under the direct supervision of a permittee in California, or experience that the department determines to be equivalent, completed no more than 5 years from the date of the application. The department may consider education in veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, or similar courses, as a substitute for up to 300 hours of the required experience based on the following criteria:

1. the number of hours of education and the curriculum;
2. if a certification, degree, or similar qualification was obtained; and
3. if the education was obtained at an accredited institution or program recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

(D) The department shall provide initial approval in writing via email if an applicant meets the requirements pursuant to subsections 679.3(a)(4)(A) through (C). The applicant shall not temporarily possess rehabilitation animals until the department has provided final approval of the proposed wildlife rehabilitation facility.

(5) Wildlife Rehabilitation Examination.

(A) Upon initial approval from the department, an applicant shall take the free California state wildlife rehabilitation examination provided via password-protected html link provided by the department in an email from email address [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov). Alternatively, an applicant may submit a request to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) or by telephone at (916) 358-2790 to take the examination in person at the nearest department office.

(B) An applicant shall correctly answer 80 percent or more of the questions to pass the examination. An applicant who fails the examination may submit a request to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) to retake the examination no sooner than 15 calendar days from the date of the failed examination.

(C) If an applicant fails to pass the examination by the third attempt, or within 3 years from the date of initial approval, the department shall rescind initial approval of the permit request. An applicant may restart the initial approval process no sooner than 1 year from the date of the last failed examination.

(6) Final Approval. A person who has received initial approval from the department and passed the wildlife rehabilitation examination, as described in subsection 679.3(a), may submit an application packet to the department via the U.S. Postal Service or overnight carrier to the License and Revenue Branch at P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244, ATTN: Automated License Data System (ALDS).

(A) The application packet shall contain the following required information:

1. Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Application Form which provides:

- a. Applicant Information. Applicant full name, date of birth, mailing address, phone number, email address, ALDS Get Outdoors ID (GOID) or a required form of identification listed pursuant to subsection 700.4(c) for the department to create a new ALDS customer profile.
- b. Proposed Facility Information. Facility name, physical address, mailing address if different, phone number, email address, and website if applicable.

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- c. Public Contact information. Telephone number, email address, physical address and website if applicable, of the proposed facility that the applicant requests the department to provide as a resource on the department website at <http://wildlife.ca.gov/wildliferehab>.
- d. Proposed Rehabilitation animals. Indicate which species or taxonomic group that the applicant proposes to rehabilitate at the facility and the maximum number of animals by species or taxonomic group able to be temporarily possessed at one time.
- e. Other Required Permits. The applicant shall demonstrate possession of, or provide proof that they have applied for, a valid federal permit to temporarily possess any bird species native to California for the purposes of rehabilitation.
- f. Facility Operation Plan. The applicant shall submit to the department a written plan that describes the proposed facility's standard operating procedures for each of the following:
  - (i) Record-keeping system to maintain all required records.
  - (ii). Animal intake process that describes the initial evaluation and triage protocol.
  - (iii). Euthanasia protocol that shall include the euthanasia methods for each type of proposed rehabilitation animal, list of qualified personnel, controlled substance storage protocol, and methods of carcass disposal.
  - (iv). Protocol for handling public reports by telephone number, email address if applicable, and in person.
  - (v). Staff and volunteer training protocol.
  - (vi). Animal husbandry protocols pursuant to Section 679.5(a).
  - (vii). Biosecurity protocols pursuant to Section 679.5(a).
  - (viii) Succession plan for the continued care of rehabilitation animals if the permittee is no longer able to provide care for any foreseeable reason or due to health, safety, or financial reasons.
- g. Declaration of Enclosures. The applicant shall demonstrate that each enclosure meets the requirements listed in the department's 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual herein incorporated by reference (Date of incorporation), and available on the department's program website at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/wildliferehab>, by providing to the department the following information for each type of enclosure: (I) length, width, and height in feet and inches; (ii) materials used to construct or pre-fabricate; and (iii) photographs, diagrams, blueprints, or other written plans.
- h. Restricted species. The applicant shall provide a list of current non-releasable animals possessed pursuant to sections 654 or 671.1, or possessed prior to January 1, 2012, pursuant to a department Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- i. Resume or *curriculum vitae*. The applicant shall demonstrate completion of at least 1,000 hours experience pursuant to Section 679.3(a)(4)(C) above. Documentation shall include the dates and description of experience, education



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and training; and the name, affiliation, telephone number, email, and mailing address of 3 references that the department may contact.

2. Veterinarian of Record Agreement, signed by a licensed veterinarian in good standing pursuant to the California Veterinary Medical Practice Act, and that shall include the following required information:

a. Veterinarian name, veterinarian license number, license expiration date, telephone number, email address, name and employer address of the veterinarian.

b. Review, agree, and initial the following list of responsibilities:

(i) Provide consultation to the permittee or designee for rehabilitation animals requiring veterinary medical services.

(ii) Provision, storage, and documentation of controlled and non-controlled substances.

(iii) Ethical consideration of the natural history and welfare of the rehabilitation animal when determining a treatment plan for the purpose of its release to the wild.

(iv) Rely on the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee to best address the husbandry needs of the rehabilitation animal.

c. Identify the veterinarian services that will be provided from the following list: physical examination, initial stabilization, initial diagnosis, pre-release examination, prescribing medication, surgical services, fracture/wound care, diagnostic services, laboratory work, euthanasia, necropsy, carcass storage/disposal, staff/volunteer training, biosecurity protocol(s), pest management plan, emergency action plan, other.

d. List of species of which the veterinarian of record is unwilling or unable to provide veterinary services.

3. List of Authorized Persons. An applicant shall provide to the department a list of all individuals, if any, identified by the applicant as an authorized person pursuant to Section 679.1(a)(2), that shall include the following information for each individual: full name, telephone number, email address, physical address, mailing address, and species or taxonomic group of rehabilitation animals authorized by the applicant to handle.

4. Facility Emergency Action Plan. An applicant shall provide to the department a written plan for the proposed facility describing evacuation steps in the event of an emergency. The Emergency Action Plan shall be titled, with a revision date, and describe the designated actions required to ensure animal welfare and human safety pursuant to Government Code Section 3220, that shall include the following:

a. List of animal re-capture equipment, such as nets, personal protective equipment, and chemical immobilization equipment (if applicable);

b. List of mobile transport cages sufficient to transport all proposed rehabilitation animals, that shall include the quantity, size dimensions, and brief description of each transport cage, specifically (i) intended animal use (species, size or type), (ii) weight capacity, and (iii) maximum number of animals per cage;

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- c. List of emergency animal supplies that shall be designated for each rehabilitation animal in the case of an emergency, that shall include: 5-day supply of special diet (if applicable), food receptacles, water receptacles, portable water containers, specialty feeding supplies, heating source, cooling source, bedding, cleaning supplies, biosecurity supplies, and veterinary medical supplies;
- d. List of first aid kits, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, emergency exit signs (if applicable), emergency eye wash stations and where they will be located in the facility;
- e. List of exit route assignments and location(s) off the premises identified as a safe staging area in case of an evacuation, including primary and secondary evacuation route(s); and
- f. List of emergency telephone numbers that shall include local first responders, local animal services, local public health agencies, the department's Wildlife Health Laboratory, nearest department regional office, and other relevant points of contact.

5. Authorization to Access Property. A written statement signed and dated by the owner of the property where the proposed facility will be located stating that the property owner agrees that the department or their designee shall have access to conduct inspections pursuant to Section 679.7.

6. Proof of proper permit(s), or written statement that the applicant will not be violating any local laws, from a local agency with jurisdiction over zoning that allows the applicant to temporarily possess rehabilitation animals at the proposed facility.

7. Payment of a non-refundable application processing fee of \$65.41 and a refundable inspection fee of \$181.28 to the department and adjusted annually pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 713.

(7) Issuance of Permit. The department shall issue a permit if the applicant meets all standards pursuant to subsections 679.3, 679.4, and 679.5, and the requirements established in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual.

(A) The department shall inspect the proposed facility, prior to issuing a permit, pursuant to Section 679.7. The department shall deny a permit if the applicant has failed to allow an inspection of the proposed facility; or the facility fails to meet all applicable requirements described in sections 679.3, 679.4, and 679.5; or pursuant to Section 679.9(a).

(B) The department shall determine which species or taxonomic group of rehabilitation animal the applicant is authorized to temporarily possess based on conditions the department determines are necessary to protect native wildlife, agriculture interests, animal welfare, human health and safety; except if a permit is denied pursuant to section 679.9(a).

(C) The department shall provide to the applicant, upon issuance of the permit, a Wildlife Rehabilitation MOU for eligibility to apply for funding through the department's competitive grant program established pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1773.1.

(8) Renewal of Permit. A permittee or designee may submit to the department an application packet to renew a permit, no later than 60 calendar days before the permit expires, via the U.S. Postal Service or overnight carrier to the License and Revenue Branch at P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244 with the following : (I) required information listed in Section 679.3(a)(6)(A)1 through 7;

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(ii) the full name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, and physical address of the satellite facility for each sub-permittee if applicable; and (iii) Payment of a non-refundable application processing fee of \$65.41 to the department and adjusted annually pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 713.

(A) If the department requires greater than 60 calendar days to renew a permit, the department may provide written approval to the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee to continue temporarily possessing rehabilitation animals under the expired permit if the department finds that the overall welfare of each animal, human health, and safety shall be maintained during application renewal process.

**(b) Specialty Rehabilitation Authorization.** The department may amend a permit to allow the permittee or sub-permittee to conduct specialty rehabilitation of (i) large carnivores of an age class approved by the department if the department determines that the amendment shall protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety; (ii) ungulates of an age class approved by the department if the department determines that the amendment shall protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety; (iii) venomous snakes of any age class; or (iv) specialty raptors, as defined pursuant to Section 679.1, of any age class; if the department determines that the amendment shall protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

(1) Initial Approval. An applicant who has received initial approval from the department and passed the free California state wildlife rehabilitation examination, specialty rehabilitation section, provided online by the department as described in subsection 679.3(b), may submit to the department an application packet via the U.S. Postal Service or overnight carrier to the License and Revenue Branch at P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244, that shall contain the following information:

(A) A list of proposed specialty rehabilitation animals proposed to temporarily possess and the maximum number of animals by species or taxonomic group able to be temporarily possessed at one time.

(B) One letter of recommendation from a person possessing at least 500 hours of wildlife rehabilitation or captive animal care experience with animals in the same taxonomic group or closely related taxa of the same Order as the proposed specialty rehabilitation animals.

(C) The requirements listed in Section 679.3(a)(6)(A)1 through 7, notwithstanding the minimum hours of experience listed in Section 679.3(a)(6)(A)1i.

(D) Qualifications. The applicant shall demonstrate they meet the following minimum experience which may include education based on the criteria listed in subsection 679.3(a)(4)(C)1 through 3:

1. Large carnivore specialty rehabilitation. At least 400 hours of experience with animals in the same taxonomic group or closely related taxa of the same Order as the proposed specialty rehabilitation animals, completed within 5 years from the date of request for specialty rehabilitation authorization. The department may consider education in veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, or similar courses, as a substitute for up to 200 hours of the required experience.

2. Ungulate specialty rehabilitation. At least 250 hours of experience with animals in the same taxonomic group or closely related taxa of the same Order as the proposed specialty rehabilitation animals, completed within 5 years from the date of request for specialty rehabilitation authorization. The department may consider education in



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veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, or similar courses, as a substitute for up to 100 hours of the required experience.

3. Raptor specialty rehabilitation. At least 250 hours of experience with animals in the same taxonomic group or closely related taxa of the same Order as the proposed specialty rehabilitation animals, completed within 5 years from the date of request for specialty rehabilitation authorization. The department may consider education in veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, or similar courses, as a substitute for up to 100 hours of the required experience.

4. Venomous snake specialty rehabilitation. At least 100 hours of experience with animals in the same taxonomic group or closely related taxa of the same Order as the proposed specialty rehabilitation animals, completed within 5 years from the date of request for specialty rehabilitation authorization. The department may consider education in veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, or similar courses, as a substitute for up to 40 hours of the required experience.

a. The applicant shall provide in writing a written venomous snake escape protocol and venomous snake bite protocol that lists the nearest available source of antivenin in the event of a bite.

(E) Qualified handlers. List of qualified handlers, one of which may be the permittee, that shall include the name, hours and date(s) of relevant experience completed within 5 years from the date of initial application, and the specialty rehabilitation animals they are qualified to handle.

1. Each type of specialty rehabilitation animal shall have the following minimum number of qualified handlers: 3 large carnivore handlers; 3 ungulate handlers; 2 venomous snake handlers; 2 raptor handlers.

2. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee may transfer a raptor to a California falconer, classified as a general or master falconer pursuant to Section 670(e)(6), for the purpose of rehabilitation and release to the wild, so long as the falconer is listed as a qualified handler on record with the department under a permit issued pursuant to Section 679.3. The falconer shall maintain any such raptor pursuant to the requirements in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual.

(2) Final Approval. The department shall amend the permit to authorize the permittee to conduct specialty rehabilitation of the species or taxonomic group of specialty rehabilitation animal(s) requested, if the applicant meets all standards pursuant to subsections 679.3, 679.4, and 679.5. A permittee shall temporarily possess such specialty rehabilitation animals only at the wildlife rehabilitation facility or satellite facility location(s) approved by the department.

**(c) Sub-Permit.** The department may amend a permit to allow a permittee to add a sub-permittee under that permit, if the department determines that the amendment shall protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety. A new permittee may request approval from the department to add a sub-permittee no sooner than 12 months from the date the permit was issued from the department.

(1) Application. A permittee seeking to add a sub-permittee shall submit to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) the required information listed in subsections 679.3(a)(5) and 679.3(a)(6)(A)1.a. through h. notwithstanding the requirements listed below.

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(A) Resume or *curriculum vitae*. The permittee shall demonstrate the sub-permittee has completed at least 500 hours experience in wildlife rehabilitation completed no more than 5 years from the date of the application. The department may consider education in veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, or similar courses, as a substitute for up to 150 hours of the required experience based on the criteria listed in subsection 697.3(a)(4)(C)1 through 3.

- (2) Approval. The department shall authorize a permittee to add a sub-permittee under the permit if the permittee has demonstrated that the sub-permittee meets all standards pursuant to subsections 679.3, 679.4, and 679.5.

(A) Inspection. The permittee or their designee shall conduct an initial inspection of the proposed satellite facility prior to the department approving a sub-permittee to operate a satellite facility pursuant to the requirements listed in Section 679.7(a)(1)(A) through (F); and submit such written record to the department. A sub-permittee shall not operate a satellite facility until the department has provided final approval of the proposed sub-permit.

- (3) Requirements. A sub-permittee shall operate no more than one satellite facility, located no more than 100 air miles from the physical location of the facility operated by the permittee, and shall be listed under no more than one permit at any time.

(A) A permittee or designee shall provide to the department notification in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) within 10 business days of any change to a sub-permit, including but not limited to removing a sub-permittee from a permit, or change of physical address of a satellite facility via email at [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov).

- (d) Long-Term Possession.** A permittee, sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler shall not possess a rehabilitation animal for longer than 180 calendar days from the date of initial intake by any person possessing a permit issued pursuant to Section 679.3, notwithstanding the following requirements.

(1) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee may submit a request to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) for approval to possess a rehabilitation animal for more than 180 days to maintain the welfare of the animal prior to its release to the wild. The department shall require a permittee, sub-permittee, or designee to provide the patient record, estimated duration of confinement, and a written plan for long-term care of the animal.

(A) Approval. The department shall notify the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee of the approval to temporarily possess a rehabilitation animal for more than 180 days within 5 business days in writing via email, if the department determines that it is necessary to protect native wildlife, the welfare of the animal, human health, and safety.

(B) Denial. The department shall notify the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee of the denial to temporarily possess a rehabilitation animal for more than 180 days within 5 business days in writing via email, if the department determines that the applicant has failed to meet any conditions to protect animal welfare, human health, and safety.

- (e) Transition Period Clause.** A permittee issued a permit and MOU pursuant to Section 679, prior to January 1, 2025, may be authorized by the department to operate under those requirements until December 31, 2025, if the department determines that conditions have been met to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety. Thereafter, permittees, sub-permittees, and their designees shall comply with the requirements listed pursuant to sections 654, 671.1, 679.1 through 679.9, notwithstanding a variance approved by the department pursuant to Section 679.4(c).

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A person interested in becoming a wildlife rehabilitator in California should first consider establishing contact with a currently permitted wildlife rehabilitator to gain critical knowledge, training, and expertise. Other relevant experience may be gained at an accredited zoo, animal sanctuary, restricted species facility, animal shelter, or veterinary hospital. Educational training, such as a degree, certification, or licensing in a relevant field (e.g., registered veterinary technician) may also count towards the minimum qualification requirements.

**TABLE 2. WILDLIFE REHABILITATION MENTOR REQUIREMENTS**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Shall be in good standing with the department;</li><li>▪ Shall have accessible written personnel training protocols;</li><li>▪ Shall have accessible written standard operating procedures;</li><li>▪ Shall provide regular communication and constructive feedback;</li><li>▪ Shall have knowledge of the scientific and common names of common native wildlife in California.</li></ul> |
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A person interested in becoming a wildlife rehabilitator in California must establish a veterinary-client-patient relationship with a veterinarian, licensed in the state of California, willing to be the Veterinarian of Record under the permit. Ideally, the licensed veterinarian should have experience with wildlife or domestic and exotic animals of similar taxa to the proposed rehabilitation animal species. [Note: A wildlife rehabilitator may seek veterinary medical treatment for rehabilitation animals from other licensed veterinarians, as needed.]

If an applicant proposes to rehabilitate native birds, the department requires the applicant provide proof that they possess – or are in the process of possessing – a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Migratory Bird Rehabilitation Permit and any other applicable permits (Appendix D) as part of their application package.

As with other permits or licenses issued by the State, wildlife rehabilitation professionals are responsible for any costs incurred under the permit. To support wildlife rehabilitation activities, the department awards competitive grants to eligible applicants through its California Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants Program. More information is available at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Grants/Wildlife-Rehab-Grants>

**KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS**

To prepare for and pass the free online California state wildlife rehabilitation examination, a person shall demonstrate understanding and knowledge of basic wildlife rehabilitation concepts, standard practices, diseases of concern, and the life history of common native wildlife. Several valuable resources exist for reference and review, including books and guides on wildlife rehabilitation standards, ethical codes of conduct, and species-specific rehabilitation techniques, as well as field guides, natural history books, and various organizations (Appendix E). This broader knowledge is critical, as wildlife rehabilitators may often receive calls, questions, or even the animal itself, for a species outside their area of expertise.

The California state wildlife rehabilitation examination administered online by the department (i) has 100 definition, multiple-choice, and true-false questions; and (iii) 120 minutes maximum allotted to complete all questions. The department provides sample questions from the actual examination with an answer key (Appendix F) to help applicants prepare for the examination. A person seeking permission from the department to temporarily possess any specialty rehabilitation animal, must also take and pass the free California state specialty rehabilitation examination. The California state specialty rehabilitation examination is (i) administered online; (ii) consists of 40 definition, multiple-choice, and true-false questions; and (iii) 90 minutes maximum is allotted to complete all questions.



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Prospective applicants may contact the department's program staff as needed to prepare a complete application package. Department forms and resources are free and will be made readily accessible. For technical assistance or questions, contact program staff via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov).

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1. Responsibility for Costs Incurred. The permittee, sub-permittee, designee, and authorized person(s) shall be responsible for any and all costs incurred in connection with the temporary possession, treatment, or transportation of any rehabilitation animal while the rehabilitation animal is temporarily possessed by the permittee, sub-permittee, designee, or authorized person.
  2. Liability. The permittee, sub-permittee, designee, and authorized person, shall indemnify, defend and save harmless the State, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims and losses occurring or resulting to any person or property in connection with the treatment, confinement or transportation of any rehabilitation animal while in the possession of the permittee, sub-permittee, and designee.
  3. Continuing Education. A permittee, sub-permittee, designee, and authorized person shall complete 10 hours of continuing education each year pursuant to the requirements listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual (Date of incorporation).
  4. Display or Possession of Permit and Emergency Action Plan. A permittee, sub-permittee, or the permittee's designee shall display the permit, or a copy of the permit issued by the department, and any other required permit(s), in a location at the facility that is visible to staff, volunteers, and the public. An authorized person or qualified handler shall retain a copy of the permit in their possession in a location where it can be readily provided to the department, its designee, permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee upon request. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall keep a written emergency action plan, as required pursuant Section 679(a)(6)(A)4, and all staff and volunteers shall be notified of its location and content.
- (5) Compliance With Other Restrictions. These regulations, or any permit issued pursuant thereto, do not authorize possession of any wild animal in violation of any law.
- (6) Operational Changes. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall notify WHL in writing via email at [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) within 10 business days of any of the following change in operations: (i) change of facility name, physical address, telephone number, or email address; (ii) change of permittee, sub-permittee, or designee name, physical address, telephone number, or email address; (iii) removal of a sub-permittee, designee, authorized person or qualified handler under the permit.
- (A) A permittee or sub-permittee that is no longer able to provide care to any rehabilitation animal for any foreseeable reason or due to health, safety, or financial reasons, or a designee on their behalf, may request to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) that a designee, sub-permittee, or individual meeting the requirements listed pursuant Section 679.1(a)(6) or (24) and listed on the permittee succession plan required pursuant Section 679.3(a)(6)(A)1, take temporary possession of such rehabilitation animals under the permit for up to 90 calendar days. The department may approve the request if the department determines that all conditions to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety are met.
- (B) A designee or sub-permittee may request to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) to temporarily possess such rehabilitation animals for up to 180 days or retain the permit under their name for the duration of the permit term. The department shall approve such a request, and require no additional permit fees, if the

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department determines that all conditions to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety are met.

**(b) Enclosure Requirements.** A permittee, sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, and qualified handler shall comply with the caging requirements listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual; and each enclosure shall be completely enclosed unless otherwise specified by the department with the conditions required to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

- (1) All enclosures shall be constructed to prevent ingress or egress by any predator, any other wild or domestic animal, or any rehabilitation animal. A double-door entry system shall be constructed, and locked at all times while not in use, for the enclosure of any species of bird; species of the Order Carnivora; and specialty rehabilitation animals.
- (2) Conspecific animals, or non-conspecific animals that naturally co-occur in a way that maintains the welfare of each animal, may be held in the same enclosure if all humane care and husbandry requirements are met as described in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual **(Date of incorporation)**.
- (3) Conspecific rehabilitation animals that have reached sexual maturation shall be housed in separate enclosures to prevent reproduction and harm to each animal.
- (4) Enrichment and proper housing shall be provided for each rehabilitation animal that is suitable to their developmental stage, condition, and stage of rehabilitation.
- (5) All enclosures shall have a sheltered retreat that allows for each rehabilitation animal to be fully hidden and to ingress and egress at will.
- (6) All enclosures shall have an artificial heating and cooling source that is sufficient to maintain the minimum ambient air temperature necessary to maintain the welfare of each animal.
- (7) All enclosures shall have sufficient drainage to prevent standing water from accumulating.
- (8) Visual separation shall be maintained between non-conspecific rehabilitation animals, domestic animals, and restricted species except where otherwise specified in these regulations.
- (9) Rehabilitation animals shall have minimal direct human contact and shall not be displayed to the public. Every reasonable effort shall be made to prevent any rehabilitation animal from mal-imprinting on humans.

**(c) Variances to Caging Requirements.** A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee, shall submit to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) any request for deviation, by the permittee, sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler, in construction design or construction materials of the specific caging requirements listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual **(Date of incorporation)**.

- (1) The department may approve a variance to these requirements on a case-by-case basis only if the department finds that the overall security and welfare of the animal(s) involved will be maintained. The department shall require additional or conditions to the initial variance request if the department determines it necessary to protect native wildlife, agriculture interests, animal welfare, human health, and safety.
- (2) A permittee, sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler shall provide documentation of an approved variance to any inspector, as a required record, pursuant to Section 679.7.
- (3) The department shall deny a variance to the caging requirements if the department determines, at its discretion, that the nonstandard caging or enclosure fails to maintain the overall



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security and welfare of the animal(s) involved. The permittee, sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler may appeal the department's final decision to the commission pursuant to Section 679.9(f).

**ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Wildlife rehabilitators must know the basic ecology, natural behavior, and life history of the species of each rehabilitation animal they temporarily possess. This knowledge is required to construct and maintain enclosure requirements, that shall include but not be limited to the type(s) of behavioral and environmental enrichment required to maintain animal welfare. Further, different enclosure types may be needed for rehabilitation animals at *each* stage of their rehabilitation prior to release to the wild.

- Neonate<sup>1</sup> – House newborn or newly hatched animals in a manner that limits mobility, as necessary, to prevent injury, allow for medical treatment, recovery, and observation prior to pre-release conditioning.
- Limited Mobility<sup>2</sup> – House juvenile or adult rehabilitation animals in a manner that limits mobility to prevent injury, allow for medical treatment, recovery, and observation prior to pre-release conditioning.
- Pre-Release<sup>3</sup> – House juvenile or adult rehabilitation animals in a manner that allows full mobility to exercise and display natural behaviors such as flying, hunting, or foraging.

NOTE: Permitted wildlife rehabilitators may request a variance from the department for any existing enclosure that differs (e.g., enclosure size, design, construction materials) from the requirements listed below. There is no fee or cost to request a variance. The department may approve a variance on a case-by-case basis if the department finds that all conditions have been met to maintain animal welfare and to protect native wildlife, human health, and safety. The department shall work closely with each permittee wildlife rehabilitator during the variance request, review, and determination process.

**MAMMAL REQUIREMENTS****TABLE 3. ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-RELEASE MAMMALS****Order Insectivora****1. Mole, Shrew**

- a. Each animal shall be housed in an indoor enclosure constructed of smooth-surface plastic or glass to prevent animal escape by digging or climbing.
- b. Enclosures shall be covered by a shade cloth or similar protective covering to provide each animal protection from full-spectrum or natural light.

**Order Lagomorpha****1. Rabbit, Hare**

- a. Each animal shall be provided (i) fibrous food, wood, bone, or similar tooth-resistant materials to gnaw on; and (ii) a sheltered retreat or hide for each animal to be fully hidden and ingress and egress at will.
- b. Floors shall be constructed of 16-gauge chain link or welded steel wire and covered with dirt or other natural substrate.
- c. Walls shall be constructed of 16-gauge chain link or welded steel wire covered with hardware cloth and buried at least 12" to prevent animal escape by digging.

**Order Rodentia****1. All Rodents**

- a. Each animal shall be provided fibrous wood, bone, or similar tooth-resistant material to gnaw.

**2. Native Rat, Mice, Vole**

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- a. Each animal shall be housed in an indoor enclosure only and constructed of smooth-surface material, such as plastic or glass, to prevent animal escape by digging or climbing.
- b. Floors shall be covered with hay, paper bedding, mulch, dirt, or other natural substrate.

**3. North American Beaver**

- a. Each enclosure shall have a pool constructed of metal, plastic, or concrete covering at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the required floor space, filled with fresh water at least 2.5 deep in the shallow portion of the pool. Each animal shall be able to ingress and egress at will from the pool.
- b. Walls shall be constructed of concrete, or 9-gauge chain link or welded steel wire buried at least 6" to prevent animal escape by digging.
- c. Floors shall be constructed of concrete covered with heavy-duty rubber drainage mats, mulch, or non-abrasive sand.

**4. North American Porcupine**

- a. Each animal shall be provided (i) at least 2 tree limbs of various diameter for climbing; and (ii) an elevated platform at least 2 feet high.
- b. Walls shall be constructed of concrete, or 9-gauge chain link or welded steel wire buried at least 6" to prevent animal escape by digging.
- c. Floors shall be constructed of concrete and covered with dirt or other natural substrate.

**5. Squirrel, Chipmunk**

- a. Walls constructed of 16-gauge chain link or welded steel wire covered with hardware cloth and buried at least 12" to prevent animal escape by digging.
- b. Floors shall be constructed of 16-gauge chain link, welded steel wire, or concrete covered with wood shavings, mulch, dirt, or other natural substrate.
- c. Each enclosure shall have (i) a minimum of 2 tree limbs of various diameters for climbing; and (ii) an elevated platform at least 4 feet high and constructed of wood, plastic, or fabric.

**Order Carnivora****1. Badger**

- a. Floors shall be constructed of concrete covered with mulch, dirt, or other natural substrate.
- b. Walls shall be constructed of concrete, or 9-gauge chain link or welded steel wire anchored or buried at least 6" to prevent animal escape by digging.

**2. Bobcat**

- a. Each enclosure shall have (i) at least 4 tree limbs of various diameters greater than or equal to 2" for climbing and scratching; and (ii) an elevated platform at least 4 feet high.
- b. Walls shall be constructed of concrete, or 11-gauge chain link or welded steel wire and buried at least 6" deep to prevent animal escape by digging.
- c. Floors shall be constructed of natural substrate or concrete covered with natural substrate.

**3. Ringtail**

- a. Each enclosure shall have a minimum of two sheltered retreats or hides for each animal to be fully hidden and ingress and egress at will.
- b. Each enclosure shall have at least 4 tree limbs of various diameters greater than or equal to 2 inches and/or elevated perches at least 4 feet high for climbing.
- c. Enclosures shall be fully enclosed with walls constructed of concrete or 11-gauge chain link buried at least 6 inches deep to prevent animal escape by digging.
- d. Floors shall be constructed of natural substrate or concrete covered with mulch, dirt, or other natural substrate.

**4. Raccoon**

- a. Enclosures shall be designated solely for raccoons to prevent transmitting raccoon roundworm to other animals.
- b. Walls shall be constructed of welded steel wire with no more than 1" x 0.5" mesh buried at least 12 inches deep to prevent animal escape by digging.

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- c. Floors shall be constructed of concrete or welded steel wire with no more than 1" x 0.5" mesh covered with wood shavings, dirt, or other natural substrate.
- d. Each enclosure shall have a (i) minimum of one sheltered retreat or hide for each animal to be fully hidden and ingress and egress at will; and (ii) at least 4 tree limbs with a 2-inch minimum diameter for animals to climb.

**5. Skunk**

- a. Enclosures shall be designated solely for skunks to prevent transmitting skunk roundworm to other animals.
- b. Walls shall be constructed of welded steel wire with no more than 1" x 0.5" mesh buried at least 12 inches deep to prevent animal escape by digging.
- c. Floors shall be constructed of concrete or welded steel wire with no more than 1" x 0.5" mesh covered with wood shavings, dirt, or other natural substrate.
- d. Each enclosure shall have a (i) minimum of one sheltered retreat or hide for each animal to be fully hidden and ingress and egress at will; and (ii) at least 2 logs for animals to climb and dig.

**6. Weasel**

- a. Floors shall be constructed of natural substrate or concrete covered with natural substrate.
- b. Walls shall be constructed of 11-gauge chain link or welded steel wire covered with hardware cloth and anchored or buried at least 6 inches to prevent animal escape by digging.
- c. Each enclosure shall have at least 4 tree limbs of at least 2" in diameter for climbing.

**7. River Otter**

- a. Each enclosure shall have a pool constructed of metal or concrete covering at least ½ of the required floor space, filled with fresh water at least 2.5 feet deep in the shallow portion of the pool. Each animal shall be able to ingress and egress at will from the pool.
- b. Walls shall be constructed of concrete, or 9-gauge chain link or welded steel wire buried at least 6" to prevent animal escape by digging.
- c. Floors shall be constructed of concrete and covered with heavy-duty rubber drainage mats, mulch, non-abrasive sand, or natural substrate.

**8. Fisher**

- a. Floors shall be constructed of natural substrate or concrete covered with mulch, dirt, or other natural substrate.
- b. Walls shall be constructed of concrete, or 11-gauge chain link or welded steel and anchored or buried at least 6" deep to prevent animal escape by digging.
- c. Each enclosure shall have at least 4 tree limbs with a 2" or larger diameter for climbing.

**9. Coyote**

- a. Floors shall be constructed of natural substrate or concrete covered with dirt or similar natural substrate.
- b. Walls shall be constructed of 11-gauge chain link or welded steel wire and anchored or buried at least 12" to prevent animal escape by digging. The bottom half of the walls shall be covered with a smooth surface, such as plywood, corrugated metal, plexiglass, or heavy-duty plastic, to prevent animal escape by climbing.

**10. Fox**

- a. Each enclosure shall have (i) at least 4 tree limbs with a 2" or larger diameter for climbing. Floors shall be constructed of natural substrate or concrete covered with dirt or similar natural substrate.
- b. Walls shall be constructed of concrete, or 11-gauge chain link or welded steel wire anchored or buried at least 12" deep to prevent animal escape by digging. The bottom half of each wall shall be covered with plywood, corrugated metal, plexiglass, heavy-duty plastic, or similar smooth surface to prevent animal escape by climbing.



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**Order Marsupialia**

**1. Opossum**

- a. Each enclosure shall have (i) at least 4 tree limbs with a 2" or larger diameter for climbing; and (ii) an elevated platform at least 4 feet high constructed of wood, plastic, or fabric.
- b. Floors shall be constructed of natural substrate, or welded steel wire or concrete covered with dirt or other natural substrate.
- c. Walls shall be constructed of concrete, or 11-gauge chain link or welded steel wire and anchored or buried at least 6 inches deep to prevent animal escape by digging.

<b>TABLE 4. MINIMUM ENCLOSURE SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAMMALS (L x W x H, IN FEET UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)</b>										
Animal Type	Neonate <sup>1</sup>		Juvenile <sup>2</sup>		Juvenile <sup>3</sup>		Adult <sup>2</sup>		Adult <sup>3</sup>	
	LxWxH	Max #	LxWxH	Max #	LxWxH	Max #	LxWxH	Max #	LxWxH	Max #
<b>MARSUPIALIA</b>										
Opossum	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	10	3x3x3	10	12x10x8	10	3x3x3	1	12x10x6	1
<b>CARNIVORA</b>										
<b>Canidae</b>										
Coyote, Fox	32"x22"x36"	6	6x3x3	6	24x16x8	6	6x3x3	1	24x16x8	1
<b>Felidae</b>										
Bobcat	32"x22"x26"	4	6x3x3	4	24x16x8	4	6x3x3	1	24x16x8	1
<b>Mephitidae</b>										
Skunks	24"x12"x16" (20 gal)	6	4x2x3	6	12x10x6	6	3x3x3	1	10x8x6	1
<b>Mustelidae</b>										
Badger	24"x12"x16"	3	3x3x3	3	16x12x6	3	6x3x3	1	16x12x6	1
Fisher	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	4	3x3x3	4	8x6x8	4	6x3x3	1	8x6x6	1
River Otter (pool info)	24"x12"x16" (20 gal)	3	12x6x6	3	20x10x6	3	6x3x3	1	20x10x6	1
Weasel, mink	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	6	3x3x3	6	8x6x6	6	3x3x3	1	8x6x6	1
<b>Procyonidae</b>										
Raccoon, Ringtail	24"x12"x16" (20 gal)	4	3x3x3	4	16x12x8	4	3x2x3	1	16x12x6	1
<b>RODENTIA</b>										
<b>Castoridae</b>										
Beaver (pool info)	24"x12"x16" (20 gal)	3	6x3x3	3	12x8x6	3	6x3x3	1	12x8x6	1
<b>Cricetidae</b>										
Muskrat	2 x1 x 1 (15 gal)	6	3x3x3	6	6x4x6	6	6x4x2	1	6x4x6	1
<b>Erithizontidae</b>										
Porcupine	2 x1 x 1 (15 gal)	1	6x3x3	1	8x6x8	1	6x3x3	1	8x6x6	1
<b>Muridae</b>										
Native small rodents	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	8	24"x12"x16" (20 gal)	8	6x2x2	8	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	1	5x2x2	1
<b>Sciuridae</b>										
Ground squirrels	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	6	6x4x2	6	6x4x6	6	2x2x2	1	6x4x6	1

<b>TABLE 4. MINIMUM ENCLOSURE SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAMMALS (L x W x H, IN FEET UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)</b>										
Ground squirrels: golden mantled, chipmunks	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	8	24"x12"x16" (20 gal)	8	6x3x6	8	1x1x1	1	6x3x6	1
Ground squirrels: mohave	2 x1 x 1 (15 gal)	6	24"x12"x16" (20 gal)	6	6x4x6	6	2x2x2	1	6x4x6	1
Marmot	24"x12"x16" (20 gal)	6	4x2x3	6	8x6x6	6	3x3x2	1	8x6x6	1
Pocket gopher	2 x1 x 1 (15 gal)	6	2 x1 x 1 (15 gal)	6	4x3x6	6	1x1x1	1	4x3x6	1
<b>Animal Type</b>	<b>Neonate<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>Juvenile<sup>2</sup></b>		<b>Juvenile<sup>3</sup></b>		<b>Adult<sup>2</sup></b>		<b>Adult<sup>3</sup></b>	
	LxWxH	Max #	LxWxH	Max #	LxWxH	Max #	LxWxH	Max #	LxWxH	Max #
Squirrel, Flying	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	4	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	4	8x4x8	4	1x1x1	1	8x4x8	1
Squirrel, Tree	24"x12"x16" (20 gal)	5	24"x12"x16" (20 gal)	5	4x4x8	5	2x2x2	1	4x4x8	1
<b>Muridae, Cricetidae, &amp; Heteromyidae</b>										
Native rats, mice, vole	2 x1 x 1 (15 gal)	8	2 x1 x 1 (15 gal)	8	4x2x2	8	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	1	4x2x2	1
<b>LAGOMORPHA</b>										
Hare	2 x1 x 1 (15 gal)	4	18"x18"x12"	4	20x20x6	6	18"x36"x24" (65 gal)	1	20x20x6	1
Rabbit	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	6	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	6	8x4x6	6	16"x28"x24"	1	8x4x6	1
<b>INSECTIVORA</b>										
Shrew, Mole	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	6	24"x12"x16"	6	2x2x2	6	20"x10"x12" (10 gal)	1	2x2x2	1
<b>CHIROPTERA</b>										
Crevice dwelling species	8"x6"x6"	4	18"x12"x12"	4	16x8x8	4	18"x12"x12"	1	16x8x8	1
Foliage roosting species	8"x6"x6"	4	18"x12"x12"	4	20x10x8	4	18"x12"x12"	1	20x10x8	1



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- a. Each enclosure shall have a (i) secure locking lid; (ii) airholes or similar means of ventilation; (iii) full-spectrum ultraviolet light or provide access to natural sunlight; and (iv) a minimum of one sheltered retreat or hide for each animal to be fully hidden and ingress and egress at will.
- b. Enclosures shall be constructed of plastic, glass, or similar smooth surface material to prevent animal escape by climbing. Floors shall be covered with dirt, pea gravel, or other natural substrate.

**2. Amphibians**

- a. Each enclosure shall have a shallow pan of filtered water large enough for each animal to fully ingress and egress at will.

**3. Reptiles**

- a. Each enclosure shall have (i) at least one basking rock for each animal to lay on for the purposes of thermoregulation; and (ii) a shallow pan of filtered water no than 1" deep and large enough for each animal to fully ingress and egress at will.

**BIRD REQUIREMENTS****TABLE 6. ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-RELEASE BIRDS****1. All Terrestrial Birds**

- a. Each enclosure shall have (i) a shallow pan at least 12" x 18" filled with a minimum of 1" of clean water, dirt or bathing dust, as based on species, for each animal to preen; and (ii) a minimum of 3 stationary perches or tree limbs placed at different heights in the enclosure.
- b. Floors shall be constructed of natural substrate or concrete covered with mulch, dirt, pea gravel, non-abrasive sand, or similar natural substrate.
- c. Walls shall be constructed of ½" x ½" welded steel wire covered with soft nylon netting to prevent injury to birds. Ceilings shall be covered with soft nylon netting to provide shelter to each animal.

**2. Woodpeckers**

- a. Each enclosure shall have (i) at least 2 wood logs placed vertically at a minimum height of 4'; and (ii) at least 2 hollow logs which allows for full ingress and egress of each animal.

**3. Hummingbirds**

- a. Each enclosure shall have at least 3 feeder stations for each animal placed at varying heights at least 2' high to reduce competition and prevent injury to each animal.

**6. Kingfishers**

- a. Each enclosure shall have (i) at least 2 elevated logs or branches to perch and hunt; and (ii) one pool covering at least ¼ of the required floor space, filled with clean water at least 4" deep.

**7. Swifts**

- a. Each enclosure shall have at least 2 walls covered with wood cork or similar covering to allow each animal to cling to the walls at will.

**8. Corvids**

- a. Each enclosure shall have (i) at least 2 perches of varied diameter, (ii) at least 2 wood logs placed on the enclosure floor; (iii) at least ¼ of the enclosure floor covered with pebbles or stones; and (iv) a minimum of 2 enrichment items for each animal.

**9. Raptors (Non-Specialty Rehabilitation Species)**

- a. Walls shall be constructed of vertical wood slats, 11-gauge chain link, or welded steel wire.

**10. All Water Birds**

- a. Each enclosure shall have at least one body of water of a temperature, salinity, and depth that is appropriate to the species of rehabilitation animal(s) housed in that enclosure.

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**TABLE 7. MINIMUM ENCLOSURE SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR TERRESTRIAL BIRDS (L x W x H, IN FEET UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)**

Bird Type	NEONATE <sup>1</sup>		Juvenile <sup>2</sup>		Juvenile <sup>3</sup>		Adult <sup>2</sup>		Adult <sup>3</sup>	
	W x L x H	#	W x L x H	#	W x L x H	#	W x L x H	#	W x L x H	#
<b>Apodiformes</b>										
Swifts	4" W x 2" H	8	2 x 2 x 2	10	16 x 16 x 8	20	1 x 1 x 1	1	16 x 16 x 8	20
Hummingbirds	3" W x 2" H	2	2 x 2 x 2	5	2 x 4 x 6	6	0.5 x 1 x 0.5	1	4 x 4 x 8	4
<b>Caprimulgiformes</b>										
Nighthawks, Nightjars	6" x 8" x 8"	4	2 x 3 x 3	4	8 x 16 x 8	8	1 x 1 x 1	1	8 x 16 x 8	4
<b>Columbiformes</b>										
Dove, Pigeon	6" W x 3" H	3	1 x 2 x 1	3	8 x 16 x 8	12	1 x 1 x 1	1	8 x 16 x 8	12
<b>Coraciiformes</b>										
Kingfishers	5" W x 3" H	1	8 x 16 x 8	3	8 x 16 x 8	8	1 x 1 x 1	1	8 x 16 x 8	4
<b>Cuculiformes</b>										
Cuckoos	8" W x 4" H	3	3 x 3 x 3	3	8 x 16 x 8	8	2 x 2 x 2	1	8 x 16 x 8	6
<b>Passeriformes</b>										
Songbirds >5"	4" W x 2"H	6	2 x 2 x 2	6	4 x 4 x 8	6	0.5 x 1 x 0.5	1	4 x 4 x 8	4
Songbirds <5"	6" W x 3"H	4	3 x 4 x 3	6	4 x 8 x 8	8	1 x 1 x 1	1	4 x 8 x 8	6
Swallows	4" W x 2"H	5	3 x 4 x 3	8	8 x 16 x 8	20	0.5 x 1 x 0.5	1	8 x 16 x 8	20
Corvids > 17"										
Corvids < 17"										
Quail, Grouse > 20"	1.5 x 1.5 x 1.5	12	2 x 2 x 3	12	8 x 8 x 8	12	2 x 2 x 2	1	8 x 8 x 8	4
Quail, Grouse < 20"	1.5 x 1.5 x 1.5	8	4 x 3 x 3	8	16 x 8 x 8	8	3 x 3 x 3	1	16 x 8 x 8	4
<b>Piciformes</b>										
Woodpecker >12	6" W x 4" H	6	3 x 3 x 3	6	8 x 8 x 8	8	1.5 x 1.5 x 1.5	1	8 x 8 x 8	4
Woodpecker < 12"	8" W x 6" H	4	3 x 3 x 6	4	8 x 16 x 8	6	2 x 2 x 2	1	8 x 16 x 8	4
<b>Raptors [In progress]</b>										



<b>TABLE 8A. MINIMUM ENCLOSURE SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR NEONATE AND JUVENILE WATERBIRDS (L x W x H, IN FEET UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)</b>								
<b>*WATER/POOL INCLUDED AS PART OF TOTAL MINIMUM ENCLOSURE SIZE REQUIREMENT</b>								
<b>ORDER</b>	<b>NEONATE<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>MAX #</b>	<b>JUVENILE<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>WATER/POOL</b>	<b>MAX #</b>	<b>JUVENILE<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>WATER/POOL</b>	<b>MAX #</b>
<b>Anseriformes</b>								
Swans	1 x 1.5 x 1	2	6 x 6 x 6	24" x 8 "	2	12 x 20 x 8	8 x 3	3
Geese	1 x 1.5 x 1	4	4 x 6 x 4	18" x 6"	4	10 x 18 x 8	6 x 3	6
Dabbling Ducks	10" x 10" x 10"	6	2 x 2 x 2	12" x 3"	2	6 x 10 x 8	4 x 1.5	3
Diving Ducks	1 x 1 x 1	4	2 x 2 x 2	12" x 6"	2	Pool Only	6 x 2	2
<b>Charadriiformes</b>								
Phalaropes	1 x 1 X 1	4	2 X 2 x 2	6" x 1"	2	4 X 6 X 6	36" X 1"	6
Sandpipers, Plovers, Shorebirds	1 X 1 X 1.5	4	2.5 X 2.5 x 2.5	6" X 1"	4	4 X 6 X 6	36" X 2"	6
Gulls, Terns <14 in	1 X 1 X 1.5	6	3 X 3 X 3	6" X 1"	2	6 X 12 X 8	4 X 1	6
Jaegers, Skuas, Gulls >14 in	1.5 X 1.5 X 1.5	2	6 X 4 X 6	10" X 2"	2	8 X 16 X 10	4 X 2	4
Terns, Oystercatchers, Skimmers >14 in	1 X 2 x 1.5	3	6 X 8 X 8	48" X 2"	6	10 X 16 X 8	48" X 2"	6
Alcids	1 X 1 X 1	3	Pool Only	2 X 2	1	Pool Only	6 X 3	4
<b>Ciconiiformes</b>								
Bittern, Heron, Egret, Stork, Ibis < 20 in	1 x 1 x 1	4	2 x 2 x 3	12" x 3"	4	4 x 12 x 8	2 x 0.5	2
Bittern, Heron, Egret, Stork, Ibis > 20 in	1 x 2 x 1	3	4 x 4 x 4	12" x 3"	3	10 x 25 x 10	2 x 0.5	4
<b>Gaviiformes</b>								
Loons	2 x 4 x 2	2	Pool Only	3 x 1	2	Pool Only	8 x 3	4
<b>Gruiformes</b>								
Cranes	2 x 2 x 2	1	4 x 8 x 8	36" x 2"	4	10 x 25 x 10	48" x 4"	4
Rails <10 in	1 x 1 x 1	2	2 x 2 x 2	5" x 6"	2	4 x 6 x 3	36" x 3"	4
Rails >10 in	1 x 1.5 x 1.5	2	2 x 2 x 2	12" x 6"	2	4 x 8 x 4	48" x 8"	2
Coots	1 x 1 x 1	6	2 x 2 x 2	12" x 3"	2	6 x 10 x 8	4 x 1.5	4
<b>Pelecaniformes</b>								
Pelicans	1.5 x 1.5 x 1.5	3	12 x 30 x 10	10 x 2	3	12 x 30 x 10	10 x 2	6 brown 4 white
Frigatebird	1.5 x 1.5 x 1.5	1	4 x 6 x 6	No Pool	1	12 x 30 x 12	No Pool	1
All Others	1.5 x 1.5 x 1.5	1	7 x 5 x 7	6 x 2	3	8 x 20 x 10	8 x 2	4
<b>Podicioediformes</b>								
Small Grebes	1 x 1 x 1	6	Pool Only	1 x 0.5	4	Pool Only	6 x 3	4
Large Grebes	1 x 1 x 1	4	Pool Only	3 x 1	2	Pool Only	6 x 3	4
<b>Procellariiformes</b>								
Storm Petrels	1.5 x 1 x 1	1	Pool Only	3 x 1	4	Pool Only	6 x 2	4
Large Petrels	1.5 x 1 x 1	1	Pool Only	3 x 1	3	Pool Only	6 x 3	3
Albatross	3 x 2 x 2	1	10 x 10 x 10	10 x 3	3	15 x 30 x 12	10 x 3	3

<b>TABLE 8B. MINIMUM ENCLOSURE SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULT WATERBIRDS (L x W x H, IN FEET UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)</b>				
<b>*WATER/POOL INCLUDED AS PART OF TOTAL MINIMUM ENCLOSURE SIZE REQUIREMENT</b>				
<b>ORDER</b>	<b>ADULT<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>ADULT<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>WATER/POOL</b>	<b>Max #</b>
<b>Anseriformes</b>				
Swans	4 x 4 x 4	12 x 20 x 8	8 x 3	3
Geese	3 x 3 x 3	10 x 18 x 8	6 x 3	6
Dabbling Ducks	1.5 x 1.5 x 1	6 x 10 x 8	4 x 1.5	4
Diving Ducks	1.5 x 1.5 x 1	Pool Only	6 x 2	4
<b>Charadriiformes</b>				
Phalaropes	1 x 1 x 1	Small land area with pool	48" x 6"	5
Sandpipers, Plovers, Shorebirds <10 in	1 x 1 x 1	4 x 6 x 6	36" x 1"	6
Sandpipers, Plovers, Shorebirds >10 in	1 x 1.5 x 1.5	4 x 8 x 8	36" x 3"	6
Gulls, Terns <14 in	1 x 1 x 1.5	6 x 12 x 8	4 x 1	6
Jaegers, Skuas, Gulls >14 in	1.5 x 1.5 x 1.5	8 x 16 x 8	4 x 2	4
Terns, Oystercatchers, Skimmers >14 in	1.5 x 1.5 x 1.5	8 x 16 x 8	48" x 2"	4
Alcids	1 x 1.5 x 1.5	Pool Only	6 x 3	4
<b>Ciconiiformes</b>				
Bittern, Heron, Egret, Stork, Ibis <20 in	1.5 x 1.5 x 1.5	4 x 12 x 8	24" x 6"	2
Bittern, Heron, Egret, Stork, Ibis >20 in	3 x 3 x 3	10 x 25 x 10	24" x 6"	4
<b>Gaviiformes</b>				
Loons	1 x 2 x 2	Pool Only	8 x 2	2
<b>Gruiformes</b>				
Cranes	3 x 3 x 4	10 x 25 x 10	48" x 4"	4
Rails <10 in	1 x 1 x 1	4 x 6 x 6	36" x 3"	3
Rails >10 in	1.5 x 1.5 x 1.5	4 x 8 x 8	48" x 8"	4
Coots	1.5 x 1.5 x 1	6 x 10 x 8	4 x 1.5	4
<b>Pelecaniformes</b>				
Pelicans	3 x 3 x 3	12 x 30 x 10	10 x 2	4
Frigatebird	3 x 6 x 8	12 x 30 x 12	No Pool	1
All Others	3 x 6 x 3	8 x 16 x 10	8 x 2	6
<b>Podicioediformes</b>				
Small Grebes	1 x 1 x 1	Pool Only	6 x 2	4
Large Grebes	1.5 x 1.5 x 1.5	Pool Only	6 x 2	4
<b>Procellariiformes</b>				
Storm Petrels	1 x 1 x 1	Pool Only	48" x 8"	5
Large Petrels	1.5 x 1.5 x 1.5	Pool Only	6 x 3	2
Albatross	3 x 3 x 3	Pool Only	10 x 1.5	2

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- a. Fence shall (i) be constructed of 9-gauge wire, (ii) a minimum of 8' tall, (iii) vertical posts spaced no more than 5 feet apart, and (iv) horizontal bottom posts no more than 3" from the ground; (v) buried at least 1.5 feet deep to prevent animal escape by digging; and (vi) have an internal 3 foot kick back constructed of barbed wire or smooth sided material to prevent animal escape by climbing.
- b. Each enclosure shall (i) mimic the natural environment to prevent habituation of each animal; and (ii) have a minimum of 3 tree limbs at least 6' long and 12" in diameter securely attached horizontally, vertically, or at an angle for climbing and scratching.
- c. Each enclosure shall have ground-level, guillotine door access for transport crates to allow for safe transfer of each animal to and from the enclosure.

**2. Black Bear**

- a. Each enclosure shall have (i) at least 2 elevated platforms a minimum of 3 feet high; and (ii) a pool constructed of metal, concrete, or high-density polyethylene plastic, that is at least 3 feet long and 3 feet high, and filled with clean water at least 1' deep, that allows each animal to ingress and egress at will.
- b. Each enclosure shall have at least 1 lockable den a minimum of 4 feet long, or multiple dens to house the maximum number of animals per enclosure, constructed of concrete at least 4" thick or high-density polyethylene plastic pipe at least 18" in diameter, that allows each animal to be fully hidden and ingress and egress at will.

**3. Mountain Lion**

- a. Each enclosure shall have at least (i) 1 elevated wooden platform at least 4' high for each animal; and (ii) 1 feeding area that is physically separate from the den site.

**Large Ungulates****1. All Ungulates**

- a. Each enclosure shall have (i) floors constructed of natural substrate or concrete covered with mulch, dirt, or other natural substrate; (ii) a roofed shelter with three walls constructed of 4x4 wood or galvanized steel; and (iii) fence posts constructed of 4x4 wood or galvanized steel and spaced no more than 12 feet apart.

**2. Elk**

- a. Each enclosure shall have a 7-foot vertical fence constructed of 9-gauge woven wire or chain link with mesh not more than 6 inches in diameter or equivalent.

**3. Deer, Bighorn, Pronghorn**

- a. Each enclosure shall have a 6-foot vertical fence constructed of 11-gauge woven wire with mesh not more than 6 inches in diameter or equivalent.

**Specialty Rehabilitation Raptor Species****1. All Specialty Raptors**

- a. Each enclosure shall have at least (i) 3 stationary perches placed at different heights for each animal to perch; (ii) 3 tree limbs of various diameters placed at different heights for each animal to perch; and (iii) 2 elevated feeding platforms with a minimum of 4' placed at various heights for each animal to feed.

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- b. Each enclosure shall have a shallow pan constructed of plastic or metal; or area on the ground at least 4' x 4' filled with a minimum of 3" water, dirt, or bathing dust for each animal to preen.
- c. Walls shall be (i) constructed of vertical pressure-treated wood slats, solid wood, or ½" x ½" welded steel wire covered with soft nylon netting or hardware cloth to prevent animal injury; and (ii) buried at least 12" to prevent animal escape by digging.
- d. Ceilings shall be constructed of pressure-treated wood slats, vinyl-coated 11-gauge chain link, or welded steel wire and covered at least ¼ with shade cloth, plastic tarp, or similar material to provide shade and cover for each animal.
- e. Floors shall be constructed of natural substrate or concrete covered with at least 6" of mulch, dirt, non-abrasive sand, or similar natural substrate.

**2. Osprey**

- a. Each enclosure shall have at least one pool covering at least ¼ of the required floor space and filled with fresh water at least 2' deep. Each animal shall be able to ingress and egress from the pool at will.

**Venomous Snakes**

- a. Each animal shall only be kept in an indoor enclosure with (i) a secure locked lid; (ii) airholes or similar means of ventilation; and (iii) kept inside a lockable building.
- b. Floors shall be constructed of concrete, plastic, or glass and covered with mulch, dirt, non-abrasive sand, or other natural substrate.
- c. Each enclosure shall have a clearly, conspicuously posted notice with the following information: (i) common name and scientific species name; (ii) number of animals contained inside; (iii) a warning labelled "Venomous"; (iv) local poison control telephone number; and (v) general first aid instructions that states "Access to antivenom may vary widely".
- d. Wide-jaw humane snake tongs, snake hooks, snake tube, nylon snake bags, and personal protective equipment (PPE) shall be used each time an animal is handled for any purpose.
- e. A permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee shall provide notification to the department in writing by email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) within 5 calendar days of a venomous snake bite of a human or escape of a venomous snake from its enclosure.

**TABLE 10. MINIMUM ENCLOSURE SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIALTY REHABILITATION ANIMALS (L x W x H, in FEET UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)**

Type of Animal	Neonate <sup>1</sup>		Juvenile <sup>2</sup>		Juvenile <sup>3</sup>		Adult <sup>2</sup>		Adult <sup>3</sup>	
	W x L x H	#	W x L x H	#	W x L x H	#	W x L x H	#	W x L x H	#
<b>LARGE CARNIVORES</b>										
Mountain Lion	2 x 2.5 x 2	3	3 x 6 x 3	3	20 x 36 x 13	3	Not Allowed		Not Allowed	
Black Bear	1.5 x 2 x 2	3	3 x 6 x 3	3	20 x 36 x 13	3	Not Allowed		Not Allowed	
<b>UNGULATES</b>										
Deer, Pronghorn, Bighorn Sheep	4 x 4 x 4	2	10 x 15 x 8	4	30 x 50 x 8	6	Not Allowed		Not Allowed	
Elk	6 x 6 x 4	2	12 x 20 x 8	4	50 x 80 x 8	6	Not Allowed		Not Allowed	
<b>RAPTORS [ACCIPITRIFORMES]</b>										
Falcons	1.5 x 2 x 1.5	5	6 x 6 x 6	5	8 x 16 x 8	3	1.5 x 2 x 1.5	3	8 x 16 x 8	3
Eagles, Osprey	3 x 3 x 3	4	12 x 12 x 8	4	16 x 100 x 16	4	3 x 3 x 3	4	20 x 100 x 16	4
<b>VENOMOUS SNAKES</b>										
<i>Crotalus</i> species	1 x 2 x 1	6	1 x 2 x 1	1	1 x 2 x 1	1	1 x 2 x 1	1	1 x 2 x 1	1



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In California, wildlife rehabilitators and any staff or volunteers they have approved to directly handle rehabilitation animals must complete 10 hours of continuing education each year. Staying current with best practices, accepted techniques, and the latest advancements in wildlife rehabilitation is critical for most wildlife rehabilitation professionals. Staying current on various operational requirements, such as emergency planning, is also important for most – if not all - wildlife rehabilitation professionals.

The department has developed a robust continuing education framework as a resource to support wildlife rehabilitation professionals in meeting these requirements. At its core, continuing education is a form of lifelong learning, and such opportunities for learning may occur in-person, remotely (web-based), or via another platform or format. The department strives to identify, and provide, various options for continuing education that may include department-hosted meetings or trainings and maintaining a list of potential external trainings, agency partners, professional organizations, and other resources.

Each wildlife rehabilitator shall determine the type of continued education that will be most beneficial to them, their facility, and the rehabilitation animals held in trust for the purposes of release to the wild. The department recognizes that each wildlife rehabilitator, whether operating a home-based or “brick and mortar” facility, will have unique requirements and needs based on a variety of factors. The required hours for continuing education may be met through any of the following categories:

- Formal training – e.g., class, course, certification
- Experiential training – e.g., informal/hands-on, tutorial, other facility tour
- Professional development – e.g., CDFW annual meeting, CCWR annual meeting
- Specialized training – e.g., venomous snake safe handling, rabies vector species
- Safety training – e.g., facility safety drill, emergency preparedness, job hazard analysis
- Operational capacity development – e.g., website design, effective public speaking, hand/power tool use

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(a) **Care of wildlife in possession.** Every permittee, sub-permittee, and designee shall comply with the following provisions.

(1) Food. Food shall be provided daily, or as often as necessary to prevent habituation or mal-imprinting; supplied in sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain the health and welfare of the rehabilitation animal; and shall be readily accessible to rehabilitation animals that are self-feeding.

(A) Rehabilitation animals shall be provided with a diet with consideration for the age class, species, and condition of each animal. Food receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary to prevent mold, contamination, deterioration, or caking of food.

(2) Water. Fresh water shall be provided daily and accessible at all times to rehabilitation animals or provided as often as necessary to maintain the health and welfare of the animal. Water receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary to prevent mold and contamination.

(3) Cleaning enclosures. Organic waste material shall be removed from enclosures at least once per day or as often as necessary to maintain animal welfare and to prevent habituation or mal-imprinting of the rehabilitation animal.

(4) Biosecurity practices. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall establish, maintain, and annually review programs of pest and parasite control, and communicable disease prevention shall be established and maintained pursuant to Section 679.3(a)(6)(A)1f(vii).

(A) The permittee, sub-permittee, and designee shall establish and maintain a cleaning schedule for the facility including intake, examination, and treatment areas, caging, enclosures, food and water receptacles, and enrichment items that maintains animal welfare, human health and safety.

(B) The enclosure of any rehabilitation animal suspected to have a communicable disease shall be disinfected in compliance with the requirements listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual, or at the direction of a local or state public health agency, once the animal has been removed from the enclosure.

(5) Handling. Rehabilitation animals shall be handled expeditiously and carefully so as not to cause unnecessary discomfort, stress, or physical harm to the animal or any person, or to cause the animal to mal-imprint. Any person handling a rehabilitation animal shall wear personal protective equipment that is suitable and appropriate for that species or taxa of animal. See section 679.5(a)(4) of these regulations for required biosecurity practices, and the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual (**Date of Incorporation**) for additional personal protection equipment requirements.

(6) Display of Animals. A permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee shall only reference a rehabilitation animal for media or social media purposes by intake number, common name, or scientific species name to distinguish or identify that animal for media or social media purposes; notwithstanding any rehabilitation animal possessed (i) as a result of an ongoing law enforcement action or suspected violation of law, or (ii) in a manner that increases the risk of mal-imprinting or fails to maintain the welfare of the animal.

(7) Notification Requirement for Diseased Animals. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall report, within 48 hours of receiving a rehabilitation animal suspected of having a disease of concern in the state of California, to the appropriate public agency listed for each disease of concern in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual (**Date of incorporation**). The permittee,

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sub-permittee, or designee shall make the rehabilitation animal or its carcass physically available to the department or their designee, if the department determines it necessary to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

(A) The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall provide the following required information: common species name, scientific name if known, sex if known, age class, suspected disease of concern, and any known human or animal exposure.

(B) Any wild mammal showing clinical signs consistent with rabies shall be isolated in strict confinement under proper care and direct observation of the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee for 30 calendar days, or euthanized immediately pursuant to Section 2606(c) of Title 17. A permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee shall notify the Department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) within 24 hours of euthanizing any animal suspected of having rabies.

(8) Notification Requirement for Unlawful Take of Animals. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall report to the department by telephone at (888) 334-2258, or via text to 847411 (tip411) by texting "CALTIP", within 48 hours of becoming aware of receiving a rehabilitation animal suspected to have been harmed in violation of Penal Code Section 597; unlawfully taken or possessed pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 86; or any other violation of law has occurred.

(A) The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall provide the following required information: common name, scientific species name if known; sex if known; age class; description of suspected violation; full name and contact information of reporting party; location where animal was found.

(B) The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee may report suspected violation of any flaw to local law enforcement agencies, in addition to the department.

(9) Notification Requirement for Unauthorized Animals. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall notify the department in writing via email at [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) or by telephone at (916) 358-2790 within 48 hours of receiving an animal they are not authorized to rehabilitate pursuant to Section 679.3. This requirement does not prohibit a permittee, sub-permittee, their designee, or a licensed veterinarian from providing emergency care for up to 48 hours to maintain the welfare of that animal. The department shall provide the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee instructions verbally or in writing to (i) transfer the animal to another facility; (ii) euthanize the animal; (iii) release the animal to the wild; or (iv) take other reasonable measures required by the department to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

(10) Transfer of Animals out of State. Unless otherwise authorized by the department, no person shall transport a rehabilitation animal outside of California for any reason.

**(b) Treatment of wildlife in possession.** A permittee, sub-permittee, and their designee shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) Triage Criteria. A protocol shall be established for how to triage rehabilitation animals upon intake based on the condition, age class, and species.

(2) Animal Identification. Each enclosure shall be labelled with the common name of each species in the enclosure, the number of animals of each species in the enclosure, and identification of each animal as designated by the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee.

(3) Medical Care. A permittee, and their sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, and qualified handler shall abide by the California Veterinary Medical Practices Act. Only a



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veterinarian licensed in the state of California with a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship shall provide the following services to restore a rehabilitation animal to a condition of good health: diagnose or prescribe medications, medical treatments, diagnostic and prognostic procedures, general anesthesia, or surgical procedures.

(A) No person shall perform a medical treatment, diagnostic or prognostic procedure, or surgical procedure that (i) fails to maintain the welfare of the animal; (ii) prevents the animal from being able to express natural behaviors for more than 60 calendar days; or (iii) impairs the ability of the animal to survive on its own in the wild.

(B) It shall be unlawful to use or store medications, including any controlled substances, at the wildlife rehabilitation facility or satellite facility, in violation of any law. A permittee, sub-permittee shall be liable for the possession, storage, administration, tracking, and disposal of any such substances.

(4) Daily Observation. A permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee or authorized person shall maintain a daily observation record of each rehabilitation animal that shall include the following information: (i) common name or scientific species name; (ii) food and water check-off; and (iii) medication if applicable. Per section 679.5(c) of these regulations, these daily observations constitute required records.

(5) Cross-foster. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee in possession of an adult conspecific animal possessed pursuant to sections 671.1(b) or 679.3(b), may use that animal to foster neonate and juvenile conspecific animals for the purposes of facilitating such foster animal's return to the wild.

(6) Egg incubation. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee may incubate native avian eggs for the purposes of rehabilitation, except for non-native avian species, such as European starling, English house sparrow, Eurasian collared dove, mute swan, or rock pigeon; domestic, feral or hybrid birds; fish, reptile, or amphibian eggs; eggs of any species listed pursuant to Section 671; or eggs of unknown species or origin. This section shall not preclude the need for other required permits, such as a federal migratory bird permit and federal or state scientific collecting permits.

**(c) Required Records.** The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall maintain handwritten or electronic records in the English language, that may be accompanied by translations in other languages, for each rehabilitation animal as described below.

(1) Intake history. An intake record shall include the following information: (i) date and time of intake; (ii) full name and contact information of person that transferred the animal if known; (iii) date and location where animal was found if known; (iv) if the animal caused harm to any person or domestic animal if known.

(2) Patient record. A patient record shall include the following information: (i) intake number; (ii) common species or scientific name; (iii) age class and sex if known; (iv) identifying physical marks or characteristics; (v) microchip, band, tag, or permanent identifier if applicable; (vi) medical condition; (vii) dates and type of treatment(s); (viii) full name or initials of person(s) providing such treatment.

(3) Patient outcome. A summary of the outcome for each rehabilitation animal during the calendar year as listed: transfer to another facility (T), euthanized (E), died in care (D), dead on arrival (DOA), remains in care, pending (P), escape from enclosure (EE), release to the wild (R), or reunited with mother (RU).

(4) Annual report. A permittee or their designee shall provide to the department in writing via

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email at [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) an annual report for the prior calendar year no later than January 31, that shall provide the following information: (i) total number of animal intakes; (ii) patient outcome summary for amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals; (iii) list of authorized persons; (iv) list of sub-permittees, if applicable; and (v) list of animals possessed pursuant to Section 671.1.

(A) A permittee or designee shall submit the required information listed above for each sub-permittee as part of the annual report.

(B) The permittee or designee shall submit an annual report to the department even if no activity occurred during the prior calendar year.

(6) Availability of records. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall retain required records for 5 years from the date issued, maintained as a hard copy or electronic record, and make those records available for inspection immediately on demand by the department or its designee.

**(d) Animals not returned to the wild.**

(1) Euthanasia. The permittee, sub-permittee, and designee, in consultation with a licensed veterinarian, shall determine the circumstances when euthanasia rather than attempting or continuing treatment, release to the wild, or placement pursuant to section 671.1. is required to protect the welfare of the animal, native wildlife, human health, and safety.

(A) Requirements. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Shall require completion of a minimum of 4 hours of euthanasia training, as provided by a licensed veterinarian, registered veterinary technician, or the California Animal Welfare Association, for any personnel involved in the euthanasia of any rehabilitation animal; and written proof of completion of such training shall be maintained as a required record.

2. Shall euthanize any rehabilitation animal that, despite medical care, is unable to eat, drink, ambulate, urinate, or defecate given its species' life stage and natural behaviors; and

3. Shall only use the methods of euthanasia listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual ([Date of incorporation](#)).

(B) Disposal of Carcass. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall dispose of any animal carcass in accordance with all laws, or as directed by the department in writing via email.

(C) Donation of Carcass. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall submit to the department any request to taxidermy or donate a carcass or parts thereof to a zoological garden, museum, college, university or other educational/research institution, or wildlife exhibitor pursuant to Section 650 and all laws, or a California native tribe, in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov).

1. The department shall provide the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee notification in writing via email within 10 calendar days of the department decision to approve or deny the request to taxidermy or donate a carcass or parts thereof.

2. The department shall approve a request to taxidermy or donate a carcass or parts thereof if the department determines the following requirements are met: (i) the zoological garden, museum, college, university or other educational/research institution, or wildlife exhibitor is in possession of a valid federal or state permit to

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possess a carcass or parts thereof; and (ii) the carcass or parts thereof shall be used for education or research; and (iii) the department determines it necessary to protect native wildlife, human health, and safety.

3. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall transfer any carcass or parts thereof approved by the department to taxidermy or donate with written documentation of lawful possession, which shall accompany such specimens at all times and provide the following information: (i) permittee name, telephone number, email address, and mailing address; (ii) permit number or GO ID, facility name and location; (iii) species scientific name and common name; (iv) brief description of carcass or parts transferred; (v) date and cause of mortality if known; (vi) recipient name, telephone number, email address, mailing address, title, facility/entity name, physical location, and permit number or GO ID if applicable.

4. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee may request to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) for permission to possess, at the facility, the carcass or parts thereof of a rehabilitation animal that is deceased for the purpose of education and to protect native wildlife, human health, or safety.

a. The department shall provide the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee notification in writing via email within 10 calendar days of the department decision to approve or deny the request to possess a carcass or parts thereof.

b. The department shall approve a request to possess a carcass or parts thereof if the department determines that the following requirements are met for the wildlife rehabilitation facility or satellite facility: (i) in possession of all applicable permits; (ii) in good standing with the department pursuant to Section 679.9; and (iii) the department determines it necessary to protect native wildlife, human health, or safety.

5. No person shall possess a fully protected species unless such carcass or parts thereof was obtained pursuant to Fish and Game Code sections 3511, 4700, 5050, or 5515.

(2) Permanent Placement. A permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee shall provide to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) a request for permanent placement of a rehabilitation animal by the department within 10 calendar days of a permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee considering the animal unsuitable for release to the wild.

(A) Requirements. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall provide the following information with the written request:

1. Requesting party name, wildlife rehabilitation permit number, mailing address, telephone number, email address, facility physical address, and facility name.

2. Animal information. Common name; scientific species name if known; intake number; microchip, band, tag or other permanent identifier if applicable; age class; sex; intake date; date of last examination; name of person performing examination.

3. Animal condition. Identify the condition(s) that make the animal not suitable for release to the wild: permanent visual impairment; inability to walk, perch or fly; amputated leg, foot, tail, or wing at or below the humero-ulnar joint; inability to perform natural behaviors; permanent damage to skin, scales/scute, fur, or feathers; neurologic issues; permanent habituation or mal-imprinted; known or

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suspected to have a disease of concern; spinal injury, paralysis or paresis; inability to eat, drink, ambulate on its own; and other condition.

4. Animal temperament. Identify the temperament of the animal from the following list: Human handling causes little behavioral stress to the animal; human handling causes behavioral stress to the animal; capable of providing species appropriate care for neonate or juvenile conspecifics in a captive setting as a potential surrogate.

5. Animal welfare requirements. Identify the requirements necessary to maintain the welfare of the animal, including but not limited to required medication, medical treatment, limited activity, special diet or modified feeding, must be housed with other animals or housed alone. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall provide the name, license number and expiration date, employer address, telephone number, and email address of the licensed veterinarian that conducted an examination of the rehabilitation animal and evaluated the requirements needed to maintain the welfare of the animal.

6. Proposed facility placement. Identify the name and location of any facility proposed by the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee for permanent placement of the rehabilitation animal, if the department approves the request.

(B) The department shall evaluate the request and the required information, and notify the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee within 30 calendar days in writing by email of the department's denial or approval of the request. If the department determines that a site visit is required to evaluate the animal, an additional 30 calendar days shall be allowed for their response.

1. The department may place a non-releasable rehabilitation animal in a facility pursuant to Section 671.1 if the department determines, based on the totality of the required information provided by the applicant that: (i) all conditions necessary to protect the welfare of the animal for the remainder of its natural life will be met; (ii) all conditions necessary to protect human health and safety will be met; (iii) a facility is available to receive the animal; and (iii) the facility shall not be in violation of any law.

2. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall euthanize a non-releasable rehabilitation animal if the department determines that a facility fails to meet all conditions necessary to protect the welfare of the animal, human health, or safety for the remainder of its natural life; or a facility is unable to receive the animal.

**(e) Animals not native to California.** A permittee, sub-permittee, and designee shall comply with the following standards for non-native animals received at a wildlife rehabilitation facility or satellite facility:

(1) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee, at their discretion, may temporarily possess for the purposes of rehabilitation the following animals not native to the state of California: Virginia opossums, Eastern gray squirrels, Eastern fox squirrels, rock pigeons, Eurasian collared dove, European starling, and house sparrow.

(2) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall not release to the wild any of the following animals identified as a restricted species pursuant to Section 671 of these regulations, and the following species: nutria, wild pig, American bullfrog, red-eared slider, black-throated magpie jay, pin-tailed whydah, and scaly breasted munia.

(A) Notwithstanding the following, a permittee, their sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler may release to the wild any of the following animals identified



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as a restricted species pursuant to Section 671.

1. Class Aves: families Cuculidae, Corvidae; orders Falconiformes, Strigiformes.
2. Class Mammalia: orders Marsupialia, Insectivora, Chiroptera, Lagomorpha, Rodentia; families Felidae, Procyonidae, Mustelidae, and Arctidacyla.
3. Class Amphibia: Family Ambystomatidae.
4. Class Reptilia: families Elaphidae, Viperiade, Crotalidae, and Colubridae.

(3) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall not temporarily possess for the purposes of rehabilitation, or release to the wild, any red fox suspected to be not native to California unless determined by the department or its designee to be a Sacramento Valley red fox or Sierra Nevada red fox native to California. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall euthanize any such non-native animals to protect animal welfare, native wildlife, agricultural interests, human health, and safety.

(4) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall not temporarily possess for the purposes of rehabilitation, or release to the wild, any barred owl (*Strix varia*) for any reason in California. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall euthanize any such animal to protect animal welfare and native wildlife in California.

**CARE AND TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Correct species identification, behavioral and environmental enrichment appropriate to the species of rehabilitation animal and its condition, and proper husbandry protocols are critical components of any care and treatment plan. Lack of familiarity with a species' life history or safe handling techniques can result in harm to the rehabilitation animal and human handler(s). Wildlife rehabilitation professionals shall only accept for intake rehabilitation animals of a species they are prepared to temporarily possess in a manner that maintains the welfare of that animal, human health, and safety.

A wildlife rehabilitator shall transfer a rehabilitation animal to another wildlife rehabilitation facility for any foreseeable reason or due to animal welfare, health, safety, or financial reasons that may include but not be limited to:

- The condition of the animal is outside the available scope of expertise or experience.
- The caging and/or enclosures do not meet the requirements for the animal.
- The animal requires conspecific companionship for its welfare and release to the wild.
- The animal is a specialty rehabilitation animal or restricted species that requires other permit(s) and/or authorization by the department to temporarily possess.
- The diagnostic and/or treatment equipment required to properly rehabilitate the animal are not available.
- Facility capacity for intaking and temporarily possessing any rehabilitation animal has been reached.

A wildlife rehabilitator shall know how to effectively triage rehabilitation animals upon intake, recognize which animals require care first (i.e., urgent life-threatening conditions), and respond with the correct treatment. Some conditions are not treatable, and the rehabilitation animal must be euthanized as soon as humanely possible. For many animals, the best initial treatment is to (i) keep the animal isolated from other animals; (ii) temporarily confined in a warm, quiet, dark enclosure; (iii) examined closely for signs of disease or major trauma; and (iv) stabilized with fluid therapy.

Treatment plans shall involve a critical assessment of the potential impact of each treatment, procedure, and anticipated recovery process on the welfare of the animal as based on the best available scientific

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literature, case studies, or derived from similar species or situational scenarios. Wildlife rehabilitators shall not use experimental or highly invasive treatment techniques without the approval of the department; or practice veterinary medicine unless they hold a current veterinary license in California.

Measures shall be taken during treatment to reduce a rehabilitation animal's risk of mal-imprinting or habituation. Wildlife rehabilitation professionals shall develop and maintain standard procedures and best practices that reduce rehabilitation animals' exposure to human interaction, prolonged handling or physical restraint, anthropogenic noise, or other disturbance that creates significant stress or unnecessary discomfort to a rehabilitation animal. Prolonged stress can affect the welfare of the animal, and ultimately may affect when and how it can be released to the wild.

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Wildlife rehabilitation professionals shall know the life stage and nutritional requirements of each species of rehabilitation animal. A proper diet can mean the difference between recovery and release to the wild or euthanasia. The most common nutritional deficiency observed in rehabilitation animals is metabolic bone disease. This disease can be prevented by maintaining a special diet with Calcium to Phosphorous (Ca:P) ratios and Vitamin D levels that are appropriate for each rehabilitation animal, based on life history, species, age, and condition of the animal. Clinical signs will vary in severity depending on how the endocrine, gastrointestinal, nervous, skeletal, urinary, vascular systems are affected.

Wildlife rehabilitation professionals shall also closely observe neonate rehabilitation animals, allowing them to feed independently as soon as reasonable. Juvenile rehabilitation animals, black bear cubs, deer fawns, and coyote pups in particular, are at increased risk of food conditioning or habituation during any stage of rehabilitation. A rehabilitation animal that is determined to be permanently habituated shall not be released to the wild. Such an animal is at greater risk of being harmed or injured during a human-wildlife interaction, less likely to survive in the wild, and potentially dangerous to humans or domestic animals.

**CLEANING REQUIREMENTS**

Organic waste material must be removed prior to using any disinfectant or cleaning products. Wildlife rehabilitation professionals shall closely adhere to the instructions for proper dilution, use, storage, and disposal of any disinfectant or cleaning products. Individuals shall use proper PPE, have adequate ventilation while cleaning, and closely adhere to all. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) shall be kept on site where chemicals are being used and any containers storing diluted solutions shall be labeled with the chemical name, dilution, and date mixed.

**TABLE 11. COMMON DETERGENTS AND DISINFECTANTS**

<b>Alcohols</b> - Uses: Antiseptic, cleaning instruments (e.g., ethanol, isopropyl alcohol).
<b>Aldehydes</b> - Uses: Cold sterilization and disinfection (e.g., formaldehyde, Wavicide-01, Cidex®).
<b>Biguanides</b> - Uses: Wound care, antiseptic, disinfection (e.g., chlorhexidine-based products).
<b>Detergents</b> - Uses: Initial washing of food bowls, enrichment items (e.g., dish soap, laundry detergent).
<b>Herbal-based Solutions</b> - Uses: General cleaning and disinfection (e.g., Concrobium® Broad Spectrum Disinfectant II).
<b>Hypochlorites</b> - Uses: Disinfection of nonmetallic surfaces (e.g., chlorine bleach).
<b>Iodophores</b> - Uses: Surgical preparation, disinfection, wound care (e.g., Betadine™ solution).
<b>Oxidizing Agents</b> - Uses: Disinfection of hard, nonmetal surfaces (e.g., peroxide-based compounds).
<b>Phenols</b> - Uses: General disinfectant, foot baths (e.g., Hil-Phene®).
<b>Quaternary Ammonium Compounds</b> - Uses: General cleaning and disinfection (e.g., KennelSol®).
<b>Stabilized Chlorine Dioxides</b> - Uses: General cleaning and disinfection (e.g., Oxine® Bio-Cide).

**DISEASES OF CONCERN**

Communicable diseases can be caused by bacteria, viruses, parasites, protozoans, vectors, or other agents, and may be transmitted between wildlife of the same or related species in the same area, domestic animals, or humans. Wildlife rehabilitation professionals are often at the forefront of emerging disease surveillance and monitoring. As such, they can play a significant role in protecting human and wildlife health. In California, there are several diseases of concern (Table 12) that the department's Wildlife Health Laboratory actively monitors for disease outbreaks and mortality events. These diseases are known to have potentially significant consequences for affected species and populations. Wildlife rehabilitation professionals shall monitor for and report any known or suspected cases of a

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disease of concern to the department and the proper reporting agency (e.g., Department of Public Health, Department of Food and Agriculture, local Health Department, Animal Services Division).

**TABLE 12. DISEASES OF CONCERN IN CALIFORNIA [ZOO NOTIC]**

1. **Chronic Wasting Disease** - Neurologic prion disease in deer, elk, and other cervids. Clinical signs include progressive weight loss, loss of awareness, and loss of natural fear of humans.
2. **Deer Epizootic Hemorrhagic Diseases** – Viral diseases in deer that include Deer adenovirus-1, bluetongue virus, and epizootic hemorrhagic disease virus. Clinical signs can vary from no signs to acute death (especially fatal to young animals).
3. **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus (HPAI)** – Viral disease caused by Type A influenza viruses naturally found in birds and mammals. Clinical signs include lethargy, tremors, head tilt, and death.
4. **Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus** - Viral disease that affects domestic and wild lagomorphs (rabbit, hare). It can spread quickly and can cause high mortality in affected populations. Clinical signs include swelling, bleeding from the nostril, lethargy, neurologic symptoms, and acute death.
5. **Rabies Virus**– Viral disease in mammals transmitted via saliva. The most common rabies vector species are bats, raccoons, skunks, and foxes. Clinical signs include loss of fear response, aggression, excessive drooling, lethargy, and paralysis.
6. **SARS-COV-2** – Viral disease in mammals transmitted via infectious respiratory fluid. Clinical signs include cough, fatigue, body aches, diarrhea, headache, loss of taste/smell, chest pain, and death.
1. **Snake Fungal Disease** – Fungal disease in snakes caused by *Ophidiomyces ophidiicola*. Clinical signs include poor body condition, scabs, skin ulcers or nodules, crusted or discolored scales, swollen or disfigured face, and cloudy eyes.
2. **White Nose Syndrome** – Fungal disease of bats caused by *Pseudogymnoascus destructans*. It can cause up to 100% mortality in bat colonies during hibernation. Clinical signs include white powdery fungus on the muzzle, ears, wings, or limbs; emaciation, abnormal behavior; and acute death.

To prevent risk of disease transmission and/or exposure, wildlife rehabilitation professionals must have clear knowledge of potential risks, symptoms, and biosecurity practices is critical. Transmission of most diseases can be prevented by a) eliminating exposure to the causative agent (e.g., virus, bacteria, fungus, protozoa), b) using appropriate pre-exposure prophylaxis, and c) prompt diagnosis and treatment of any symptoms post-exposure. Any person in regular close contact with rehabilitation animals should inform their medical providers to facilitate appropriate diagnostic testing, accurate diagnosis, and timely treatment. Medical alert cards for wildlife professionals are available from the U.S. Geological Survey website at <https://www.usgs.gov/media/files/medical-wallet-card-wildlife-professionals>.

**TABLE 13. OTHER COMMON DISEASES**

1. **Staphylococcus and streptococcus infection** – Bacterial infections commonly spread by direct or indirect contact with infected skin. Clinical signs can include no signs, to dermal lesions and sepsis.
2. **Leptospirosis (*Leptospira spp.*)** – Bacterial infection transmitted via contaminated water or urine from infected mammals. Clinical signs can include kidney damage, liver damage, and death.
3. **Cryptosporidiosis (*Cryptosporidium spp.*)** - Gastrointestinal disease caused by a protozoan parasite. Clinical signs can include diarrhea, lethargy, and poor growth rates.
4. **Salmonellosis (*Salmonella spp.*)** – Bacterial infection found in mammals, bird, reptiles, and amphibians. Clinical signs can include dermal lesions, lethargy, and acute death.
5. **Tularemia (*Francisella tularensis*)** – Bacterial infection primarily found in lagomorphs and rodents, transmitted via ticks and flies. Clinical signs can include lethargy, ulcers, diarrhea, and acute death.
6. **Psittacosis (*Chlamydophila psittaci*)** – Bacterial infection of birds transmitted via droppings or nasal discharge. Clinical signs can include lethargy, ocular or nasal discharge, and pneumonia.
7. **Brucellosis (*Brucella spp.*)** – Bacterial infection of mammals transmitted via milk or birthing fluids from infected animals. Clinical signs range in animals from inapparent disease to spontaneous abortion.
8. **Tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*)** – Bacterial infection in mammals, namely ungulate species.



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Clinical signs can include respiratory disease, arthritis, and death.

9. **Hantavirus** - Viral infection in rodents transmitted via aerosolized urine and feces. Clinical signs can range from inapparent disease in rodents to acute and severe respiratory disease in humans.
10. **Valley Fever (*Coccidioidomycosis*)** – Fungal infection transmitted via inhalation of fungal spores from contaminated soil or animal. Clinical signs can include lethargy, chills, and respiratory disease.
11. **Toxoplasmosis (*Toxoplasma gondii*)** – Parasitic infection caused by a protozoan parasite transmitted via feces or contaminated meat. Clinical signs can include diarrhea, seizures, and death.
12. **West Nile Virus** - Viral infection in birds and humans transmitted via mosquitos. Clinical signs can include lethargy, neurologic disease, and death.
13. **Roundworm (*Baylisascaris species*)** – Parasitic infection transmitted via feces. Raccoons infected with raccoon roundworm (*B. procyonis*) and skunks infected with skunk roundworm (*B. columnaris*) typically have no clinical signs. Clinical signs in other species can include blindness, neurologic disease, and death. Roundworm eggs can lay dormant for years prior to infecting a host. Eggs can be killed by flame-sterilizing enclosures between use; conventional cleaning or disinfectants not effective. [Some presumptive cases of *B. procyonis* may be *B. columnaris*; *Baylisascaris* speciation often not performed.]

**EUTHANASIA REQUIREMENTS**

Wildlife rehabilitators shall establish and maintain euthanasia procedures that are consistent with code and regulations. A rehabilitation animal shall be at a facility for only as long as it takes for it to heal or mature sufficiently to survive in the wild. A rehabilitation animal shall be deemed non-releasable if it cannot be released to the wild due to impairment caused by any of the following conditions:

- Permanent visual impairment (blindness in one or both eyes, reduced vision).
- Inability to walk, perch or fly.
- Unable to perform natural behaviors (e.g., forage, hunt, climb, dig).
- Permanent damage to skin, scales/scute, fur, or feathers.
- Severe and/or chronic pain.
- Neurologic issues (e.g., seizures).
- Habituated, mal-imprinted, or food conditioned.
- Known or suspected to have any disease.
- Paralysis or paresis.
- Unable to eat, drink and/or ambulate on its own.
- Amputated leg, foot, tail, or a wing (at or above humero-ulnar joint\*).

\* Title 50 Part 21.31 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Migratory Bird Treaty Act)

A non-releasable animal shall be humanely euthanized; or in some cases, placed in captivity if deemed to be a suitable candidate (e.g., education animal) for captive placement. For many wild animals, euthanasia rather than a life in captivity is the most compassionate outcome.

**TABLE 14. ACCEPTABLE EUTHANASIA TECHNIQUES FOR REHABILITATION ANIMALS**

1. **Chemical Methods**
  - **Pentobarbital sodium** [preferred method] – Amphibian, bird, mammal, reptile.
  - **Potassium chloride** [prior anesthesia required] - Amphibian, bird, mammal, reptile.
2. **Inhalant Gas Methods**
  - **Anesthetic gas** [e.g., isoflurane, nitrous oxide] – Small animals only (< 15 lbs.)
  - **Carbon dioxide** [no amphibians] – Bird, mammal, reptile.
3. **Physical Methods**
  - **Firearm** [safety requirements] – Amphibian, bird, mammal, reptile.
  - **Cervical dislocation** [prior anesthesia preferred] – Small animals only (< 0.5 lbs.)
  - **Exsanguination** [prior anesthesia required] - Amphibian, bird, mammal, reptile.
  - **Pithing** [secondary method] - Amphibian, reptile.

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- **Thoracic compression** [not recommended] – Bird, mammal.
- **Blunt force trauma to head / Decapitation** [not recommended] – Small animals only (< 10 lbs.)

Acceptable methods of animal carcass disposal shall be based on the condition of the carcass, cause of mortality, species, and location of the wildlife rehabilitation facility. Wildlife professionals shall dispose of any rehabilitation animal that is euthanized or dies of natural causes pursuant to all federal, state, and local jurisdiction requirements. The carcass of any rehabilitation animal that has been chemically euthanized shall be disposed of in a way that prevents scavenging by domestic or wild animals. Carcass disposal method may include the following: (i) incineration at a qualified facility; (ii) rendering at a qualified facility; (iii) burying to a sufficient depth to prevent excavation; (iv) transfer to an entity with a valid permit or department authorization to possess; (v) transfer to the National Eagle Repository at the direction of the USFWS.

NOTE: Permission from the USFWS and the department shall be obtained prior to euthanizing any Bald Eagle, Golden Eagle or Threatened or Endangered species unless humane considerations warrant prompt euthanasia prior to notification of such agencies.

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**(a) Requirements for Release.** The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall evaluate a rehabilitation animal to determine if it can be released to the wild at a location in the state of California within the known range and distribution of the species, if the rehabilitation animal meets the following requirements.

(1) The rehabilitation animal shall be: (i) in good physical health; (ii) not known or suspected to have a disease of concern listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual; (iii) not observed to be habituated, or mal-imprinted; and (iv) observed to display the natural behaviors and physical abilities it needs to survive in the wild, such as foraging, hunting or predator avoidance.

(2) A permittee, or their sub-permittee or designee, shall obtain permission from the property owner or their designee prior to releasing any rehabilitation animal on that property.

(3) A permittee, or their sub-permittee or designee, shall mark, band, collar, or tag any large carnivore or species of interest to the department, upon its release to the wild for the purposes of research or management, and to protect animal welfare, native wildlife, agricultural interests, human health, or safety.

(4) A permittee, or their sub-permittee or designee, may request to the department in writing via email at [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) a request for approval to use their own band or tag to mark a rehabilitation animal to track its movements upon release to the wild for the purposes of research or wildlife management.

(A) A permittee, or their sub-permittee or designee, shall provide to the department a written protocol describing the (i) banding or tagging process to mark the rehabilitation animal, (ii) intended use and management of any data, and (iii) list of personnel trained to affix such band or tag to the rehabilitation animal.

(B) The department shall approve such a request if it determines such marking: (i) is part of a bona fide research or management program; (ii) will not adversely impact native wildlife, animal welfare, agricultural interests, human health, or safety; and (iii) the permittee or their sub-permittee possesses all applicable valid permits. The department shall provide notification in writing via email within 10 business days of the department's decision to approve or deny the request.

**(b) Release of Raptors.** A permittee, or their sub-permittee or designee, may authorize a licensed General or Master falconer, listed both an authorized person and as a qualified handler pursuant to 679.3(b)(1)(E)2, to temporarily possess any rehabilitation raptor of the Order Accipitriformes, Cathartiformes, Falconiformes, or Strigiformes, for the purposes of flight conditioning and its release to the wild pursuant to Section 670(h)(3). Any such raptor temporarily possessed by a falconer for this purpose shall remain under the permit issued pursuant to Section 679.3 and shall not be added to the licensee's falconry license.

(1) A permittee, or their sub-permittee or designee, shall provide the licensee with a written letter of temporary transfer with the following required information: class of licensed falconer, full name, telephone number, valid falconry license, mailing address, physical location where the raptor will be temporarily possessed, patient number assigned to the raptor by the permittee, animal welfare conditions required to assure the necessary care of the raptor, and date of transfer.

**RELEASE REQUIREMENTS**

In California, more than 125,000 wild animals are brought to permitted wildlife rehabilitators throughout the State. The department recognizes and values the extraordinary dedication and expertise provided

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by wildlife rehabilitation professionals when restoring a rehabilitation animal to a condition of good health – behaviorally and physically – for the purpose of releasing that animal to suitable habitat in the wild. Depending on species and population health, such releases can contribute greatly to wildlife conservation efforts.

Wildlife rehabilitation professionals shall use the following criteria to evaluate if a rehabilitation animal is a suitable candidate for release to the wild.

<b>TABLE 15. REHABILITATION ANIMAL CRITERIA FOR RELEASE TO THE WILD</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Recovery from primary injury or illness.</li><li>2. Pre-release conditioning completed.</li><li>3. Exhibits natural behaviors for its age class, sex, and species (e.g., hunting, foraging).</li><li>4. No clinical signs or known exposure to communicable diseases and parasites during rehabilitation.</li><li>5. Acclimated to weather and seasonal timing of release.</li><li>6. Availability of suitable habitat.</li><li>7. Permission to release rehabilitation animal at selected site.</li></ol>

The following additional requirements ensure that rehabilitation activities performed under the permit meet all conditions necessary to protect native wildlife, agricultural interests, human health, and safety:

- Wildlife rehabilitation professionals shall release a rehabilitation animal as soon as it is deemed fit and has a reasonable chance of survival in the wild.
- Wildlife rehabilitation professionals shall first obtain authorization from the department prior to the release of any large carnivore to a location determined by the department to be suitable for that animal.
- Wildlife rehabilitation professionals shall release herptiles to suitable habitat in the wild at their place of origin, without exception, to reduce the risk of disease to healthy populations.
- Wildlife rehabilitation professionals shall not release to the wild any restricted species known to be detrimental or native species known to have been in captivity (e.g., research specimen).



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(1) The department or its designee shall conduct inspections of any wildlife rehabilitation facility, enclosure, equipment, required records, and rehabilitation animals, as applicable, of the following persons: (i) any applicant pursuant to Section 679.3(a)(7)(A), (ii) permittee or sub-permittee renewing a permit that has been expired more than 6 months, (iii) permittee or sub-permittee that move a facility to a new location; (iv) permittee or sub-permittee who have request deviations in construction design or construction materials pursuant to Section 679.4.

(A) The department may authorize an employee of a federal, state, tribal, or local agency with jurisdiction over public safety, wildlife or animal care to conduct an inspection on behalf of the department if the department deems it necessary to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

(2) The department may conduct inspections, during a reasonable time of the day and on any day of the week, when a permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee are present, of a wildlife rehabilitation facility, satellite facility, required records, and rehabilitation animals to protect animal welfare, native wildlife, human health and safety.

(A) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall allow and facilitate access to the inspectors to all areas of the facility.

(B) The department shall deny the issuance of, or revoke, the permit of an applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee, pursuant to Section 679.9, who refuses to participate in an inspection, or allow an inspection, after 3 reasonable attempts by the department.

(3) A permittee or their designee shall conduct inspections of a satellite facility operated by a sub-permittee, enclosure, equipment, required records, and rehabilitation animals at least once per calendar year, no sooner than 6 months after the last satellite facility inspection. A permittee shall retain written record of each inspection pursuant Section 679.7(a)(1); and submit such written record to the department with the annual report.

**(b) Failure to Meet Standards.** An applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee that fails to meet any standard described in these regulations shall be provided a list of required facility changes by the department in writing via email within 15 calendar days of the initial inspection.

(1) An applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee shall make the required changes to attain compliance within 45 calendar days of proof of service of the date the department sent the notification.

(A) The department shall consult with the applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee to determine the date and time of re-inspection.

(B) If an applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee fails to meet inspection standards during the re-inspection, the applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee may request to the department in writing via email at [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) a second re-inspection by the department.

1. The department shall notify the applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee in writing via email within 5 business days of the determination to approve or deny the request for a second re-inspection. If the department approves such a request, the department shall notify the applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee of the date and time of the second re-inspection.

(C) An applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee shall submit to the department a written request via email at [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) for an extension of time to make the required facility changes. The department shall approve or deny such a request within 5

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business days of receiving the request if the department, at its discretion, determines it necessary to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

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**(a) Seizure of Live Animals Possessed Pursuant to a Valid Permit or Sub-Permit.** The department shall seize any rehabilitation animal possessed by a permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee, if a permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee, has violated any provision of the Fish and Game Code, these regulations, Penal Code section 597, or the terms and conditions of the permit or sub-permit, unless the department finds:

(1) an action other than a seizure, such as a written warning issued to the permittee, is expected to cause the permittee to cure an existing violation or not violate in the future; or

(2) the violation either did not adversely impact, and is not likely to adversely impact, animal welfare; native wildlife; agricultural interests of this state; or human health or safety.

**(b) Seizure of Live Animals Possessed by a Person with an Invalid Permit or Sub-Permit.** The department shall seize any rehabilitation animal possessed by a person whose permit or sub-permit has been denied or revoked pursuant to Section 679.9, or whose permit or sub-permit has expired for any reason.

**(c) Animals Seized Pursuant to Paragraphs (a) or (b).** The department shall, at its sole discretion and taking into account animal welfare, native wildlife, agricultural interests of the state, or human health or safety, determine that an animal that is seized pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) be:

(1) seized in place;

(2) transferred to a facility operated or permitted by the department, or to a person authorized to possess such animal;

(3) humanely euthanized; or

(4) released to the wild pursuant to Section 679.6.

**(d) Costs Incurred Pursuant to Paragraphs (a) through (c).** Costs incurred by either the department or another party for actions taken pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (c) shall be paid by the person from whom the live animal was seized. The department or other party may initiate a civil action for cost recovery.

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**(a) Denial of an Application.** The department shall deny the issuance of a new permit or renewal of a permit if either:

- (1) an applicant fails to comply with any provision of sections 679.3, 679.4., 679.5, 679.6, and 679.7; or
- (2) an applicant, their sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler has violated any provision of the Fish and Game Code or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, Penal Code section 597, any other law, or the terms and conditions of the permit or a sub-permit, or has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, unless the department finds:
  - (A) An action other than a denial, such as a written warning issued to the applicant, would likely cause the applicant to cure an existing violation or not violate in the future; or
  - (B) The violation has either not severely adversely impacted or is not likely to severely adversely impact the welfare of wildlife possessed by the permittee; native wildlife; agricultural interests of this state; or human health or safety.

**(b) Denial of a Sub-Permit.** The department shall deny a permittee approval to add a sub-permit if either:

- (1) an applicant fails to demonstrate compliance with Section 679.3(c), or:
- (2) their sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler has violated any provision of the Fish and Game Code or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, Penal Code section 597, any other law, or the terms and conditions of the permit, or has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, unless the department finds:
  - (A) An action other than a denial, such as a written warning issued by the department to the applicant, would likely cause the applicant to cure an existing violation or not violate in the future; or
  - (B) The violation has either not severely adversely impacted or is not likely to severely adversely impact the welfare of wildlife possessed by the permittee; native wildlife; agricultural interests of this state; or human health or safety.

**(c) Revocation of a Permit.** The department shall revoke a permit if a permittee, their sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler has violated any provision of the Fish and Game Code or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, Penal Code section 597, or the terms and conditions of the permit or a sub-permit, or has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, unless the department finds:

- (1) An action other than a revocation, such as a written warning issued to the permittee, would likely cause the permittee to cure an existing violation or not violate in the future; or
- (2) The violation has either not severely adversely impacted or is not likely to severely adversely impact the welfare of wildlife possessed by the permittee; native wildlife; agricultural interests of this state; or human health or safety.

**(d) Revocation of a Sub-Permit.** The department shall revoke a sub-permit if either:

- (1) The permit is no longer valid;
- (2) The permittee notifies the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) of the removal of a sub-permittee from the permit for any reason; or

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(3) The permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee, or their authorized person(s), has violated any provision of the Fish and Game Code or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, Penal Code section 597, or the terms and conditions of the permit or a sub-permit, or has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, unless the department finds:

(A) An action other than a revocation, such as a written warning issued to the permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee would likely cause the permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee to cure an existing violation or not violate in the future; or

(B) The violation has either not severely adversely impacted or is not likely to severely adversely impact the welfare of wildlife possessed by the permittee; native wildlife; agricultural interests of this state; or human health or safety.

**(e) Proof of Service and Method of Service.** A notification of a denial or revocation issued pursuant to this section, or a notification of a denial of a variance request pursuant to section 679.7(b) shall include a proof of service indicating the date the department sent the notification. The department will send such a notification by United States Postal Service, overnight carrier, or electronic mail.

**(f) Request for Reconsideration.** Any applicant whose application for a permit or sub-permit is denied, whose variance request is denied, or who receives a notice of modification, may submit a written request for reconsideration to the department.

(1) The request for reconsideration shall set forth the reasons why the Department should reconsider the denial or notice of modification and may include any relevant documents.

(2) The request for reconsideration shall contain a statement signed and dated by the applicant or permittee under penalty of perjury that states in effect, "I declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this request for reconsideration is true and correct."

(3) The request for reconsideration shall be sent via electronic mail no later than 30 days after the date on the proof of service described in paragraph (e), to the following email address: [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov). The department shall not accept a request for reconsideration that is submitted after the 30-day deadline or is not signed under penalty of perjury.

(4) The department shall consider any information submitted with the request for reconsideration, and within 60 business days may, in its sole discretion, sustain, reverse, or amend its permitting decision, including based upon a mistake of fact or law, or because the permittee or applicant has taken corrective actions to meet all requirements and standards pursuant to department direction.

(5) Any person whose denial is sustained by the department may request a hearing before the commission to show cause why their permit request should not be denied.

**(g) Commission hearing to show cause why a permit or sub-permit should not be revoked.** Any permittee or sub-permittee whose permit or sub-permit has been revoked by the department may request a hearing before the commission to show cause why their permit or sub-permit should not be revoked.

(1) The request for a hearing shall be sent by electronic mail no later than 30 days after the date on the proof of service described in paragraph (e) to the following email address: [fgc@fgc.ca.gov](mailto:fgc@fgc.ca.gov). The commission shall not accept a request for a hearing that is submitted after the 30-day deadline.



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**(h) Effect of this Section on the Seizure, Transfer, Euthanasia, or Release of Wildlife.** Nothing in this section shall affect the seizure, transfer, euthanasia, or release of wildlife pursuant to Section 679.8.

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(a) All licenses, permits, tags reservations, and other entitlements authorized by this code shall be prepared and issued by the department.

**§2000. Taking And Possessing In General**

It is unlawful to take any bird, mammal, fish, reptile, or amphibian except as provided in this code or regulations made pursuant thereto. Possession of a bird, mammal, fish, or reptile or parts thereof in or on the fields, forests, or waters of this state, or while returning therefrom with fishing or hunting equipment is prima facie evidence the possessor took the bird, mammal, fish or reptile or parts thereof.

**§2120. Regulations Governing Wild Animals**

(a) The commission, in cooperation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, shall adopt regulations governing both (1) the entry, importation, possession, transportation, keeping, confinement, or release of any and all wild animals that will be or that have been imported into this state pursuant to this chapter, and (2) the possession of all other wild animals. The regulations shall be designed to prevent damage to the native wildlife or agricultural interests of this state resulting from the existence at large of these wild animals, and to provide for the welfare of wild animals and the safety of the public.

**§2121. Escape or Release of Wild Animals**

No person having possession or control over any wild animal under this chapter shall intentionally free, or knowingly permit the escape, or release of such an animal, except in accordance with the regulations of the commission.

**§2122. Regulations for Guidance of Enforcement Officers**

The commission shall promulgate regulations in cooperation with the State Department of Food and Agriculture for the guidance of enforcing officers. Such regulations shall include a list of the wild animals for which permits that may be issued under this chapter will be refused, and the disposition of such wild animals illegally imported into this state.

**§2127. Eligible Local Entities**

(a) The department may reimburse eligible local entities, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding entered into pursuant to this section, for costs incurred by the eligible local entities in the administration and enforcement of any provision concerning the possession of, handling of, care for, or holding facilities provided for, a wild animal designated pursuant to Section 2118.

(b) The department may enter into memorandums of understanding with eligible local entities for the administration and enforcement of any provision concerning the possession of, handling of, care for, or holding facilities provided for, a wild animal designated pursuant to Section 2118.

(c) The commission shall adopt regulations that establish specific criteria an eligible local entity shall meet in order to qualify as an eligible local entity.

(d) For the purposes of this division, “eligible local entity” means a county, local animal control officer, local humane society official, educational institution, or trained private individual that enters into a memorandum of understanding with the department pursuant to this section.

**§2150.2. Establishment of Fees**

The department shall establish fees for permits, permit applications, and facility inspections in amounts sufficient to cover the costs of administering, implementing, and enforcing this chapter.

**§2150.4. Inspection of Wild Animal Facilities**

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(a) The department or an eligible local entity shall inspect the wild animal facilities, as determined by the director's advisory committee, of each person holding a permit issued pursuant to Section 2150 authorizing the possession of a wild animal.

(b) In addition to the inspections specified in subdivision (a), the department or an eligible local entity, pursuant to the regulations of the commission, may inspect the facilities and care provided for the wild animal of any person holding a permit issued pursuant to Section 2150 for the purpose of determining whether the animal is being cared for in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations. The department shall collect an inspection fee, in an amount determined by the department pursuant to Section 2150.2.

(c) No later than January 1, 2009, the department, in cooperation with the committee created pursuant to Section 2150.3, shall develop, implement, and enter into memorandums of understanding with eligible local entities if the department elects not to inspect every wild animal facility pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b). Eligible local entities shall meet the criteria established in regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 2157.

**§2192. Regulation and Enforcement**

Notwithstanding Part 2.5 (commencing with Section 18900) of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 11356 of the Government Code, or any other provision of law, regulations of the commission relating to the construction, fixtures, and other minimum caging standards adopted by the commission for the confinement of live wild animals pursuant to this chapter are not building standards subject to the approval of the State Building Standards Commission.

**§3005.5. Methods of Taking**

It is unlawful to capture any game mammal, game bird, nongame bird, nongame mammal, or furbearer, or to possess or confine any live game mammal, game bird, nongame bird, nongame mammal, or furbearer taken from the wild, except as provided by this code or regulations made pursuant thereto. Any bird or mammal possessed or confined in violation of this section shall be seized by the department. The commission may promulgate regulations permitting the temporary confinement of game mammals, game birds, nongame birds, nongame mammals, or furbearers for the purpose of treating the animals, if injured or diseased.

**§3800. Nongame Birds**

(a) All birds occurring naturally in California that are not resident game birds, migratory game birds, or fully protected birds are nongame birds. It is unlawful to take any nongame bird except as provided in this code or in accordance with regulations of the commission or, when relating to mining operations, a mitigation plan approved by the department.

**§4150. Nongame Mammals**

All mammals occurring naturally in California which are not game mammals, fully protected mammals, or fur-bearing mammals, are nongame mammals. Nongame mammals or parts thereof may not be taken or possessed except as provided in this code or in accordance with regulations adopted by the commission.

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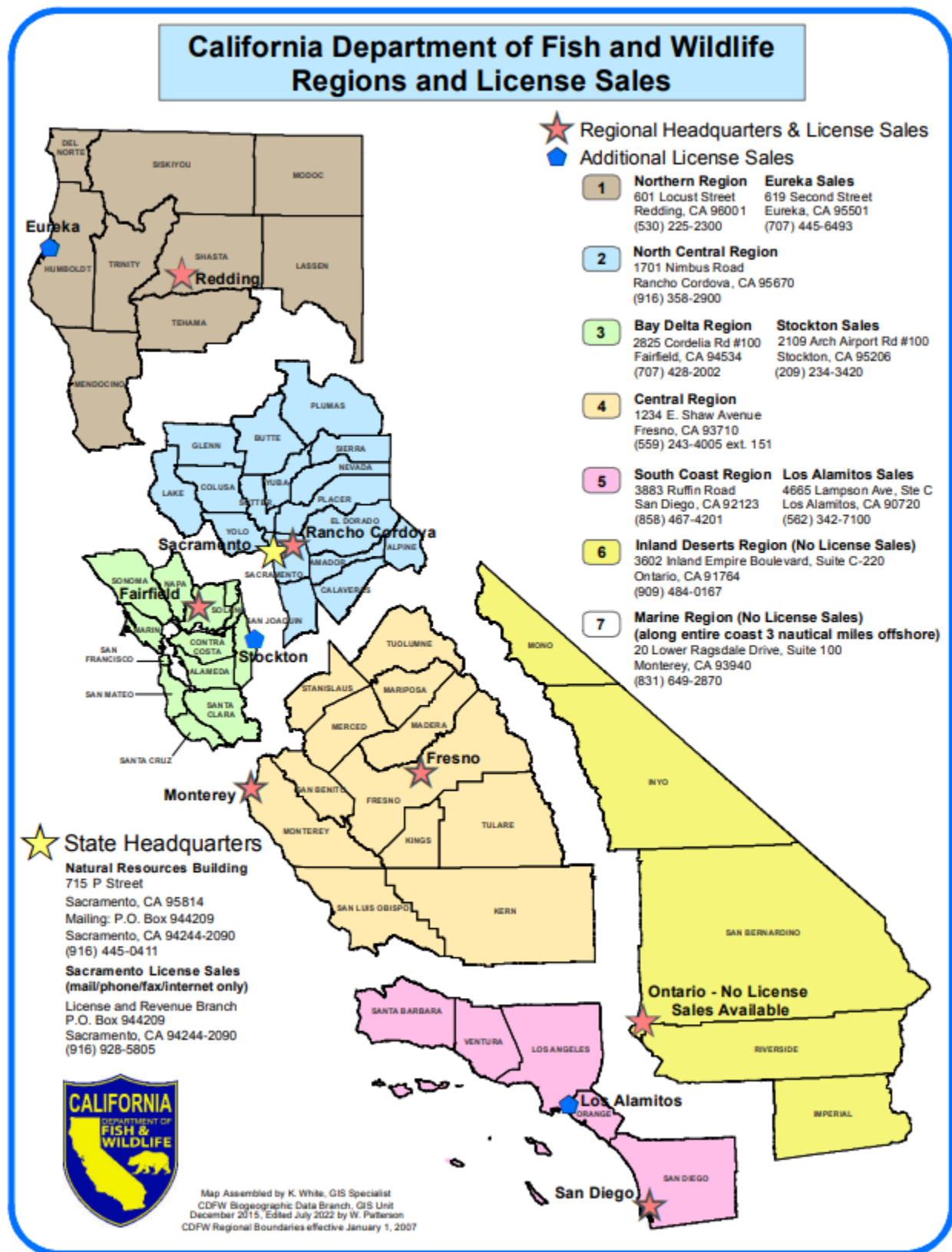
YEAR	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	WEBSITE
1900	The Lacey Act	Regulates interstate and international commerce in wildlife and controls the transportation of wildlife across state lines. This statute applies to rehabilitators by preventing the rehabilitator from accepting animals from other states, transporting animals into or out of the state, or releasing a rehabilitated animal in another state. Amended in 1981 and 2008.	<a href="#">16 U.S.C. 3371-3378</a>
1900	The Lacey Act Provision	Importation or shipment of injurious mammals, birds, fish (including mollusks and crustacea), amphibia, and reptiles, or the offspring or eggs of any of the foregoing animals considered injurious by the Secretary of the Interior are prohibited.	<a href="#">18 U.S.C. 42</a>
1918	Migratory Bird Treaty Act	The Migratory Bird Treaty Act prohibits the take (including killing, capturing, selling, trading, and transport) of protected migratory bird species; including its nest, eggs, or feathers; without prior authorization by the Department of Interior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.	<a href="#">16 U.S.C. 703-712</a>
1940	Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act	Anyone who handles these species for wildlife rehabilitation, education, or research purposes, must obtain a special purpose permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This includes their parts: feathers, nests, or eggs.	<a href="#">16 U.S.C. 668-668d</a>
1972	Marine Mammal Protection Act	Established a moratorium on taking and importing marine mammals, including parts and products. Rehabilitation of any marine mammal is only permitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service under NOAA.	<a href="#">16 U.S.C. 1361-1407</a>
1973	Endangered Species Act	Establishes protection for fish, wildlife, and plant species that are threatened or endangered with extinction.	<a href="#">16 U.S.C. 1531-1544</a>
2019	Standard Conditions for Care and Maintenance of Captive Sea Turtles	Establishes jurisdiction between National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service several codes of federal regulations. Facilities that care for sick or injured sea turtles must comply with the Standard Conditions for Care and Maintenance of Captive Sea Turtles.	<a href="#">Sea Turtle Care</a>

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## **APPENDIX C. DEPARTMENT REGIONAL OFFICES**



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<b>WILDLIFE REHABILITATION</b>	<b>PERMIT NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>REGULATIONS</b>	<b>VALID PERIOD</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b>
California native wildlife rehabilitation	Native Wildlife Rehabilitation	CDFW	Title 14 CCR 679.1-679.9	3 years	<a href="#">CDFW Wildlife Rehabilitation</a>
Migratory bird and eagle rehabilitation	Migratory Bird Rehabilitation	USFWS	50 CFR 21.31	5 years	<a href="#">USFWS Migratory Bird Permit</a>
Renesting	Miscellaneous	USFWS	50 CFR 21.27	3 years	<a href="#">Special Purpose</a>
<b>EDUCATIONAL ANIMALS</b>	<b>PERMIT NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>REGULATIONS</b>	<b>VALID PERIOD</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b>
CA non-releasable native wildlife and birds	Restricted Species	CDFW	Title 14 CCR 671	1 year	<a href="#">CDFW Restricted Species</a>
Non-releasable migratory bird	Special Purpose Education	USFWS	50 CFR 21.27	3 years	<a href="#">Educational Bird</a>
Non-releasable wildlife	Class C Exhibitor	USDA	Animal Welfare Act	Varies	<a href="#">Licenses</a>
<b>SALVAGE &amp; TAXIDERMY</b>	<b>PERMIT NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>REGULATIONS</b>	<b>VALID PERIOD</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b>
Possession of dead wildlife or parts for educational purposes	Scientific Collecting Permit	CDFW	Title 14 CCR 650		<a href="#">Scientific Collecting Permits</a>
Migratory bird parts for educational purposes	Special Purpose Salvage	USFWS	50 CFR 21.27		<a href="#">Migratory Bird Salvage</a>
<b>RESEARCH</b>	<b>PERMIT NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>REGULATIONS</b>	<b>VALID PERIOD</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b>
Possession of live animal or parts for scientific purposes	Scientific Collection	CDFW	Title 14 CCR 650		<a href="#">Scientific Collecting Permits</a>
Migratory bird banding	Federal Bird Banding	USGS	50 CFR-10, 13, 21		<a href="#">BBL</a>
Migratory bird data collection	Scientific Collection	USFWS	50 CFR-21.23		<a href="#">Scientific Collection</a>
<b>FALCONRY</b>	<b>PERMIT NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>REGULATIONS</b>	<b>VALID PERIOD</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b>
Falconry	Falconry License	CDFW	Title 14 CCR 395	Annual	<a href="#">Falconry</a>
Falconry	Falconry License	USFWS	50 CFR 21.82		<a href="#">USFWS Falconry</a>
<b>EAGLE PROTECTION ACT</b>	<b>PERMIT NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>REGULATIONS</b>	<b>VALID PERIOD</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b>
Native American, Eagle Parts (religious)	Eagle Parts for Native American Religious Purposes	USFWS	50 CFR-22-22	Lifetime	<a href="#">Eagle – Religious</a>
Native American, Eagle Aviary	Native American Eagle Aviary	USFWS	50 CFR-22-60	3 years	<a href="#">Eagle Aviary</a>
Educational & Taxidermy Eagles	Eagle Exhibition	USFWS	50 CFR-22-50	3 years	<a href="#">Eagle Exhibition</a>
<b>REPTILES</b>	<b>PERMIT NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>REGULATIONS</b>	<b>VALID PERIOD</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b>
Desert Tortoise Adoption	Desert Tortoise Application	CDFW	40, 43, 674	Lifetime	<a href="#">Tortoise Application</a>

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**APPENDIX E. WILDLIFE REHABILITATION RESOURCES****PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

California Council for Wildlife Rehabilitators (CCWR): <https://ccwr.org/>

National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association (NWRA): <https://www.nwrawildlife.org/>

National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association (NWRA): [Resources for Aspiring Rehabilitators](#)

International Wildlife Rehabilitators Council (IWRC), Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator Program, <https://cwrexam.org>

American Veterinary Medical Association: <https://www.avma.org/>

**AGENCY RESOURCES**

CDFW, Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Program: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/wildliferehab>

CDFW, Wildlife Health Laboratory: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/WHL>

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA): <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/>

CDFA, California Animal Response Emergency System:  
[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal\\_Health/eprs/cares/](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/eprs/cares/)

California Department of Consumer Affairs (CDCA), Veterinary Medical Board License Search:  
<https://www.breeze.ca.gov/datamart/mainMenu.do>

CDCA, California Veterinary Medical Board: <https://www.vmb.ca.gov/>

UC Davis School of Medicine, Oiled Wildlife Care Network <https://owcn.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/>

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USDA National Agricultural Library, Animal Welfare Act: <https://www.nal.usda.gov/animal-health-and-welfare/animal-welfare-act>

USDA National Agricultural Library, Disaster Planning with Animals: <https://www.nal.usda.gov/animal-health-and-welfare/disaster-planning-animals>

International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations:  
<https://www.iata.org/en/publications/store/live-animals-regulations/>

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1. \_\_\_\_\_. Preventative measures taken to reduce the risk of transmission of communicable diseases from one human, animal, or place to others.
2. \_\_\_\_\_. An item or activity designed to stimulate and encourage a range of innate behaviors of an animal, specific to that species.
3. \_\_\_\_\_. A process that occurs when an animal, not normally domesticated, is repeatedly exposed to anthropogenic stimuli and no longer has a natural behavioral response to that stimuli.
4. \_\_\_\_\_. A specialized form of learning by an animal that occurs during a brief period in early development that provides it with a self-identity and social bonds that are rarely reversible.
5. \_\_\_\_\_. A facility authorized pursuant to Section 679.3, operated by a sub-permittee, that may temporarily possess rehabilitation animals at a location other than the location listed on the permit.

**TRUE/FALSE**

6. Wildlife rehabilitators are authorized to trap and remove “nuisance” wildlife to reduce conflict.
7. Wildlife rehabilitators may decline to intake any animal or species they so choose.
8. CDFW personnel may inspect a rehabilitator's facility and records at any reasonable time.
9. A wildlife rehabilitator may exhibit rehabilitation animals under their Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit.
10. It is permissible to use orphaned baby birds for educational program prior to releasing to the wild.

**MULTIPLE CHOICE**

11. Which information is NOT required in the CDFW Wildlife Rehabilitation Annual Report?
  - a. Summary of patient outcome (e.g., how many were released, euthanized)
  - b. Name and mailing address of people who submitted animals
  - c. Species of animals received
  - d. Number and type of non-releasable animals held under a restricted species permit
12. Which of the following descriptions describes neonate altricial birds?
  - a. Virtually naked, helpless, and blind
  - b. Covered with a thick down layer
  - c. Active and relatively self-sufficient
  - d. Unable to vocalize
13. Most nestling songbirds fledge at:
  - a. 10-14 days
  - b. 7-10 days
  - c. 28-30 days
  - d. 18-21 days
14. Which characteristic will NOT help you identify a very young bird?
  - a. Foot type/shape
  - b. Length of tail feathers
  - c. Mouth color
  - d. Beak shape
15. Which of the following mammals is NOT a rodent?
  - a. Beaver
  - b. California ground squirrel
  - c. Nutria
  - d. Cottontail rabbit

**ANSWER KEY**

1. Biosecurity practice
2. Enrichment
3. Habituation
4. Imprinting
5. Satellite facility
6. False
7. True
8. True
9. False
10. False
11. b
12. a
13. d
14. b
15. e





The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) may issue a person a wildlife rehabilitation permit and amend existing permits with the conditions it determines are necessary to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and/or safety. A person may qualify for a permit if that applicant possesses the qualifications specified pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14 subsections 679.3(a) notwithstanding any previous permit holder that has had that permit revoked at any time pursuant to CCR Title 14 subsections 679.9. A permit is valid for 3 years and may be renewed pursuant to CCR Title 14, Section 679.3(a)(8). The permit application fee is \$65.41 and is adjusted annually. Permit renewal applications must be submitted 90 days prior to the date of permit expiration.

☐ **New Permit** – Complete Sections 1-7    ☐ **Permit Renewal (CDFW Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_)** – Complete Sections 1, 3-7

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION				
Applicant Name (Last, First)			Date of Birth	GO ID #
Mailing Address		City	State	ZIP
Preferred Telephone		Secondary Phone	Email Address	
Facility Name			County	
Facility Address (physical)		City	State	ZIP
Facility Telephone		Facility Email Address		Facility Website

2. RESUME / CURRICULUM VITAE				
Applicant shall demonstrate completion at least 1,000 hours of experience under the supervision of a wildlife rehabilitation permittee in California, or experience the department determines to be equivalent, completed no more than 5 years from the date of the application. Relevant education may be accepted as a substitute for up to 300 hours of the required experience.				
EXPERIENCE				
(1) Facility Name		Facility Address		
Contact Name and Title		Telephone	Email	
Start Date	End Date	Time Base (F/T, P/T)	Total Hours	
PERFORMED THE FOLLOWING DUTIES (mark all that apply)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Diet Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/> Neonate Feeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile/Adult Feeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Handling	
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Biosecurity Practices	<input type="checkbox"/> Euthanasia	<input type="checkbox"/> Carcass Disposal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosure Cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Transport/Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (briefly describe):		
Specialty Rehabilitation Species handled:				
(2) Facility Name		Facility Address		
Contact Name and Title		Telephone	Email	
Start Date	End Date	Time Base (F/T, P/T)	Total Hours	
PERFORMED THE FOLLOWING DUTIES (mark all that apply)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Diet Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/> Neonate Feeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile/Adult Feeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Handling	
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Biosecurity Practices	<input type="checkbox"/> Euthanasia	<input type="checkbox"/> Carcass Disposal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosure Cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Transport/Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (briefly describe):		
Specialty Rehabilitation Species handled:				
(3) Facility Name		Facility Address		
Contact Name and Title		Telephone	Email	
Start Date	End Date	Time Base (F/T, P/T)	Total Hours	



<b>EXPERIENCE CONTINUED</b>			
PERFORMED THE FOLLOWING DUTIES (mark all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Diet Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/> Neonate Feeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile/Adult Feeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Handling
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Biosecurity Practices	<input type="checkbox"/> Euthanasia	<input type="checkbox"/> Carcass Disposal
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosure Cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Transport/Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (briefly describe):	
Specialty Rehabilitation Species handled:			
<b>EDUCATION / TRAINING</b>			
<sup>1</sup> Degree: _____ Completion Date: _____		<sup>1</sup> Certificate/License: _____ Completion Date: _____	
Accredited Institution: _____		Program / Course Name: _____	
<sup>2</sup> Degree: _____ Completion Date: _____		<sup>2</sup> Certificate/License: _____ Completion Date: _____	
Accredited Institution: _____		Program / Course Name: _____	
<sup>3</sup> Degree: _____ Completion Date: _____		<sup>3</sup> Certificate/License: _____ Completion Date: _____	
Accredited Institution: _____		Program / Course Name: _____	
<b>3. PUBLIC CONTACT INFORMATION</b>			
If issued a permit, what information may be listed on the CDFW Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Program webpage at <a href="http://wildlife.ca.gov/wildliferehab">http://wildlife.ca.gov/wildliferehab</a> as a public resource:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Address <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Email Address <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Type of Wildlife Accepted			
<b>4. DESIGNEE INFORMATION</b> (if applicable)			
Designee Name (Last, First)		Date of Birth	Email
Physical Address	City	State	Zip Code
Mailing Address (if different from above)	City	State	Zip Code
Primary Telephone		Secondary Telephone	
<b>5. PROPOSED REHABILITATION ANIMALS</b>			
Indicate the species proposed for rehabilitation at the facility and the maximum number (capacity) that may be temporarily possessed at one time. A departmental specialty rehabilitation authorization is required for any large carnivore, ungulate, venomous snake, or specialty raptor species.			
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	<b>CAPACITY</b>	<b>REPTILES</b>	<b>CAPACITY</b>
Frogs		Lizards	
Toads		Tortoises	
Newts, Salamanders		Turtles	
Snakes, Non-Venomous			
<b>SMALL MAMMALS</b>	<b>CAPACITY</b>	<b>SMALL MAMMALS</b>	<b>CAPACITY</b>
Native Rodents		Moles and Shrews	
Tree Squirrels		Rabbits and Hares	
Chipmunks, Ground Squirrels		Weasels	
Bats			
<b>MEDIUM MAMMALS</b>	<b>CAPACITY</b>	<b>MEDIUM MAMMALS</b>	<b>CAPACITY</b>
Badger		Ringtail	
Porcupine		Raccoon	
<b>MEDIUM MAMMALS</b>	<b>CAPACITY</b>	<b>MEDIUM MAMMALS</b>	<b>CAPACITY</b>
Beaver		Skunk	
Fisher		Opossum	
Weasel		River Otter	
Fox, Gray and Sierra Nevada Red		Fox, Kit	
<b>LARGE MAMMALS</b>	<b>CAPACITY</b>	<b>LARGE MAMMALS</b>	<b>CAPACITY</b>
Bobcats		Coyotes	



AVIFAUNA											
A migratory bird rehabilitation permit issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is required <i>prior</i> to rehabilitating any native bird pursuant the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.											
<input type="checkbox"/> No USFWS Permit <input type="checkbox"/> USFWS Permit [In Progress] Application Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> USFWS Permit #: _____											
WATERBIRDS		CAPACITY		WATERBIRDS		CAPACITY					
Native Swan, Duck, Geese				Gulls and Shorebirds							
Marine and Seabirds				Cranes, Egrets, Herons, Rails							
RAPTORS [NON-SPECIALTY]		CAPACITY		RAPTORS [NON-SPECIALTY]		CAPACITY					
Owls, Small Species				Vultures							
Owls, Medium Species				Hawks							
Owls, Large Species				Kites							
Falcons (American Kestrel, Merlin)				Northern Harrier							
PASSERIFORMES		CAPACITY		PASSERIFORMES		CAPACITY					
Corvids, Crows and Ravens				Quail and Grouse							
Corvids, Jays and Magpies				Songbirds							
OTHER AVIFAUNA		CAPACITY		OTHER AVIFAUNA		CAPACITY					
Cuckoos				Nighthawks, Nightjars							
Kingfishers				Woodpeckers							
Hummingbirds				Swifts and Swallows							
Native Doves and Pigeons											
<b>6. DECLARATION OF ENCLOSURES</b>											
Provide photographs, diagrams, blueprints, or other plans, for each <i>enclosure type</i> that demonstrates it is appropriate for each type of proposed rehabilitation animals and meets all standards listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual.											
AMPHIBIANS		ENCLOSURE 1		ENCLOSURE 2		ENCLOSURE 3		ENCLOSURE 4		ENCLOSURE 5	
Dimensions											
Quantity											
Material											
Substrate											
REPTILES		ENCLOSURE 1		ENCLOSURE 2		ENCLOSURE 3		ENCLOSURE 4		ENCLOSURE 5	
Dimensions											
Quantity											
Material											
Substrate											
SMALL MAMMALS		ENCLOSURE 1		ENCLOSURE 2		ENCLOSURE 3		ENCLOSURE 4		ENCLOSURE 5	
Dimensions											
Quantity											
Material											
Substrate											
MEDIUM MAMMALS		ENCLOSURE 1		ENCLOSURE 2		ENCLOSURE 3		ENCLOSURE 4		ENCLOSURE 5	
Dimensions											
Quantity											
Material											
Substrate											



**6. DECLARATION OF ENCLOSURES CONTINUED**

LARGE MAMMALS	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
RACCOONS	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
SKUNKS	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
PASSERIFORMES	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
WATERBIRDS	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
OTHER AVIFAUNA	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					

**7. FACILITY OPERATION PLAN**

Briefly describe or attach the following standard procedures or protocols for the proposed facility pursuant Sections 679.3, 679.5, 679.7, and the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Record-Keeping System:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Animal Intake and Triage Protocol:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Euthanasia Protocol:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Animal Care Protocol:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Animal Husbandry Protocol:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biosecurity Practices:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Training Protocol:



**7. FACILITY OPERATION PLAN CONTINUED**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Succession Plan: To ensure continuity of care for rehabilitation animals if permittee is no longer able to provide care for any foreseeable reason or due to health, safety, or financial reasons.		
	1.		
		Full Name	Telephone
		Email Address	
	2.		
		Full Name	Telephone
		Email Address	
	3.		
		Full Name	Telephone
	Email Address		

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE**

"I understand that any information provided to the Department in this application and any additional information provided to the Department related to this application will be subject to the Public Records Act and may be publicly available.

I affirm and attest under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application and any additional information that may be provided to the Department related to this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I cannot hold the State of California liable for any harm or damage to any person or property in connection with any activities performed under the permit. I certify that I agree to be responsible for any costs incurred for any activities performed under the permit. I understand that the permit is a privilege that may be revoked at any time for cause, and that I may be subject to inspection, at a reasonable time, without notification. I understand that wildlife remains the property of the State and is subject to control by the State.

I shall comply with all codes, regulations, and the standards listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual. I acknowledge that any violation of these requirements can result in revocation of the permit."

The Department reserves the right to verify the undersigned claims. Should this verification reveal intentional falsehood by the claimant, the undersigned may be legally obligated to compensate the State for costs associated with verification.

With accordance to [California Civil Code §1633.5\(b\)](#), I acknowledge that by providing my electronic signature for this form, I agree that my electronic signature is legal binding equivalent to a handwritten signature. I hereby confirm that my electronic signature represents my execution or authentication of this form, and my intent to be bound by it.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date

**APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST**

- ☐ Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Application (DFW 470A)
- ☐ Specialty Rehabilitation Authorization (DFW 470B)
- ☐ Veterinarian of Record Agreement (DFW 471)
- ☐ List of Authorized Persons (DFW 472)
- ☐ Facility Emergency Action Plan (DFW 473)
- ☐ Authorization to Access Property (DFW 474)





The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) may issue a person a wildlife rehabilitation permit and amend existing permits with the conditions it determines are necessary to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and/or safety. Any person can qualify for and be issued a permit and specialty rehabilitation authorization if the applicant possesses the qualifications specified in California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14 subsections 679.3(b) through (d) and is at least 21 years of age, except for any previous permit holder that has had that permit revoked at any time pursuant to CCR Title 14 subsections 679.9(c) and (d).

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Name (Last, First)		Date of Birth		GO ID #	
Mailing Address		City		State	ZIP
Primary Phone		Secondary Phone		Email Address	
Facility Name				County	
Facility Address (physical)		City		State	ZIP
Facility Phone		Facility Email		Facility Website	
2. RESUME / CURRICULUM VITAE					
Completion of the minimum hours of experience within a 5-year period from the date of application pursuant 679.3(b)(D) 1 through 4.					
EXPERIENCE					
(1) Employer Name		Employer Address			
Contact Name and Title		Telephone		Email Address	
Start Date	End Date	Time Base (F/T, P/T)		Total Hours	
Specialty Rehabilitation Species Handled					
(2) Employer Name		Employer Address			
Contact Name and Title		Telephone		Email Address	
Start Date	End Date	Time Base (F/T, P/T)		Total Hours	
Specialty Rehabilitation Species Handled					
(3) Employer Name		Employer Address			
Contact Name and Title		Telephone		Email Address	
Start Date	End Date	Time Base (F/T, P/T)		Total Hours	
Specialty Rehabilitation Species Handled					
EDUCATION / TRAINING					
<sup>1</sup> Degree: Academic Institution: Completion Date:		<sup>1</sup> Certificate / License: Program / Course Name: Completion Date:			
<sup>2</sup> Degree: Academic Institution: Completion Date:		<sup>2</sup> Certificate / License: Program / Course Name: Completion Date:			
<sup>3</sup> Degree: Academic Institution: Completion Date:		<sup>3</sup> Certificate / License: Program / Course Name: Completion Date:			



### 3. PROPOSED SPECIALTY REHABILITATION ANIMALS

Department specialty rehabilitation authorization is required to temporarily possess and rehabilitate any large carnivore, ungulate, venomous snake, or the following raptor: eagle, osprey, falcons. Indicate the species proposed for specialty authorization and the approximate maximum number (capacity) that may be temporarily possessed at one time.

LARGE CARNIVORE	NUMBER	UNGULATE	NUMBER	SPECIALTY RAPTOR	NUMBER	VENOMOUS SNAKES	NUMBER
Black Bear		Deer		Eagles		<i>Crotalus</i> spp.	
Mountain Lion		Elk		Osprey			
		Pronghorn		Falcons			
		Bighorn					

### 4. DECLARATION OF ENCLOSURES

Provide photographs, diagrams, blueprints, or other plans for each *type* of enclosure that demonstrates it is appropriate for each type of proposed specialty rehabilitation animal pursuant the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual.

LARGE CARNIVORE	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
UNGULATE	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
VENOMOUS SNAKES	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
SPECIALTY RAPTOR	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					



## 5. QUALIFIED HANDLERS

List the qualified handlers, one of which may be the applicant (not required to list in this section), for *each* type of proposed specialty rehabilitation animal. Large carnivores and ungulates require 3 qualified handlers; raptors, venomous snakes = 2 handlers.

1. Name (Last, First)	Date of Birth	Preferred Telephone	Email Address	
Physical Address	City		State	ZIP
Mailing Address (if different)	City		State	ZIP
2. Name (Last, First)	Date of Birth	Preferred Telephone	Email Address	
Physical Address	City		State	ZIP
Mailing Address (if different)	City		State	ZIP
3. Name (Last, First)	Date of Birth	Preferred Telephone	Email Address	
Physical Address	City		State	ZIP
Mailing Address (if different)	City		State	ZIP
4. Name (Last, First)	Date of Birth	Preferred Telephone	Email Address	
Physical Address	City		State	ZIP
Mailing Address (if different)	City		State	ZIP
5. Name (Last, First)	Date of Birth	Preferred Telephone	Email Address	
Physical Address	City		State	ZIP
Mailing Address (if different)	City		State	ZIP
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>QUALIFICATION / TRAINING</b>			
1. Employer Dates Employed	1. Degree/License/Certification Date Completed			
2. Employer Dates Employed	2. Degree/License/Certification Date Completed			
3. Employer Dates Employed	3. Degree/License/Certification Date Completed			
4. Employer Dates Employed	4. Degree/License/Certification Date Completed			
5. Employer Dates Employed	5. Degree/License/Certification Date Completed			



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✕ Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date

✕ <sup>1</sup>Qualified Handler: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date

✕ <sup>2</sup>Qualified Handler: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date

✕ <sup>3</sup>Qualified Handler: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date

✕ <sup>4</sup>Qualified Handler: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date

✕ <sup>5</sup>Qualified Handler: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date



Wildlife Rehabilitators are required to have a Veterinarian of Record who oversees veterinary care, and to submit this agreement to the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Wildlife Rehabilitation Coordinator with their permit application. The Veterinarian of Record Agreement must be signed by a licensed veterinarian in good standing pursuant to the California Veterinary Medical Practice Act and CCR Section 679.3(b)(6)2.

☐ **Applicant** – Complete Sections 1 and 3      ☐ **Licensed Veterinarian** – Complete Sections 2, 4-5

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION				
Full Name (First)		(Last)	(M.I.)	
Title	Primary Phone		Primary Email	
Facility Name			Facility Phone	
Facility Physical Address		City	State	ZIP
2. VETERINARIAN INFORMATION				
Full Name (First)			(Last)	(M.I.)
Name of Employer			Veterinary License Number (Expiration Date)	
Primary Phone			Employer Address	
			Email Address	
3. APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES				INITIAL
Maintain a current schedule of availability for a licensed veterinarian to provide treatment of rehabilitation animals.				
Provide all required records and information regarding the rehabilitation animal so that the veterinarian can (i) make an informed assessment of the clinical status of the animal, and (ii) make determinations regarding the treatment plan and outcome of the animal.				
Rely on the licensed veterinarian to best address the administration of medication and veterinary treatment prescribed for the rehabilitation animal.				
Adhere to the instructions of a licensed veterinarian for medication use and treatment prescribed for the rehabilitation animal. Contraindication of the veterinarian's instruction may result in termination of this agreement.				
4. VETERINARIAN RESPONSIBILITIES				INITIAL
Provide veterinary consultation for rehabilitation animals requiring veterinary medical services including: (i) medical assessment, (ii) rehabilitation plan, including diagnostics and treatment, and (iii) follow-up plan for care.				
Provision, storage, and documentation of controlled and non-controlled substances pursuant to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and California Veterinary Medical Practice Act.				
Provide protocols, training, and certification for staff to perform humane euthanasia of rehabilitation animals deemed non-releasable or unfit for captive placement.				
Ethical consideration of the welfare and natural history of a rehabilitation animal when determining a treatment plan for successful release, euthanasia, or placement.				
Rely on the rehabilitator to best address the husbandry needs of the patient.				
5. VETERINARIAN SERVICES PROVIDED (check all that apply):				
Physical examinations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Diagnosis	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Dispensing Medication	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Prescribing Medication	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Administering Medication	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fracture / Wound Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Diagnostic Services (e.g., imaging)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Surgical Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Euthanasia	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Carcass Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Necropsy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Biosecurity Protocols	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Species <u>not</u> able to handle or provide services for:				





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I understand the veterinary client patient relationship and responsibilities associated with providing veterinary medical care for rehabilitation animals. I acknowledge that this agreement does not authorize the veterinarian of record to act as a wildlife rehabilitator. I certify that I shall comply with all codes, regulations, the California Veterinary Medical Practice Act, and the standards listed in the department's 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual. I acknowledge that any violation of these requirements can result in revocation of the permit. I understand that the permittee may select a new veterinarian of record for any reason and shall notify the department of any such change in writing within 10 business days."

The Department reserves the right to verify the undersigned claims. Should this verification reveal intentional falsehood by the claimant, the undersigned may be legally obligated to compensate the State for costs associated with verification.

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 Licensed Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date

 Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date

**WILDLIFE REHABILITATION LIST OF AUTHORIZED PERSONS**

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The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) may issue a person a wildlife rehabilitation permit and amend existing permits pursuant to Section 679.3 of Title 14, California Code of Regulations. A permittee shall provide a current list of authorized persons approved to conduct certain activities (homecare foster) under the permit. The permittee is responsible for ensuring compliance with all laws and permit conditions. The Department requires a separate process for authorization of a sub-permittee. For each authorized person please provide the following information, which can be submitted with supplemental documentation or use the attached page 2.

1. APPLICANT AND FACILITY INFORMATION				
Applicant Name (Last, First)		Date of Birth	GO ID #	
Primary Phone	Secondary Phone		Email Address	
Facility Name			County	
Physical Address	City		State	ZIP
Mailing Address (if different)	City		State	ZIP
Species or taxonomic group of rehabilitation animal(s) authorized to handle:				

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✍ Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date



2. AUTHORIZED PERSONS		
Full Name	Primary Phone	Email Address
Physical Address	Mailing Address (if different)	
Relevant Experience (mark all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Degree <input type="checkbox"/> License/Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Permittee Training <input type="checkbox"/> External Training <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Species or taxonomic group of rehabilitation animal(s) authorized to handle:		
Full Name	Primary Phone	Email Address
Physical Address	Mailing Address (if different)	
Relevant Experience (mark all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Degree <input type="checkbox"/> License/Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Permittee Training <input type="checkbox"/> External Training <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Species or taxonomic group of rehabilitation animal(s) authorized to handle:		
Full Name	Primary Phone	Email Address
Physical Address	Mailing Address (if different)	
Relevant Experience (mark all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Degree <input type="checkbox"/> License/Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Permittee Training <input type="checkbox"/> External Training <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Species or taxonomic group of rehabilitation animal(s) authorized to handle:		
Full Name	Primary Phone	Email Address
Physical Address	Mailing Address (if different)	
Relevant Experience (mark all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Degree <input type="checkbox"/> License/Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Permittee Training <input type="checkbox"/> External Training <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Species or taxonomic group of rehabilitation animal(s) authorized to handle:		
Full Name	Primary Phone	Email Address
Physical Address	Mailing Address (if different)	
Relevant Experience (mark all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Degree <input type="checkbox"/> License/Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Permittee Training <input type="checkbox"/> External Training <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Species or taxonomic group of rehabilitation animal(s) authorized to handle:		
Full Name	Primary Phone	Email Address
Physical Address	Mailing Address (if different)	
Relevant Experience (mark all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Degree <input type="checkbox"/> License/Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Permittee Training <input type="checkbox"/> External Training <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Species or taxonomic group of rehabilitation animal(s) authorized to handle:		
Full Name	Primary Phone	Email Address
Physical Address	Mailing Address (if different)	
Relevant Experience (mark all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Degree <input type="checkbox"/> License/Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Permittee Training <input type="checkbox"/> External Training <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Species or taxonomic group of rehabilitation animal(s) authorized to handle:		

Duplicate this page as needed.



The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) may issue a person a wildlife rehabilitation permit and amend existing permits with the conditions it determines are necessary to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and/or safety pursuant to CCR Title 8, Section 3220 and Title 14 Section 679.3. A permittee and sub-permittee shall establish and maintain a written action plan describing evacuation steps and those designated actions during an emergency required to ensure animal welfare and human safety.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Applicant Name (Last, First)		Date of Birth		GO ID #	
Mailing Address		City		State	ZIP
Primary Phone		Secondary Phone		Email Address	
Facility Name (if applicable)				County	
Physical Address		City		State	ZIP
Mailing Address (if different)		City		State	ZIP

2. ANIMAL CAPTURE EQUIPMENT					
ITEM [AS APPLICABLE]	QUANTITY	ITEM [AS APPLICABLE]	QUANTITY	ITEM [AS APPLICABLE]	QUANTITY
Nets (Birds)		Catch pole		Dart gun	
Nets (Bats)		Leads / leashes		Darts	
Nets (Mammals)		Bite sticks		Pole syringe / Jab stick	
Nets (Reptiles/Amphibians)		Bite gloves		Immobilization drugs	
Net gun		Animal control pole		Snake tongs	
Live trap		Animal grasper / Y pole		Animal shields	
PPE gloves		PPE eyewear		PPE footwear	

3. ANIMAL TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT			
ITEM [AS APPLICABLE]	BRIEF DESCRIPTION [MAX WEIGHT, NUMBER]	SIZE DIMENSIONS	QUANTITY
Large animal carrier, metal			
Large animal carrier, plastic			
Large animal carrier, soft sided			
Medium animal carrier, metal			
Medium animal carrier, plastic			
Medium animal carrier, soft sided			
Small animal carrier, metal			
Small animal carrier, plastic			
Small animal carrier, soft sided			
Small animal carrier, cardboard			
Terrarium, mesh			
Reptile / snake bucket			
Aquariums, glass			
Aquariums, plastic			
Animal bags (e.g., snakes)			
Trailers (e.g. ungulates)			



4. ANIMAL EMERGENCY SUPPLIES			
ITEM [AS APPLICABLE]	BRIEF DESCRIPTION		QUANTITY
Animal food supply			
Food receptacles			
Water receptacles			
Portable water container(s)			
Specialty feeding supplies			
Heating source (e.g., heating pad)			
Cooling source (e.g., fan)			
Bedding			
Cleaning supplies			
Sanitation/Sterilization supplies			
Veterinary medical supplies			
Transport Cage Tie Downs			
5. FACILITY SAFETY			
ITEM [AS APPLICABLE]	QUANTITY	ITEM [AS APPLICABLE]	QUANTITY
First aid kits		Emergency exit signs, if applicable	
Smoke detectors		Emergency eye wash station(s), if applicable	
Carbon monoxide detectors		'Animals on Premise' sign(s), if applicable	
Fire extinguishers		Hard-wired/landline telephone	
EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM [Check all that apply]			
<input type="checkbox"/> Audible alarms (e.g., airhorn)		<input type="checkbox"/> Phone tree	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire alarm system		<input type="checkbox"/> Radio communication (e.g., intercom, walkie-talkie)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile alert app (e.g., CodeRed, Watch Duty)		<input type="checkbox"/> Visual alarm/signal (e.g., flashing lights)	
6. EVACUATION PROTOCOL			
ASSEMBLY AREA LEAD(S) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Maintain readily accessible personnel list.</li><li>▪ Personnel roll call at designated assembly area.</li><li>▪ Report pertinent information to Responder Liaison(s)</li></ul>			
RESPONDER LIAISON(S) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Primary point of contact for First Responders.</li><li>▪ Provide the following information (if known):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Type and location of emergency (e.g., fire)</li><li>○ Persons or animals trapped, injured, missing</li></ul></li></ul>			
FIRST AID LEADS Trained personnel certified to provide CPR/AED/First Aid (include name, date of training/certification).			
ANIMAL EVACUATION			
ANIMAL EVACUATION LEADS Personnel assigned to evacuate rehabilitation animal by type and/or condition (e.g., baby bird nursery, fawns).			
RELEASE CRITERIA Type and/or condition of animals able to be immediately released in case of an emergency (e.g., pre-release)			
TRANSPORT CRITERIA List the type of animals requiring evacuation off site (e.g., neonates, limited mobility animal)			





PERSONNEL EVACUATION			
ASSEMBLY AREA (ON SITE) Briefly describe designated location(s) on the premises to assemble personnel and animals prior to evacuation.		Location 1: Location 2: Location 3:	
STAGING LOCATION (OFF SITE) Briefly describe designated location(s) off the premises to evacuate personnel and animals.		Location 1: Location 2: Location 3:	
EVACUATION ROUTE Briefly describe evacuation route(s) off the premises.		Primary route: Secondary route:	
7. EMERGENCY CONTACTS [Call 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency]			
IMPORTANT CONTACTS	TELEPHONE	ADDRESS	
Local Law Enforcement			
Local Fire Department			
Local Ambulance / Paramedics			
Local Animal Control			
Local Health Department			
Poison Control Center			
Facility / Property Maintenance			
Utility Company (Electric)			
Utility Company (Water)			
Utility Company (Gas)			
Utility Company (Telephone/Internet)			
Nearest Hospital			
CDFW Wildlife Health Laboratory			
CDFW Regional Office			
Other:			
8. ACTION PLAN RECORDS			
Revision Date(s)			
Action Plan Annual Review Date(s)			
Action Plan Training Date(s) - E.g., emergency drill, tabletop exercise			

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Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date



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1. APPLICANT INFORMATION				
Applicant Name (Last, First)		Date of Birth	GO ID # (if applicable)	
Preferred Telephone	Secondary Phone		Email Address	
Mailing Address		City	State	ZIP
Facility Name		Facility Address		
2. PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION				
Property Owner Name (Last, First)		Email Address		
Preferred Telephone		Secondary Phone		
Property Address (Physical)		City	State	ZIP
Mailing Address (If different)		City	State	ZIP

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 Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature	Print Name	Date

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DATE OF INSPECTION:		INSPECTED BY:		
<b>1. REASON FOR INSPECTION</b> [check all that apply]				
<input type="checkbox"/> Inspection (New) <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection (Renewal) <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Speciality Rehabilitation <input type="checkbox"/> Satellite Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Variance Request <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Person <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____				
<b>2. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>				
Permittee Name (Last, First)		GO ID # (if applicable)	Federal Permit # (if applicable)	
Address	City	State	Zip	
Phone	Email	Facility Name		
<input type="checkbox"/> Permittee Owned Property <input type="checkbox"/> Permittee Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Rented/Leased Property <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				
Hours of Operation	Number of Staff	Number of Volunteers	Number of Sub-Permittees	
Number of Authorized Persons				
<b>TAXONOMIC GROUP</b> [select all that apply]				
<input type="checkbox"/> Amphibians <input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals				
<b>SPECIALTY REHABILITATION</b> [select all that apply]				
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<b>3. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS</b> (E = Exceed Requirements, M = Meets Requirements, F = Fails to meet Requirements, N/A = Not Applicable ).				
<b>REQUIREMENT (FACILITY OPERATIONS)</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Required records (Section 679.5(c))				
Procedure for accepting calls from the public				
Procedure for accepting animals from the public				
Procedure for accepting injured, sick, orphaned wild animal from the field (not confined)				
Procedure for keeping domestic animals on property separate from rehabilitation				
Permit is clearly visible and on display at the facility				
Protocols for training staff/volunteers, including training records with date(s) and				
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Protocol for handling rabies vector species				
Protocol for communicable disease transmission, prevention and control				
Protocol for PPE use				
Location of fire alarms, fire extinguishers, emergency exits (if applicable)				
Emergency evacuation procedures clearly visible and on display				
Food safety protocols to safely handle, prepare, and store animal food and human food				
Carcass storage and disposal protocols				
Facility and enclosure cleaning schedule protocol				
<b>REQUIREMENT (ANIMAL WELFARE)</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Procedures for the use & storage of controlled substances				
Euthanasia protocols including list of euthanasia certified staff				
Indoor and outdoor enclosure requirements (Section 679.4(b))*				
<b>REQUIREMENT (SUB-PERMITTEES)</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>N/A</b>
List of sub-permittees (name, telephone number, email, physical address)				
Satellite facility inspection records				
List of authorized persons (name, telephone number, email, physical address)				
Authorized persons inspection/training records				




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 Permittee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date

“I have inspected these facilities and affirm that the information provided herein is accurate regarding the requirements listed in Title 14 CCR 679. I hereby certify the following results of the inspection.”

- ☐ Meets requirements-NEW ☐ Meets requirements-RENEWAL ☐ Meets requirements-VARIANCE  
☐ FAILS to meet requirements- recommend re-inspection  
☐ FAILS to meet requirements- recommend revocation of permit (or sub-permit)  
☐ FAILS to meet requirements- recommend denial of permit (or sub-permit)

 Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date

**Inspection Notes:**



The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) may authorize a wildlife rehabilitation permittee to temporarily possess rehabilitation animals at a satellite facility operated by a sub-permittee. A permittee shall request approval from the department to add a sub-permittee pursuant to requirements outlined in CCR Title 14, Section 679.3.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Applicant Name (Last, First)			Date of Birth		GO ID #
Mailing Address			City	State	ZIP
Preferred Telephone		Secondary Phone		Email Address	
Facility Name					County
Facility Address (physical)			City	State	ZIP
Facility Telephone		Facility Email Address		Facility Website	

1A. SUB-PERMITTEE INFORMATION					
Sub-Permittee Name (Last, First)			Date of Birth		GO ID #
Facility Address			City	State	Zip Code
Mailing Address (if different from above)			City	State	Zip Code
Facility Name (if applicable)		Preferred Telephone	Secondary Telephone	Email	

2. RESUME / CURRICULUM VITAE					
Applicant must be at least 21 years of age and demonstrate completion of at least 1,000 hours of experience under the supervision of a wildlife rehabilitation permittee in California, or experience that the department determines to be equivalent, completed no more than 5 years from the date of the application. Relevant education may be accepted as a substitute for up to 300 hours of the required experience.					
EXPERIENCE					
(1) Facility Name		Facility Address			
Contact Name and Title		Phone	Email		
Start Date	End Date	Time Base (F/T, P/T)		Total Hours	
PERFORMED THE FOLLOWING DUTIES (mark all that apply)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Diet Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/> Neonate Feeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile/Adult Feeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Handling		
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Biosecurity Practices	<input type="checkbox"/> Euthanasia	<input type="checkbox"/> Carcass Disposal		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosure Cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Transport/Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (briefly describe):			
Specialty Rehabilitation Species handled:					
(2) Facility Name		Facility Address			
Contact Name and Title		Phone	Email		
Start Date	End Date	Time Base (F/T, P/T)		Total Hours	
PERFORMED THE FOLLOWING DUTIES (mark all that apply)					
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Specialty Rehabilitation Species handled:					





EXPERIENCE CONTINUED				
(3) Facility Name		Facility Address		
Contact Name and Title		Phone	Email	
Start Date	End Date	Time Base (F/T, P/T)		Total Hours
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<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosure Cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Transport/Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (briefly describe):		
Specialty Rehabilitation Species handled:				
EDUCATION / TRAINING				
<sup>1</sup> Degree: Academic Institution: Completion Date:		<sup>1</sup> Certificate / License: Program / Course Name: Completion Date:		
<sup>2</sup> Degree: Academic Institution: Completion Date:		<sup>2</sup> Certificate / License: Program / Course Name: Completion Date:		
<sup>3</sup> Degree: Academic Institution: Completion Date:		<sup>3</sup> Certificate / License: Program / Course Name: Completion Date:		
<b>3. PUBLIC CONTACT INFORMATION</b>				
If issued a permit, what facility information may be listed on the CDFW Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Program webpage at <a href="http://wildlife.ca.gov/wildliferehab">http://wildlife.ca.gov/wildliferehab</a> as a public resource: <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Address <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Website / Email <input type="checkbox"/> Type of Wildlife Accepted				
<b>4. DESIGNEE INFORMATION</b> (if applicable)				
Designee Name (Last, First)		Date of Birth	Email	
Physical Address		City	State	Zip Code
Mailing Address (if different from above)		City	State	Zip Code
Primary Telephone		Secondary Telephone		
<b>5. PROPOSED REHABILITATION ANIMALS</b>				
Indicate the species proposed for rehabilitation at the facility and the maximum number (capacity) that may be temporarily possessed at one time. A departmental specialty rehabilitation authorization is required for any large carnivore, ungulate, venomous snake, or specialty raptor (eagle, osprey, falcon). NOTE: The rabies virus is maintained in populations of wild mammals and can be transmitted to humans. It can be prevented by a) eliminating exposure to the virus, b) using appropriate pre-exposure prophylaxis, and c) prompt treatment of bite wounds post-exposure prophylaxis.				
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	CAPACITY	<b>REPTILES</b>	CAPACITY	
Frogs		Lizards		
Toads		Tortoises		
Newts, Salamanders		Turtles		
		Snakes, Non-Venomous		
<b>SMALL MAMMALS</b>	CAPACITY	<b>SMALL MAMMALS</b>	CAPACITY	
Native Rodents		Moles and Shrews		
Squirrels, Tree		Rabbits and Hares		
Chipmunks, Ground Squirrels		Martens		
Bats		Weasels		



### 5. PROPOSED REHABILITATION ANIMALS CONTINUED

MEDIUM MAMMALS	CAPACITY	MEDIUM MAMMALS	CAPACITY
Badger		Ringtail	
Porcupine		Raccoon	
Beaver		Skunk	
Fisher		Opossum	
Weasel		River Otter	
Fox, Gray and Sierra Nevada Red		Fox, Kit	
LARGE MAMMALS	CAPACITY	LARGE MAMMALS	CAPACITY
Bobcats		Coyotes	

### AVIFAUNA

A migratory bird rehabilitation permit issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is required, in addition to a departmental wildlife rehabilitation permit, *prior* to rehabilitating any migratory bird. European starling, house sparrow, rock pigeon, and other non-native or invasive species are *not* classified as migratory birds per the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

- ☐ No USFWS Permit      ☐ USFWS Permit Application [In Progress] Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ USFWS Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

WATERBIRDS	CAPACITY	WATERBIRDS	CAPACITY
Native Swan, Duck, Geese		Gulls and Shorebirds	
Marine and Seabirds		Cranes, Egrets, Herons, Rails	
RAPTORS [NON-SPECIALTY]	CAPACITY	RAPTORS [NON-SPECIALTY]	CAPACITY
Owls, Small Species		Vultures	
Owls, Medium Species		Hawks	
Owls, Large Species		Kites	
Falcons (American Kestrel, Merlin)		Northern Harrier	
PASSERIFORMES	CAPACITY	PASSERIFORMES	CAPACITY
Corvids, Crows and Ravens		Quail and Grouse	
Corvids, Jays and Magpies		Songbirds	
OTHER AVIFAUNA	CAPACITY	OTHER AVIFAUNA	CAPACITY
Cuckoos		Nighthawks, Nightjars	
Kingfishers		Woodpeckers	
Hummingbirds		Swifts and Swallows	
Native Doves and Pigeons			

### 6. DECLARATION OF ENCLOSURES

Provide photographs, diagrams, blueprints, or other plans, for each *type* of enclosure that demonstrates it is appropriate for each type of proposed rehabilitation animals and meets all standards listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual.

AMPHIBIANS	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					



6. DECLARATION OF ENCLOSURES CONTINUED					
REPTILES	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
SMALL MAMMALS	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
MEDIUM MAMMALS	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
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LARGE MAMMALS	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
RACCOONS	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
SKUNKS	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
PASSERIFORMES	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
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WATERBIRDS	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
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6. DECLARATION OF ENCLOSURES CONTINUED					
OTHER AVIFAUNA	ENCLOSURE 1	ENCLOSURE 2	ENCLOSURE 3	ENCLOSURE 4	ENCLOSURE 5
Dimensions					
Quantity					
Material					
Substrate					
7. FACILITY OPERATION PLAN					
Please describe and/or attached the following standard procedures, protocols, or plans for the proposed facility pursuant to Sections 679.3, 679.5, 679.7, and 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Record-Keeping System				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Animal Intake Process				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Euthanasia Protocol				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Animal Care, Handling, and Treatment Protocol(s)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Husbandry Protocol				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biosecurity Practices				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Training Protocol				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Reporting Protocol				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Succession Plan	List persons able to ensure continuity of care for proposed rehabilitation animals for up to 90 days, including but not limited to potential permanent change in operation(s), in the event of any foreseeable or unforeseen reason:  1. _____ Full Name Preferred Telephone Email Address  2. _____ Full Name Preferred Telephone Email Address  3. _____ Full Name Preferred Telephone Email Address			

**APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST (Required Documents)**

- ☐ Sub-Permit Rehabilitation Permit Application (DFW 476A, NEW. 09/2024)
- ☐ Veterinarian of Record Agreement (DFW 471, New 01/24/23)
- ☐ Facility Emergency Action Plan (DFW 473, New 01/24/23)
- ☐ Authorization to Access Property (DFW 474, New 01/24/23)



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I acknowledge that the permittee, sub-permittee, and their designee shall comply with all codes, regulations, and the standards listed in the departmental 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual. I acknowledge that any violation of these requirements can result in revocation of the primary permit and sub-permit. I understand that the primary permittee may remove a sub-permittee from their permit for any reason and shall notify the department of any such change in writing within 10 business days."

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## PART II: NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL OF SUB-PERMIT FROM PRIMARY PERMIT

"I hereby request that the sub-permittee be removed from my primary permit. I request that the department update any required records, including the Automated License Database System, related to the sub-permit and satellite facility. I certify that I have notified the sub-permittee of this action.

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### **Reason(s) for removal** (check all that apply)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary permittee has retired.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Primary permit no longer valid.                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permittee or sub-permittee have relocated.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-permittee no longer able to operate satellite facility. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-permittee no longer in good standing (not recommended for consideration under a different permit). |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other reason (briefly describe): _____   |  |

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With accordance to [California Civil Code §1633.5\(b\)](#), I acknowledge that by providing my electronic signature for this form, I agree that my electronic signature is legal binding equivalent to a handwritten signature. I hereby confirm that my electronic signature represents my execution or authentication of this form, and my intent to be bound by it.

✍ Permittee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date

"I have inspected these facilities and affirm that the information provided herein is accurate regarding the requirements listed in Title 14 CCR 679. I hereby certify the following results of the inspection.

- ☐ Meets requirements-NEW ☐ Meets requirements-RENEWAL ☐ Meets requirements-VARIANCE  
☐ FAILS to meet requirements- recommend re-inspection  
☐ FAILS to meet requirements- recommend revocation of sub-permit  
☐ FAILS to meet requirements- recommend denial of sub-permit

✍ Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date

#### INSPECTION NOTES:

**CALENDAR YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ (DUE BY JANUARY 31)**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) shall be provided with an annual report for all wild animals possessed under the permit for the prior calendar year, pursuant CCR Section 679.5(c)(1)(C). Failure to submit an annual report may result in permit revocation. Submission of an annual report is required even if no activity occurred during the prior calendar year. A permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee may utilize this form, or the annual report form generated by the Wildlife Rehabilitation Medical Database (WRMD). Annual report shall be submitted by email to: [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov); or mail report to: CDFW Wildlife Health Laboratory, ATTN: Wildlife Rehabilitation Program, 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

☐ CDFW Annual Report - Complete All Sections    ☐ WRMD Annual Report - Complete Sections 1-2, 4

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION								
Applicant Name (Last, First)				Date of Birth		GO ID #		
Preferred Telephone			Secondary Phone			Email Address		
Mailing Address				City			State	ZIP
Facility Name						County		
Facility Address (physical)				City		State	ZIP	
Facility Email					Facility Website			
2. PATIENT OUTCOME (SUMMARY)								
R: Released, RU: Reunited with Mother; T: Transferred to other facility, P: Pending, remains in care, E: Euthanized, D: Died in Care, DOA: Dead on Arrival.								
	R	RU	T	P	E	D	DOA	Total
Amphibians								
Reptiles								
Birds								
Mammals								
Total								

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE

"I understand that any information provided to the Department in this annual report and any additional information provided to the Department related to this report will be subject to the Public Records Act and may be publicly available. I affirm and attest under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this report and any additional information that may be provided to the Department related to this report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge."

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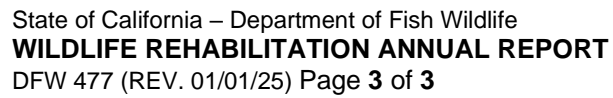
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Permittee: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature	Print Name	Title	Date
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#### 4. NON-RELEASABLE WILDLIFE

List all non-releasable wildlife held under a 671 Restricted Species Permit, acquired prior to January 1, 2012, or otherwise transferred by the Department to the permittee or sub-permittee(s). This information may be submitted in a different format.

[illegible]



The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) recognizes that certain animals cannot be released to the wild. The department shall consider a formal request for permanent placement of a non-releasable animal in a captive setting pursuant Section 671.1. Any party temporarily possessing an animal believed to be non-releasable shall notify the department within 10 calendar days of the initial determination and submit all required information, such as a complete animal patient record, to the department via email at [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov).

<b>1. REQUESTING PARTY</b>					
Name (Last, First)			GO ID Permit #		
Mailing Address:		City		State	Zip
Primary Phone		Secondary Phone		Email	
Facility Address (physical):			Facility Name (if applicable)		
<b>2. ANIMAL INFORMATION</b>					
Species:		WRMD ID:	Microchip/Tag:		
Age/Age Class:	Sex:	Intake Date:	Initial Exam Date:		
Facility Name (if applicable)			Initial Examiner:		
Physical Address:		State	Zip	Phone:	
<b>3. ANIMAL CONDITION</b> (Check all that apply)					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permanent visual impairment		<input type="checkbox"/>	Amputated limb, foot, digit, tail, wing (humero-ulnar joint)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to walk, perch or fly		<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to perform natural behaviors to survive on its own	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Severe skin, scales, scute, fur, or feather issues		<input type="checkbox"/>	Permanent neurologic issues	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Has or suspected to have a disease of concern		<input type="checkbox"/>	Permanently habituated or mal-imprinted	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to eat, drink, or ambulate on its own		<input type="checkbox"/>	Spinal injury, paralysis, or paresis	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (briefly describe):				
<b>4. ANIMAL TEMPERAMENT</b> (Check all that apply)					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human handling causes little behavioral stress (Potential Educational Animal)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human handling causes behavioral stress (Potential Ambassador Animal, static display)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Able to provide species-appropriate care for neonate conspecifics in captive setting (Potential Surrogate)				
Briefly describe how animal temperament was determined:					
<b>5. ANIMAL WELFARE REQUIREMENTS</b> (Check all that apply)					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requires Medication (temporary)		<input type="checkbox"/>	Requires Medication (lifelong)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requires Medical Treatment (temporary)		<input type="checkbox"/>	Requires Medical Treatment (lifelong)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requires Limited / Restricted Activity		<input type="checkbox"/>	Requires Special Diet / Modified Feeding	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Must Be Housed with Other Animals		<input type="checkbox"/>	Must Be Housed Alone	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (briefly describe):				

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 Requesting Party: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSFER OF POSSESSION- CHAIN OF CUSTODY (LIVE OR DEAD ANIMAL, PARTS)**


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A person may possess any such live animal, carcass, or parts thereof pursuant to Title 14 CCR sections 654, 671, or 679.5, or written authorization from the Department if the Department determines the following conditions are met. A person shall not sell, barter, exchange or breed the live animal, carcass or parts thereof. A person shall not transfer possession of the live animal, carcass, or parts thereof without prior written approval from the department's Wildlife Health Laboratory. A person shall retain a copy of this transfer of possession, chain of custody form for their records. Pursuant to Title 14 CCR 679.5(d)(1)(D), the Department shall approve a request to taxidermy or donate a carcass or parts thereof if the department determines the following requirements are met: (i) the zoological garden, museum, college, university or other educational/research institution, or wildlife exhibitor is in possession of a valid federal or state permit to possess a carcass or parts thereof; and (ii) the carcass or parts thereof shall be used for education or research for the purposes of wildlife conservation. A person in possession of a live animal, carcass, or parts thereof shall comply with all Federal, State, or local law or regulations.

1. ORIGINAL POSSESSOR INFORMATION							
Name	Date	Live Animal Disposition <input type="checkbox"/> Non-releasable rehab <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure <input type="checkbox"/> Surrender					
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip				
Phone Number	Email				Permit #/GOID (if applicable)		
2. RECIPIENT INFORMATION							
Name	Title/Position				Permit #		
Facility Address	City	State	Zip				
Phone Number	Email	Facility Name					
Type of Facility <input type="checkbox"/> College/University <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Zoological Garden <input type="checkbox"/> Educational/Research Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Exhibitor							
3. LIVE ANIMAL, DEAD ANIMAL, PARTS THEREOF INFORMATION							
ID	Species	Date Received	If PARTS, describe	Quantity	Live	Dead	Part
4. CUSTODY TRANSFER							
Relinquished By (Last, First Name)	Signature				Date		
Transferred To (Last, First Name)	Signature				Date		

**DEPARTMENT DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE**

"I hereby affirm that the information provided herein is, to my knowledge, accurate regarding the above listed live animal, carcass, or parts thereof".

 Department Representative : \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date



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#### § 679.1 Definitions.

(a) For the purposes of Sections 679.1 through 679.9, the following definitions apply:

(1) Animal welfare, or welfare of the animal. The treatment that an animal receives by providing for its physical and behavioral needs.

(2) Authorized person. A person, at least 18 years of age, with at least 80 hours of relevant animal care, husbandry, and handling experience approved by the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee at their sole discretion, and under their general supervision, to directly handle and temporarily confine a rehabilitation animal, of a species or taxonomic group approved by the department, at a location other than the primary facility for the purpose of stabilization or pre-release conditioning.

(3) Biosecurity practice. Preventative measures taken to reduce the risk of transmission of communicable diseases from one human, animal, or place to others.

(4) California Veterinary Medical Practice Act. The compilation of laws relating to the practice of veterinary medicine in California produced by the California Veterinary Medical Board (Chapter 11 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code Section).

(5) Conspecifics. Individual animals of the same species.

(6) Designee. A person, at least 21 years of age, with at least 500 hours of relevant experience, approved by the permittee to conduct activities under the permit, such as an animal care director or hospital manager, on behalf of the permittee.

(7) Enrichment. An item or activity designed to stimulate and encourage a range of innate behaviors of a rehabilitation animal, specific to that species and the condition and welfare of the animal.

(8) Euthanasia. The humane induction of death with minimal pain, stress, anxiety, and distress to the animal.

(9) Habituated. A wild animal that is repeatedly exposed to anthropogenic stimuli and, as a result, no longer has a natural behavioral response or overt reaction to humans.

(10) Humane care. To provide adequate water, food, housing, enrichment, safe handling, medical treatment, euthanasia if necessary, and conditions that maintain the welfare of the animal, with the intent to minimize fear, pain, stress, and suffering.

(11) Husbandry. The day-to-day care, feeding, and housing of a wild animal that considers the natural ecology of that species.

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(12) Large Carnivore Specialty Rehabilitation. Wildlife rehabilitation of an age class specified by the department of an American black bear (*Ursus americanus*) or mountain lion (*Puma concolor*) in California as authorized under specialty rehabilitation permit conditions issued by the department.

(13) Mal-imprinting. The process by which a neonate or juvenile animal imprints on a human or adult animal of another species that prevents that animal from expressing innate natural behaviors of its species.

(14) Neonate. A newborn or newly hatched animal, often unable to thermoregulate or ambulate on its own, and usually requiring parental care such as feeding to survive.

(15) Non-releasable animal. A wild animal not suitable for release to the wild due to it being habituated, mal-imprinted, or having physical impairment that results in limited potential for survival in the wild and/or an inability to consistently express the natural behaviors of that species such as hunting or foraging.

(16) Orphan. A young animal, still dependent on parental care for survival, that is found under conditions in which parental care is no longer available, such as permanent separation from or death of the parent.

(17) Permittee. A person, at least 21 years of age, with at least 1,000 hours of relevant experience as listed in Section 679.3(a)(4)(C), authorized by the department to confine temporarily or temporarily possess rehabilitation animals under a permit issued by the department pursuant to Section 679.3.

(18) Qualified handler. For the purposes of specialty rehabilitation, a person at least 18 years of age with the minimum hours of relevant experience listed in Section 679.3(b)(1)(D) 1 through 4, with that specialty rehabilitation animal or animals of a closely related taxonomic group.

(19) Raptor Specialty Rehabilitation. Wildlife rehabilitation of any age class of any species of eagle or osprey (Order Accipitriformes), Peregrine falcon or Prairie falcon (Order Falconiformes), or a hybrid thereof pursuant to Section 670 (b), in California as authorized under specialty rehabilitation permit conditions issued by the department.

(20) Rehabilitation animal. A live individual bird, mammal, reptile, or amphibian of a wildlife species native to California that is temporarily possessed for the purposes of rehabilitation at a wildlife rehabilitation facility.

(21) Required record. Any department permit or memorandum of understanding, other permit, license, patient log, and records written in the English language that is required under sections 679.1 through 679.9.

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(22) Satellite facility. A facility operated by a sub-permittee authorized pursuant to Section 679.3, that may temporarily possess wildlife for the purpose of rehabilitation at a location other than the wildlife rehabilitation facility location listed on the permit.

(23) Specialty rehabilitation authorization. Privilege provided to a permittee by the department to temporarily possess one or more of the following specialty rehabilitation animals: large carnivore, ungulate, raptor, bat, venomous snake.

(24) Sub-permittee. A person, at least 21 years of age, with at least 500 hours of relevant experience authorized by the department pursuant to Section 679.3 to temporarily possess rehabilitation animals without the supervision of the permittee at a satellite facility.

(25) Surrogate Animal. An adult wild animal acting as a conspecific surrogate parent to a neonate or juvenile rehabilitation animal.

(26) Ungulate Specialty Rehabilitation. Wildlife rehabilitation of an age class specified by the department of deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*), pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana*), elk (*Cervus canadensis species, C. elaphus*), or wild sheep (*Ovis canadensis*) native to California of the Order Artiodactyla as authorized under specialty rehabilitation permit conditions issued by the department.

(27) Venomous Snake Specialty Rehabilitation. Wildlife rehabilitation of any age class of any species of snake of the Order Squamata native to California that produce venom as authorized under specialty rehabilitation permit conditions issued by the department.

(28) Veterinarian of record. A veterinarian, currently licensed by the State of California, who agrees in writing to provide and direct appropriate veterinary treatment for rehabilitation animals at a wildlife rehabilitation facility.

(29) Wildlife rehabilitation. The temporary possession, treatment, and care of injured, diseased, displaced, or orphaned native wild animal for the purpose of releasing it in a condition of good health to suitable habitat in the wild.

(30) Wildlife rehabilitation facility. A location approved by the department pursuant to Section 679.3 whereby wild animals are temporarily possessed for the purposes of wildlife rehabilitation.

(31) Wildlife rehabilitation memorandum of understanding (MOU). An agreement between the department and the permittee for the purpose of the permittee's eligibility in of the Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant Program established pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1773.2.

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(32) Zoonoses. Diseases that are transmissible from animals to humans through direct or indirect contact; etiologic agents can be viral, bacterial, parasitic, mycotic, or unconventional (prions).

#### **Credits**

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 200, 390, 1050, 2118, 2127, 2150.2, 3005.5, 3800 and 4150, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 713, 1008, 2000, 2001, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2150.4, 2192, 3005.5, 3511, 3800, 4150, 4190 and 4800, Fish and Game Code; and Section 8670.61.5, Government Code.

#### **HISTORY**

1. New section filed 8-8-94; operative 9-7-94 (Register 94, No. 32).
2. Editorial correction of subsections (a) and (f)(1) (Register 2007, No. 12).
3. Amendment of section and NOTE filed 4-2-2007; operative 4-2-2007 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2007, No. 14).

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#### § 679.2 Transportation and Confinement of Live Wildlife

(a) Temporary Confinement of Wild Animals. Except for big game mammals listed in Section 350 or exotic game mammals listed in Section 325, a person who is not in possession of a permit or sub-permit issued pursuant to Section 679.3, and has not previously had a permit or sub-permit revoked or denied pursuant to Section 679.9 subsections (a)(2) or (b)(2), may temporarily confine for no more than 24 hours an injured, diseased, displaced, or orphaned animal native to the state of California for the purposes of transferring such animal to a wildlife rehabilitation facility. Any such person shall meet the requirements listed below.

(1) Notify the nearest permitted wildlife rehabilitation facility, or the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) or telephone at (916) 358-2790, within 24 hours of confining such animal and provide the following required information:

(A) Name and address of person temporarily confining the animal; species or type of animal; description of its condition; date and location the animal was found; and the location where the animal is confined.

(2) A person shall, at the direction of the department, a wildlife rehabilitation facility, or their designee (i) immediately release the animal at the location it was found, (ii) transport the animal at a location the department deems necessary to protect native wildlife, agriculture interests, animal welfare, human health, and safety, or (iii) transport it to a facility permitted pursuant to Section 679.3.

(3) A person shall not knowingly temporarily confine or transfer any species that is not native to the state of California, or any animal identified by the department as an invasive pest pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code Section 5260.5. Invasive pest species shall include, but not be limited to nutria, American bullfrog, African clawed frog, common coqui, red-eared slider, watersnake (*Nerodia* species), mute swan, black-throated magpie jay, pin-tailed whydah, Japanese white-eye, and scaly-breasted munia.

(4) Notwithstanding Section 465.5(g)(1), a person may transport for the purposes of rehabilitation any injured, diseased, or orphaned furbearing, game, nongame, or protected mammal that is lawfully trapped.

(5) A person may transport for the purpose of rehabilitation any injured, diseased, or orphaned migratory bird pursuant to United States federal regulation 50 CFW 21.31(a).

(b) Prohibition on Possession of Big Game Mammals, Exotic Game Mammals or Fully Protected, Threatened or Endangered Species Except Under Department Permit. No person shall possess any big game mammal listed in Section 350 or exotic game

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mammal listed in Section 325, or any fully protected, endangered or threatened bird, mammal, fish, reptile or amphibian without specific written authorization from the department.

(c) Disabled Wildlife in an Oil/Toxic Spill Area. A person not in possession of a permit issued pursuant to Section 679.3 shall not enter a department designated oil/toxic spill area to temporarily confine or transport wildlife disabled by an oil spill or other spilled toxic substance for the purpose of rehabilitation, unless that person has authorization from the department pursuant to Government Code Section 8670.37.5.

#### **Credits**

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#### § 679.3 Permits for Wildlife Rehabilitation

(a) Permit. The department may issue a person a wildlife rehabilitation permit valid for 3 years, and amend existing permits with the conditions it determines are necessary to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

(1) Limited Scope. A permit issued pursuant to this section does not supersede any law, or the need for any applicable permit.

(2) Qualifications. Any person, who is a resident of the state of California, can qualify for and be issued a permit if the applicant possesses the qualifications specified in subsections 679.3(b) through (d) and is at least 21 years of age, except for the following reasons.

(A) That person has had a department-issued permit or license denied because of a violation or revoked, and the permit or license has not been reinstated; or

(B) That person has been convicted of a crime under Penal Code Section 597 or a crime of moral turpitude within the previous 10 years.

(3) Conferring. The department may confer with any person to verify information on the application, at any stage of the application process, and where applicable may require written proof of that information pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1054(b). An applicant shall provide such information to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) within 30 calendar days of the department's request, or the department shall deny the application.

(4) Initial Approval. A person seeking a wildlife rehabilitation permit shall first submit to the department an initial written request for a permit via email to [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov). The request shall include:

(A) Copies of two letters stating there is a need for a new wildlife rehabilitation facility to increase local or regional capacity to possess rehabilitation animals, written within 12 months from the date of the letter, on letterhead stationery with a printed name, title, signature, and affiliation of the signatory.

1. One letter shall be submitted by a permittee possessing a valid wildlife rehabilitation permit or sub-permit.

2. The second letter shall be submitted by any of the following persons: (i) a permittee possessing a valid permit pursuant to sections 679.3 or 671.1;

(ii) Wildlife Health Laboratory (henceforth WHL) staff, department Regional Manager, or designee; (iii) a licensed veterinarian; or (iv) federal, tribal, state or local agencies with jurisdiction over wildlife or animal care.

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(B) Maximum number of proposed rehabilitation animals that can be temporarily possessed at the proposed facility in the following categories: (i) amphibians, (ii) reptiles, (iii) small mammals, (iv) medium mammals, (v) large mammals, (vi) waterbirds, (vii) passerines, (viii) non-specialty raptors, and (ix) other avifauna.

(C) Resume or *curriculum vitae* describing completion of at least 1,000 hours of wildlife rehabilitation experience under the direct supervision of a permittee in California, or experience that the department determines to be equivalent, completed no more than 5 years from the date of the application. The department may consider education in veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, or similar courses, as a substitute for up to 300 hours of the required experience based on the following criteria:

1. the number of hours of education and the curriculum;
2. if a certification, degree, or similar qualification was obtained; and
3. if the education was obtained at an accredited institution or program recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

(D) The department shall provide initial approval in writing via email if an applicant meets the requirements pursuant to subsections 679.3(a)(4)(A) through (C). The applicant shall not temporarily possess rehabilitation animals until the department has provided final approval of the proposed wildlife rehabilitation facility.

#### (5) Wildlife Rehabilitation Examination.

(A) Upon initial approval from the department, an applicant shall take the free California state wildlife rehabilitation examination provided via password-protected html link provided by the department in an email from email address [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov). Alternatively, an applicant may submit a request to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) or by telephone at (916) 358-2790 to take the examination in person at the nearest department office.

(B) An applicant shall correctly answer 80 percent or more of the questions to pass the examination. An applicant who fails the examination may submit a request to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) to retake the examination no sooner than 15 calendar days from the date of the failed examination.

(C) If an applicant fails to pass the examination by the third attempt, or within 3 years from the date of initial approval, the department shall rescind initial

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approval of the permit request. An applicant may restart the initial approval process no sooner than 1 year from the date of the last failed examination.

(6) Final Approval. A person who has received initial approval from the department and passed the wildlife rehabilitation examination, as described in subsection 679.3(a), may submit an application packet to the department via the U.S. Postal Service or overnight carrier to the License and Revenue Branch at P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244, ATTN: Automated License Data System (ALDS).

(A) The application packet shall contain the following required information:

1. Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Application Form which provides:

a. Applicant Information. Applicant full name, date of birth, mailing address, phone number, email address, ALDS Get Outdoors ID (GOID) or a required form of identification listed pursuant to subsection 700.4(c) for the department to create a new ALDS customer profile.

b. Proposed Facility Information. Facility name, physical address, mailing address if different, phone number, email address, and website if applicable.

c. Public Contact information. Telephone number, email address, physical address and website if applicable, of the proposed facility that the applicant requests the department to provide as a resource on the department website at <http://wildlife.ca.gov/wildliferehab>.

d. Proposed Rehabilitation animals. Indicate which species or taxonomic group that the applicant proposes to rehabilitate at the facility and the maximum number of animals by species or taxonomic group able to be temporarily possessed at one time.

e. Other Required Permits. The applicant shall demonstrate possession of, or provide proof that they have applied for, a valid federal permit to temporarily possess any bird species native to California for the purposes of rehabilitation.

f. Facility Operation Plan. The applicant shall submit to the department a written plan that describes the proposed facility's standard operating procedures for each of the following:

(i) Record-keeping system to maintain all required records.

(ii). Animal intake process that describes the initial evaluation and triage protocol.

(iii). Euthanasia protocol that shall include the euthanasia methods for each type of proposed rehabilitation animal, list of

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qualified personnel, controlled substance storage protocol, and methods of carcass disposal.

(iv). Protocol for handling public reports by telephone number, email address if applicable, and in person.

(v). Staff and volunteer training protocol.

(vi). Animal husbandry protocols pursuant to Section 679.5(a).

(vii). Biosecurity protocols pursuant to Section 679.5(a).

(viii) Succession plan for the continued care of rehabilitation animals if the permittee is no longer able to provide care for any foreseeable reason or due to health, safety, or financial reasons.

g. Declaration of Enclosures. The applicant shall demonstrate that each enclosure meets the requirements listed in the department's 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual herein incorporated by reference (Date of incorporation), and available on the department's program website at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/wildliferehab>, by providing to the department the following information for each type of enclosure: (i) length, width, and height in feet and inches; (ii) materials used to construct or pre-fabricate; and (iii) photographs, diagrams, blueprints, or other written plans.

h. Restricted species. The applicant shall provide a list of current non-releasable animals possessed pursuant to sections 654 or 671.1, or possessed prior to January 1, 2012, pursuant to a department Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

i. Resume or *curriculum vitae*. The applicant shall demonstrate completion of at least 1,000 hours experience pursuant to Section 679.3(a)(4)(C) above. Documentation shall include the dates and description of experience, education and training; and the name, affiliation, telephone number, email, and mailing address of 3 references that the department may contact.

2. Veterinarian of Record Agreement, signed by a licensed veterinarian in good standing pursuant to the California Veterinary Medical Practice Act, and that shall include the following required information:

a. Veterinarian name, veterinarian license number, license expiration date, telephone number, email address, name and employer address of the veterinarian.

b. Review, agree, and initial the following list of responsibilities:

(i) Provide consultation to the permittee or designee for rehabilitation animals requiring veterinary medical services.

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(ii) Provision, storage, and documentation of controlled and non-controlled substances.

(iii) Ethical consideration of the natural history and welfare of the rehabilitation animal when determining a treatment plan for the purpose of its release to the wild.

(iv) Rely on the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee to best address the husbandry needs of the rehabilitation animal.

c. Identify the veterinarian services that will be provided from the following list: physical examination, initial stabilization, initial diagnosis, pre-release examination, prescribing medication, surgical services, fracture/wound care, diagnostic services, laboratory work, euthanasia, necropsy, carcass storage/disposal, staff/volunteer training, biosecurity protocol(s), pest management plan, emergency action plan, other.

d. List of species of which the veterinarian of record is unwilling or unable to provide veterinary services.

3. List of Authorized Persons. An applicant shall provide to the department a list of all individuals, if any, identified by the applicant as an authorized person pursuant to Section 679.1(a)(2), that shall include the following information for each individual: full name, telephone number, email address, physical address, mailing address, and species or taxonomic group of rehabilitation animals authorized by the applicant to handle.

4. Facility Emergency Action Plan. An applicant shall provide to the department a written plan for the proposed facility describing evacuation steps in the event of an emergency. The Emergency Action Plan shall be titled, with a revision date, and describe the designated actions required to ensure animal welfare and human safety pursuant to Government Code Section 3220, that shall include the following:

a. List of animal re-capture equipment, such as nets, personal protective equipment, and chemical immobilization equipment (if applicable);

b. List of mobile transport cages sufficient to transport all proposed rehabilitation animals, that shall include the quantity, size dimensions, and brief description of each transport cage, specifically (i) intended animal use (species, size or type), (ii) weight capacity, and (iii) maximum number of animals per cage;

c. List of emergency animal supplies that shall be designated for each rehabilitation animal in the case of an emergency, that shall include: 5-day supply of special diet (if applicable), food receptacles, water

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receptacles, portable water containers, specialty feeding supplies, heating source, cooling source, bedding, cleaning supplies, biosecurity supplies, and veterinary medical supplies;

d. List of first aid kits, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, emergency exit signs (if applicable), emergency eye wash stations and where they will be located in the facility;

e. List of exit route assignments and location(s) off the premises identified as a safe staging area in case of an evacuation, including primary and secondary evacuation route(s); and

f. List of emergency telephone numbers that shall include local first responders, local animal services, local public health agencies, the department's Wildlife Health Laboratory, nearest department regional office, and other relevant points of contact.

5. Authorization to Access Property. A written statement signed and dated by the owner of the property where the proposed facility will be located stating that the property owner agrees that the department or their designee shall have access to conduct inspections pursuant to Section 679.7.

6. Proof of proper permit(s), or written statement that the applicant will not be violating any local laws, from a local agency with jurisdiction over zoning that allows the applicant to temporarily possess rehabilitation animals at the proposed facility.

7. Payment of a non-refundable application processing fee of \$65.41 and a refundable inspection fee of \$181.28 to the department and adjusted annually pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 713.

(7) Issuance of Permit. The department shall issue a permit if the applicant meets all standards pursuant to subsections 679.3, 679.4, and 679.5, and the requirements established in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual.

(A) The department shall inspect the proposed facility, prior to issuing a permit, pursuant to Section 679.7. The department shall deny a permit if the applicant has failed to allow an inspection of the proposed facility; or the facility fails to meet all applicable requirements described in sections 679.3, 679.4, and 679.5; or pursuant to Section 679.9(a).

(B) The department shall determine which species or taxonomic group of rehabilitation animal the applicant is authorized to temporarily possess based on conditions the department determines are necessary to protect native wildlife, agriculture interests, animal welfare, human health and safety; except if a permit is denied pursuant to section 679.9(a).



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(C) The department shall provide to the applicant, upon issuance of the permit, a Wildlife Rehabilitation MOU for eligibility to apply for funding through the department's competitive grant program established pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1773.1.

(8) Renewal of Permit. A permittee or designee may submit to the department an application packet to renew a permit, no later than 60 calendar days before the permit expires, via the U.S. Postal Service or overnight carrier to the License and Revenue Branch at P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244 with the following : (I) required information listed in Section 679.3(a)(6)(A)1 through 7; (ii) the full name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, and physical address of the satellite facility for each sub-permittee if applicable; and (iii) Payment of a non-refundable application processing fee of \$65.41 to the department and adjusted annually pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 713.

(A) If the department requires greater than 60 calendar days to renew a permit, the department may provide written approval to the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee to continue temporarily possessing rehabilitation animals under the expired permit if the department finds that the overall welfare of each animal, human health, and safety shall be maintained during application renewal process.

(b) Specialty Rehabilitation Authorization. The department may amend a permit to allow the permittee or sub-permittee to conduct specialty rehabilitation of (i) large carnivores of an age class approved by the department if the department determines that the amendment shall protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety; (ii) ungulates of an age class approved by the department if the department determines that the amendment shall protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety; (iii) venomous snakes of any age class; or (iv) specialty raptors, as defined pursuant to Section 679.1, of any age class; if the department determines that the amendment shall protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

(1) Initial Approval. An applicant who has received initial approval from the department and passed the free California state wildlife rehabilitation examination, specialty rehabilitation section, provided online by the department as described in subsection 679.3(b), may submit to the department an application packet via the U.S. Postal Service or overnight carrier to the License and Revenue Branch at P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244, that shall contain the following information:

(A) A list of proposed specialty rehabilitation animals proposed to temporarily possess and the maximum number of animals by species or taxonomic group able to be temporarily possessed at one time.

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(B) One letter of recommendation from a person possessing at least 500 hours of wildlife rehabilitation or captive animal care experience with animals in the same taxonomic group or closely related taxa of the same Order as the proposed specialty rehabilitation animals.

(C) The requirements listed in Section 679.3(a)(6)(A)1 through 7, notwithstanding the minimum hours of experience listed in Section 679.3(a)(6)(A)1i.

(D) Qualifications. The applicant shall demonstrate they meet the following minimum experience which may include education based on the criteria listed in subsection 679.3(a)(4)(C)1 through 3:

1. Large carnivore specialty rehabilitation. At least 400 hours of experience with animals in the same taxonomic group or closely related taxa of the same Order as the proposed specialty rehabilitation animals, completed within 5 years from the date of request for specialty rehabilitation authorization. The department may consider education in veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, or similar courses, as a substitute for up to 200 hours of the required experience.

2. Ungulate specialty rehabilitation. At least 250 hours of experience with animals in the same taxonomic group or closely related taxa of the same Order as the proposed specialty rehabilitation animals, completed within 5 years from the date of request for specialty rehabilitation authorization. The department may consider education in veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, or similar courses, as a substitute for up to 100 hours of the required experience.

3. Raptor specialty rehabilitation. At least 250 hours of experience with animals in the same taxonomic group or closely related taxa of the same Order as the proposed specialty rehabilitation animals, completed within 5 years from the date of request for specialty rehabilitation authorization. The department may consider education in veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, or similar courses, as a substitute for up to 100 hours of the required experience.

4. Venomous snake specialty rehabilitation. At least 100 hours of experience with animals in the same taxonomic group or closely related taxa of the same Order as the proposed specialty rehabilitation animals, completed within 5 years from the date of request for specialty rehabilitation authorization. The department may consider education in veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, or similar courses, as a substitute for up to 40 hours of the required experience.

a. The applicant shall provide in writing a written venomous snake escape protocol and venomous snake bite protocol that lists the nearest available source of antivenin in the event of a bite.

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(E) Qualified handlers. List of qualified handlers, one of which may be the permittee, that shall include the name, hours and date(s) of relevant experience completed within 5 years from the date of initial application, and the specialty rehabilitation animals they are qualified to handle.

1. Each type of specialty rehabilitation animal shall have the following minimum number of qualified handlers: 3 large carnivore handlers; 3 ungulate handlers; 2 venomous snake handlers; 2 raptor handlers.

2. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee may transfer a raptor to a California falconer, classified as a general or master falconer pursuant to Section 670(e)(6), for the purpose of rehabilitation and release to the wild, so long as the falconer is listed as a qualified handler on record with the department under a permit issued pursuant to Section 679.3. The falconer shall maintain any such raptor pursuant to the requirements in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual.

(2) Final Approval. The department shall amend the permit to authorize the permittee to conduct specialty rehabilitation of the species or taxonomic group of specialty rehabilitation animal(s) requested, if the applicant meets all standards pursuant to subsections 679.3, 679.4, and 679.5. A permittee shall temporarily possess such specialty rehabilitation animals only at the wildlife rehabilitation facility or satellite facility location(s) approved by the department.

(c) Sub-Permit. The department may amend a permit to allow a permittee to add a sub-permittee under that permit, if the department determines that the amendment shall protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety. A new permittee may request approval from the department to add a sub-permittee no sooner than 12 months from the date the permit was issued from the department.

(1) Application. A permittee seeking to add a sub-permittee shall submit to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) the required information listed in subsections 679.3(a)(5) and 679.3(a)(6)(A)1.a. through h. notwithstanding the requirements listed below.

(A) Resume or *curriculum vitae*. The permittee shall demonstrate the sub-permittee has completed at least 500 hours experience in wildlife rehabilitation completed no more than 5 years from the date of the application. The department may consider education in veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, or similar courses, as a substitute for up to 150 hours of the required experience based on the criteria listed in subsection 697.3(a)(4)(C)1 through 3.

(2) Approval. The department shall authorize a permittee to add a sub-permittee under the permit if the permittee has demonstrated that the sub-permittee meets all standards pursuant to subsections 679.3, 679.4, and 679.5.

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(A) Inspection. The permittee or their designee shall conduct an initial inspection of the proposed satellite facility prior to the department approving a sub-permittee to operate a satellite facility pursuant to the requirements listed in Section 679.7(a)(1)(A) through (F); and submit such written record to the department. A sub-permittee shall not operate a satellite facility until the department has provided final approval of the proposed sub-permit.

- (3) Requirements. A sub-permittee shall operate no more than one satellite facility, located no more than 100 air miles from the physical location of the facility operated by the permittee, and shall be listed under no more than one permit at any time.

(A)The permittee or designee shall provide to the department notification in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) within 10 business days of any change to a sub-permit, including but not limited to removing a sub-permittee from the permit, or change of physical address of a satellite facility, via email at .

- (d) Long-Term Possession. A permittee, sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler shall not possess a rehabilitation animal for longer than 180 calendar days from the date of initial intake by any person possessing a permit issued pursuant to Section 679.3, notwithstanding the following requirements.

(1) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee may submit a request to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) for approval to possess a rehabilitation animal for more than 180 days to maintain the welfare of the animal prior to its release to the wild. The department shall require a permittee, sub-permittee, or designee to provide the patient record, estimated duration of confinement, and a written plan for long-term care of the animal.

(A) Approval. The department shall notify the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee of the approval to temporarily possess a rehabilitation animal for more than 180 days within 5 business days in writing via email, if the department determines that it is necessary to protect native wildlife, the welfare of the animal, human health, and safety.

(B) Denial. The department shall notify the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee of the denial to temporarily possess a rehabilitation animal for more than 180 days within 5 business days in writing via email, if the department determines that the applicant has failed to meet any conditions to protect animal welfare, human health, and safety.

- (e) Transition Period Clause. A permittee issued a permit and MOU pursuant to Section 679, prior to January 1, 2025, may be authorized by the department to operate under those requirements until December 31, 2025, if the department determines that conditions

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have been met to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety. Thereafter, permittees, sub-permittees, and designees shall comply with the requirements listed pursuant to sections 654, 671.1, 679.1 through 679.9, notwithstanding a variance approved by the department pursuant to Section 679.4(c).

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NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 200, 1050, 2000, 2127, 2150.2, 3005.5, 3800 and 4150, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 713, 1008, 2000, 2001, 2150.4, 2192, 3005.5, 3511, 3800, 4150, 4190 and 4800, Fish and Game Code; and Section 8670.61.5, Government Code.

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#### **679.4. Facility and Caging Standards for Rehabilitation Animals**

##### **(a) Provisions Related to the Operation of a Wildlife Rehabilitation Facility.**

- (1) Responsibility for Costs Incurred. The permittee, sub-permittee, designee, and authorized person(s) shall be responsible for any and all costs incurred in connection with the temporary possession, treatment, or transportation of any rehabilitation animal while the rehabilitation animal is temporarily possessed by the permittee, sub-permittee, designee, or authorized person.
- (2) Liability. The permittee, sub-permittee, designee, and authorized person, shall indemnify, defend and save harmless the State, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims and losses occurring or resulting to any person or property in connection with the treatment, confinement or transportation of any rehabilitation animal while in the possession of the permittee, sub-permittee, and designee.
- (3) Continuing Education. A permittee, sub-permittee, designee, and authorized person shall complete 10 hours of continuing education each year pursuant to the requirements listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual (Date of incorporation).
- (4) Display or Possession of Permit and Emergency Action Plan. A permittee, sub-permittee, or the permittee's designee shall display the permit, or a copy of the permit issued by the department, and any other required permit(s), in a location at the facility that is visible to staff, volunteers, and the public. An authorized person or qualified handler shall retain a copy of the permit in their possession in a location where it can be readily provided to the department, its designee, permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee upon request. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall keep a written emergency action plan, as required pursuant Section 679(a)(6)(A)4, and all staff and volunteers shall be notified of its location and content.
- (5) Compliance With Other Restrictions. These regulations, or any permit issued pursuant thereto, do not authorize possession of any wild animal in violation of any law.
- (6) Operational Changes. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall notify WHL in writing via email at RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov within 10 business days of any of the following change in operations: (i) change of facility name, physical address, telephone number, or email address; (ii) change of permittee, sub-permittee, or designee name, physical address, telephone number, or email address; (iii) removal of a sub-permittee, designee, authorized person or qualified handler under the permit.



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(A) A permittee or sub-permittee that is no longer able to provide care to any rehabilitation animal for any foreseeable reason or due to health, safety, or financial reasons, or a designee on their behalf, may request to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) that a designee, sub-permittee, or individual meeting the requirements listed pursuant Section 679.1(a)(6) or (24) and listed on the permittee succession plan required pursuant Section 679.3(a)(6)(A)1, take temporary possession of such rehabilitation animals under the permit for up to 90 calendar days. The department may approve the request if the department determines that all conditions to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety are met.

(B) A designee or sub-permittee may request to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) to temporarily possess such rehabilitation animals for up to 180 days or retain the permit under their name for the duration of the permit term. The department shall approve such a request, and require no additional permit fees, if the department determines that all conditions to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety are met.

(b)Enclosure Requirements. A permittee, sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, and qualified handler shall comply with the caging requirements listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual; and each enclosure shall be completely enclosed unless otherwise specified by the department with the conditions required to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

(1) All enclosures shall be constructed to prevent ingress or egress by any predator, any other wild or domestic animal, or any rehabilitation animal. A double-door entry system shall be constructed, and locked at all times while not in use, for the enclosure of any species of bird; species of the Order Carnivora; and specialty rehabilitation animals.

(2) Conspecific animals, or non-conspecific animals that naturally co-occur in a way that maintains the welfare of each animal, may be held in the same enclosure if all humane care and husbandry requirements as described in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual (Date of incorporation).

(3) Conspecific rehabilitation animals that have reached sexual maturation shall be housed in separate enclosures to prevent reproduction and harm to each animal.

(4) Enrichment and proper housing shall be provided for each rehabilitation animal that is suitable to their developmental stage, condition, and stage of rehabilitation.

(5) All enclosures shall have a sheltered retreat that allows for each rehabilitation animal to be fully hidden and to ingress and egress at will.

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(6) All enclosures shall have an artificial heating and cooling source that is sufficient to maintain the minimum ambient air temperature necessary to maintain the welfare of each animal.

(7) All enclosures shall have sufficient drainage to prevent standing water from accumulating.

(8) Visual separation shall be maintained between non-conspecific rehabilitation animals, domestic animals, and restricted species except where otherwise specified in these regulations.

(9) Rehabilitation animals shall have minimal direct human contact and shall not be displayed to the public. Every reasonable effort shall be made to prevent any rehabilitation animal from mal-imprinting on humans.

(c) Variances to Caging Requirements. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee, shall submit to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) any request for deviation, by the permittee, sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler, in construction design or construction materials of the specific caging requirements listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual (Date of incorporation).

(1) The department may approve a variance to these requirements on a case-by-case basis only if the department finds that the overall security and welfare of the animal(s) involved will be maintained. The department shall require additional or conditions to the initial variance request if the department determines it necessary to protect native wildlife, agriculture interests, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

(2) A permittee, sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler shall provide documentation of an approved variance to any inspector, as a required record, pursuant to Section 679.7.

(3) The department shall deny a variance to the caging requirements if the department determines, at its discretion, that the nonstandard caging or enclosure fails to maintain the overall security and welfare of the animal(s) involved. The permittee, sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler may appeal the department's final decision to the commission pursuant to Section 679.9(f).

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#### § 679.5. Humane Care and Treatment Standards

(a) Care of wildlife in possession. Every permittee, sub-permittee, and designee shall comply with the following provisions.

(1) Food. Food shall be provided daily, or as often as necessary to prevent habituation or mal-imprinting; supplied in sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain the health and welfare of the rehabilitation animal; and shall be readily accessible to rehabilitation animals that are self-feeding.

(A) Rehabilitation animals shall be provided with a diet with consideration for the age class, species, and condition of each animal. Food receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary to prevent mold, contamination, deterioration, or caking of food.

(2) Water. Fresh water shall be provided daily and accessible at all times to rehabilitation animals or provided as often as necessary to maintain the health and welfare of the animal. Water receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary to prevent mold and contamination.

(3) Cleaning enclosures. Organic waste material shall be removed from enclosures at least once per day or as often as necessary to maintain animal welfare and to prevent habituation or mal-imprinting of the rehabilitation animal.

(4) Biosecurity practices. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall establish, maintain, and annually review programs of pest and parasite control, and communicable disease prevention shall be established and maintained pursuant to Section 679.3(a)(6)(A)1f(vii).

(A) The permittee, sub-permittee, and designee shall establish and maintain a cleaning schedule for the facility including intake, examination, and treatment areas, caging, enclosures, food and water receptacles, and enrichment items that maintains animal welfare, human health and safety.

(B) The enclosure of any rehabilitation animal suspected to have a communicable disease shall be disinfected in compliance with the requirements listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual, or at the direction of a local or state public health agency, once the animal has been removed from the enclosure.

(5) Handling. Rehabilitation animals shall be handled expeditiously and carefully so as not to cause unnecessary discomfort, stress, or physical harm to the animal or any person, or to cause the animal to mal-imprint. Any person handling a rehabilitation animal shall wear personal protective equipment that is suitable and appropriate for that species or taxa of animal. See section 679.5(a)(4) of these regulations for required biosecurity practices, and the 679 Native Wildlife

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(6) Display of Animals. A permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee shall only reference a rehabilitation animal for media or social media purposes by intake number, common name, or scientific species name to distinguish or identify that animal for media or social media purposes; notwithstanding any rehabilitation animal possessed (i) as a result of an ongoing law enforcement action or suspected violation of law, or (ii) in a manner that increases the risk of mal-imprinting or fails to maintain the welfare of the animal.

(7) Notification Requirement for Diseased Animals. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall report, within 48 hours of receiving a rehabilitation animal suspected of having a disease of concern in the state of California, to the appropriate public agency listed for each disease of concern in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual (Date of incorporation). The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall make the rehabilitation animal or its carcass physically available to the department or their designee, if the department determines it necessary to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

(A) The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall provide the following required information: Common species name, scientific name if known, sex if known, age class, suspected disease of concern, and any known human or animal exposure.

(B) Any wild mammal showing clinical signs consistent with rabies shall be isolated in strict confinement under proper care and direct observation of the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee for 30 calendar days, or euthanized immediately pursuant to Section 2606(c) of Title 17. A permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee shall notify the Department in writing via email at Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov within 24 hours of euthanizing any animal suspected of having rabies.

(8) Notification Requirement for Unlawful Take of Animals. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall report to the department by telephone at (888) 334-2258, or via text to 847411 (tip411) by texting "CALTIP", within 48 hours of becoming aware of receiving a rehabilitation animal suspected to have been harmed in violation of Penal Code Section 597; unlawfully taken or possessed pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 86; or any other violation of law has occurred.

(A) The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall provide the following required information: common name, scientific species name if known; sex

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if known; age class; description of suspected violation; full name and contact information of reporting party; location where animal was found.

(B) The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee may report suspected violation of any flaw to local law enforcement agencies, in addition to the department.

(9) Notification Requirement for Unauthorized Animals. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall notify the department in writing via email at RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov or by telephone at (916) 358-2790 within 48 hours of receiving an animal they are not authorized to rehabilitate pursuant to Section 679.3. This requirement does not prohibit a permittee, sub-permittee, their designee, or a licensed veterinarian from providing emergency care for up to 48 hours to maintain the welfare of that animal. The department shall provide the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee instructions verbally or in writing to (i) transfer the animal to another facility; (ii) euthanize the animal; (iii) release the animal to the wild; or (iv) take other reasonable measures required by the department to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

(10) Transfer of Animals out of State. Unless otherwise authorized by the department, no person shall transport a rehabilitation animal outside of California for any reason.

(b) Treatment of wildlife in possession. A permittee, sub-permittee, and their designee shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) Triage Criteria. A protocol shall be established for how to triage rehabilitation animals upon intake based on the condition, age class, and species.

(2) Animal Identification. Each enclosure shall be labelled with the common name of each species in the enclosure, the number of animals of each species in the enclosure, and identification of each animal as designated by the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee.

(3) Medical Care. A permittee, and their sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, and qualified handler shall abide by the California Veterinary Medical Practices Act. Only a veterinarian licensed in the state of California with a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship shall provide the following services to restore a rehabilitation animal to a condition of good health: diagnose or prescribe medications, medical treatments, diagnostic and prognostic procedures, general anesthesia, or surgical procedures.

(A) No person shall perform a medical treatment, diagnostic or prognostic procedure, or surgical procedure that (i) fails to maintain the welfare of the animal; (ii) prevents the animal from being able to express natural behaviors



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for more than 60 calendar days; or (iii) impairs the ability of the animal to survive on its own in the wild.

(B) It shall be unlawful to use or store medications, including any controlled substances, at the wildlife rehabilitation facility or satellite facility, in violation of any law. A permittee, sub-permittee shall be liable for the possession, storage, administration, tracking, and disposal of any such substances.

(4) Daily Observation. A permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee or authorized person shall maintain a daily observation record of each rehabilitation animal that shall include the following information: (i) common name or scientific species name; (ii) food and water check-off; and (iii) medication if applicable. Per section 679.5(c) of these regulations, these daily observations constitute required records.

(5) Cross-foster. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee in possession of an adult conspecific animal possessed pursuant to sections 671.1(b) or 679.3(b), may use that animal to foster neonate and juvenile conspecific animals for the purposes of facilitating such foster animal's return to the wild.

(6) Egg incubation. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee may incubate native avian eggs for the purposes of rehabilitation, except for non-native avian species, such as European starling, English house sparrow, Eurasian collared dove, mute swan, or rock pigeon; domestic, feral or hybrid birds; fish, reptile, or amphibian eggs; eggs of any species listed pursuant to Section 671; or eggs of unknown species or origin. This section shall not preclude the need for other required permits, such as a federal migratory bird permit and federal or state scientific collecting permits.

(c) Required Records. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall maintain handwritten or electronic records in the English language, that may be accompanied by translations in other languages, for each rehabilitation animal as described below.

(1) Intake history. An intake record shall include the following information: (i) date and time of intake; (ii) full name and contact information of person that transferred the animal if known; (iii) date and location where animal was found if known; (iv) if the animal caused harm to any person or domestic animal if known.

(2) Patient record. A patient record shall include the following information: (i) intake number; (ii) common species or scientific name; (iii) age class and sex if known; (iv) identifying physical marks or characteristics; (v) microchip, band, tag, or permanent identifier if applicable; (vi) medical condition; (vii) dates and type of treatment(s); (viii) full name or initials of person(s) providing such treatment.

(3) Patient outcome. A summary of the outcome for each rehabilitation animal during the calendar year as listed: transfer to another facility (T), euthanized (E),

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died in care (D), dead on arrival (DOA), remains in care, pending (P), escape from enclosure (EE), release to the wild (R), or reunited with mother (RU).

(4) Annual report. A permittee or their designee shall provide to the department in writing via email at [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) an annual report for the prior calendar year no later than January 31, that shall provide the following information: (i) total number of animal intakes; (ii) patient outcome summary for amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals; (iii) list of authorized persons; (iv) list of sub-permittees, if applicable; and (v) list of animals possessed pursuant to Section 671.1.

(A) A permittee or designee shall submit the required information listed above for each sub-permittee as part of the annual report.

(B) The permittee or designee shall submit an annual report to the department even if no activity occurred during the prior calendar year.

(6) Availability of records. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall retain required records for 5 years from the date issued, maintained as a hard copy or electronic record, and make those records available for inspection immediately on demand by the department or its designee.

#### (d) Animals not returned to the wild.

(1) Euthanasia. The permittee, sub-permittee, and designee, in consultation with a licensed veterinarian, shall determine the circumstances when euthanasia rather than attempting or continuing treatment, release to the wild, or placement pursuant to section 671.1. is required to protect the welfare of the animal, native wildlife, human health, and safety.

(A) Requirements. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Shall require completion of a minimum of 4 hours of euthanasia training, as provided by a licensed veterinarian, registered veterinary technician, or the California Animal Welfare Association, for any personnel involved in the euthanasia of any rehabilitation animal; and written proof of completion of such training shall be maintained as a required record.

2. Shall euthanize any rehabilitation animal that, despite medical care, is unable to eat, drink, ambulate, urinate, or defecate given its species' life stage and natural behaviors; and

3. Shall only use the methods of euthanasia listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual, available on the department's webpage at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/wildliferehab>.

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(B) Disposal of Carcass. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall dispose of any animal carcass in accordance with all laws, or as directed by the department in writing via email.

(C) Donation of Carcass. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall submit to the department any request to taxidermy or donate a carcass or parts thereof to a zoological garden, museum, college, university or other educational/research institution, or wildlife exhibitor pursuant to Section 650 and all laws, or a California native tribe, in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov).

1. The department shall provide the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee notification in writing via email within 10 calendar days of the department decision to approve or deny the request to taxidermy or donate a carcass or parts thereof.

2. The department shall approve a request to taxidermy or donate a carcass or parts thereof if the department determines the following requirements are met: (i) the zoological garden, museum, college, university or other educational/research institution, or wildlife exhibitor is in possession of a valid federal or state permit to possess a carcass or parts thereof; and (ii) the carcass or parts thereof shall be used for education or research; and (iii) the department determines it necessary to protect native wildlife, human health, and safety.

3. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall transfer any carcass or parts thereof approved by the department to taxidermy or donate with written documentation of lawful possession, which shall accompany such specimens at all times and provide the following information: (i) permittee name, telephone number, email address, and mailing address; (ii) permit number or GO ID, facility name and location; (iii) species scientific name and common name; (iv) brief description of carcass or parts transferred; (v) date and cause of mortality if known; (vi) recipient name, telephone number, email address, mailing address, title, facility/entity name, physical location, and permit number or GO ID if applicable.

4. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee may request to the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) for permission to possess, at the facility, the carcass or parts thereof of a rehabilitation animal that is deceased for the purpose of education and to protect native wildlife, human health, or safety.

a. The department shall provide the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee notification in writing via email within 10 calendar days of the department decision to

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approve or deny the request to possess a carcass or parts thereof.

b. The department shall approve a request to possess a carcass or parts thereof if the department determines that the following requirements are met for the wildlife rehabilitation facility or satellite facility: (i) in possession of all applicable permits; (ii) in good standing with the department pursuant to Section 679.9; and (iii) the department determines it necessary to protect native wildlife, human health, or safety.

5. No person shall possess a fully protected species unless such carcass or parts thereof was obtained pursuant to Fish and Game Code sections 3511, 4700, 5050, or 5515.

(2) Permanent Placement. A permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee shall provide to the department in writing via email at Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov a request for permanent placement of a rehabilitation animal by the department within 10 calendar days of a permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee considering the animal unsuitable for release to the wild.

(A) Requirements. A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall provide the following information with the written request:

1. Requesting party name, wildlife rehabilitation permit number, mailing address, telephone number, email address, facility physical address, and facility name.

2. Animal information. Common name; scientific species name if known; intake number; microchip, band, tag or other permanent identifier if applicable; age class; sex; intake date; date of last examination; name of person performing examination.

3. Animal condition. Identify the condition(s) that make the animal not suitable for release to the wild: permanent visual impairment; inability to walk, perch or fly; amputated leg, foot, tail, or wing at or below the humero-ulnar joint; inability to perform natural behaviors; permanent damage to skin, scales/scute, fur, or feathers; neurologic issues; permanent habituation or mal-imprinted; known or suspected to have a disease of concern; spinal injury, paralysis or paresis; inability to eat, drink, ambulate on its own; and other condition.

4. Animal temperament. Identify the temperament of the animal from the following list: Human handling causes little behavioral stress to the animal; human handling causes behavioral stress to the animal; capable of providing species appropriate care for neonate or juvenile conspecifics in a captive setting as a potential surrogate.

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5. Animal welfare requirements. Identify the requirements necessary to maintain the welfare of the animal, including but not limited to required medication, medical treatment, limited activity, special diet or modified feeding, must be housed with other animals or housed alone. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall provide the name, license number and expiration date, employer address, telephone number, and email address of the licensed veterinarian that conducted an examination of the rehabilitation animal and evaluated the requirements needed to maintain the welfare of the animal.

6. Proposed facility placement. Identify the name and location of any facility proposed by the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee for permanent placement of the rehabilitation animal, if the department approves the request.

(B) The department shall evaluate the request and the required information, and notify the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee within 30 calendar days in writing by email of the department's denial or approval of the request. If the department determines that a site visit is required to evaluate the animal, an additional 30 calendar days shall be allowed for their response.

1. The department may place a non-releasable rehabilitation animal in a facility pursuant to Section 671.1 if the department determines, based on the totality of the required information provided by the applicant that: (i) all conditions necessary to protect the welfare of the animal for the remainder of its natural life will be met; (ii) all conditions necessary to protect human health and safety will be met; (iii) a facility is available to receive the animal; and (iii) the facility shall not be in violation of any law.

2. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall euthanize a non-releasable rehabilitation animal if the department determines that a facility fails to meet all conditions necessary to protect the welfare of the animal, human health, or safety for the remainder of its natural life; or a facility is unable to receive the animal.

(e) Animals not native to California. A permittee, sub-permittee, and designee shall comply with the following standards for non-native animals received at a wildlife rehabilitation facility or satellite facility:

(1) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee, at their discretion, may temporarily possess for the purposes of rehabilitation the following animals not native to the state of California: Virginia opossums, Eastern gray squirrels, Eastern fox squirrels, rock pigeons, Eurasian collared dove, European starling, and house sparrow.

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(2) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall not release to the wild any of the following animals identified as a restricted species pursuant to Section 671 of these regulations, and the following species: nutria, wild pig, American bullfrog, red-eared slider, black-throated magpie jay, pin-tailed whydah, and scaly breasted munia.

(A) Notwithstanding the following, a permittee, their sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler may release to the wild any of the following animals identified as a restricted species pursuant to Section 671.

1.Class Aves: families Cuculidae and Corvidae; orders Falconiformes and Strigiformes.

2.Class Mammalia: orders Marsupialia, Insectivora, Chiroptera, Lagomorpha, Rodentia; families Felidae, Procyonidae, Mustelidae, and Artidacyla.

3.Class Amphibia: Family Ambystomatidae.

4.Class Reptilia: families Elaphidae, Viperiade, Crotalidae, and Colubridae.

(3) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall not temporarily possess for the purposes of rehabilitation, or release to the wild, any red fox suspected to be not native to California unless determined by the department or its designee to be a Sacramento Valley red fox or Sierra Nevada red fox native to California. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall euthanize any such non-native animals to protect animal welfare, native wildlife, agricultural interests, human health, and safety.

(4) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall not temporarily possess for the purposes of rehabilitation, or release to the wild, any barred owl (*Strix varia*) for any reason in California. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall euthanize any such animal to protect animal welfare and native wildlife in California.

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#### § 679.6. Release of Rehabilitation Animals to the Wild

(a) Requirements for Release. The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall evaluate a rehabilitation animal to determine if it can be released to the wild at a location in the state of California within the known range and distribution of the species, if the rehabilitation animal meets the following requirements.

(1) The rehabilitation animal shall be: (i) in good physical health; (ii) not known or suspected to have a disease of concern listed in the 679 Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Manual; (iii) not observed to be habituated, or mal-imprinted; and (iv) observed to display the natural behaviors and physical abilities it needs to survive in the wild, such foraging, hunting or predator avoidance.

(2) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall obtain permission from the property owner or their designee prior to releasing any rehabilitation animal on that property.

(3) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall mark, band, collar, or tag any large carnivore or species of interest to the department, upon its release to the wild for the purposes of research or management, and to protect animal welfare, native wildlife, agricultural interests, human health, or safety.

(4) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee may request to the department in writing via email at [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) a request for approval to use their own band or tag to mark a rehabilitation animal to track its movements upon release to the wild for the purposes of research or wildlife management.

(A) A permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall provide to the department a written protocol describing the (i) banding or tagging process to mark the rehabilitation animal, (ii) intended use and management of any data, and (iii) list of personnel trained to affix such band or tag to the rehabilitation animal.

(B) The department shall approve such a request if it determines such marking: (i) is part of a bona fide research or management program; (ii) will not adversely impact native wildlife, animal welfare, agricultural interests, human health, or safety; and (iii) the permittee or sub-permittee possesses all applicable valid permits. The department shall provide notification in writing via email within 10 business days of the department's decision to approve or deny the request.

(b) Release of Raptors. A permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee may authorize a licensed General or Master falconer, listed both an authorized person and as a qualified handler pursuant to 679.3(b)(1)(E)2, to temporarily possess any rehabilitation raptor of the Order Accipitriformes, Cathartiformes, Falconiformes, or Strigiformes, for the purposes of flight conditioning and its release to the wild pursuant to Section 670(h)(3). Any such raptor temporarily possessed by a falconer for this purpose shall remain under the permit issued pursuant to Section 679.3 and shall not be added to the licensee's falconry license.

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(1) A permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee shall provide the licensee with a written letter of temporary transfer with the following required information: class of licensed falconer, full name, telephone number, valid falconry license, mailing address, physical location where the raptor will be temporarily possessed, patient number assigned to the raptor by the permittee, animal welfare conditions required to assure the necessary care of the raptor, and date of transfer.

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#### § 679.7. Inspection of Wildlife Rehabilitation Facilities

##### (a) Inspection Standards.

(1) The department or its designee shall conduct inspections of any wildlife rehabilitation facility, enclosure, equipment, required records, and rehabilitation animals, as applicable, of the following persons: (i) any applicant pursuant to Section 679.3(a)(7)(A), (ii) permittee or sub-permittee renewing a permit that has been expired more than 6 months, (iii) permittee or sub-permittee that move a facility to a new location; (iv) permittee or sub-permittee who have request deviations in construction design or construction materials pursuant to Section 679.4.

(A) The department may authorize an employee of a federal, state, tribal, or local agency with jurisdiction over public safety, wildlife or animal care to conduct an inspection on behalf of the department if the department deems it necessary to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

(2) The department may conduct inspections, during a reasonable time of the day and on any day of the week, when the permittee, sub-permittee, or designee are present, of a wildlife rehabilitation facility, satellite facility, equipment, required records, and rehabilitation animals to protect animal welfare, native wildlife, human health and safety.

(A) The permittee, sub-permittee, or designee shall allow and facilitate access to all areas of the facility to the inspectors.

(B) The department shall deny the issuance of, or revoke, the permit of an applicant, permittee, sub-permittee, or designee, pursuant to Section 679.9, who refuses to participate in an inspection, or allow an inspection, after 3 reasonable attempts by the department.

(3) The permittee or their designee shall conduct inspections of a satellite facility operated by a sub-permittee, enclosure, equipment, required records, and rehabilitation animals at least once per calendar year, no sooner than 6 months after the last satellite facility inspection. The permittee shall retain written record of each inspection pursuant to Section 679.7(a)(1)(A) through (F); and submit such written record to the department with the annual report.

(b) Failure to Meet Standards. An applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee that fails to meet any standard described in these regulations shall be provided a list of required facility changes by the department in writing via email within 15 calendar days of the initial inspection.

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(1) The applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee shall make the required changes to attain compliance with within 45 calendar days of proof of service of the date the department sent the notification.

(A) The department shall consult with the applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee to determine the date and time of re-inspection.

(B) If the applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee fails to meet inspection standards during the re-inspection, the applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee may request to the department in writing via email at [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) a second re-inspection by the department.

1. The department shall notify the applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee in writing via email within 5 business days of the determination to approve or deny the request for a second re-inspection. If the department approves such a request, the department shall notify the applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee of the date and time of the second re-inspection.

(C) The applicant, permittee, or sub-permittee shall submit to the department in writing via email at [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) any request for an extension of time to make the required facility changes. The department shall approve or deny such a request within 5 business days of receiving the request if the department, at its discretion, determines it necessary to protect native wildlife, animal welfare, human health, and safety.

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### **§ 679.8. Seizure of Animals; Transfer, Euthanasia, or Release of Seized Animals.**

(a) Seizure of Live Animals Possessed Pursuant to a Valid Permit or Sub-Permit. The department shall seize any rehabilitation animal possessed by a permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee, if a permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee, has violated any provision of the Fish and Game Code, these regulations, Penal Code section 597, or the terms and conditions of the permit or sub-permit, unless the department finds:

(1) an action other than a seizure, such as a written warning issued to the permittee, is expected to cause the permittee to cure an existing violation or not violate in the future; or

(2) the violation either did not adversely impact, and is not likely to adversely impact, animal welfare; native wildlife; agricultural interests of this state; or human health or safety.

(b) Seizure of Live Animals Possessed by a Person with an Invalid Permit or Sub-Permit. The department shall seize any rehabilitation animal possessed by a person whose permit or sub-permit has been denied or revoked pursuant to Section 679.9, or whose permit or sub-permit has expired for any reason.

(c) Animals Seized Pursuant to Paragraphs (a) or (b). The department shall, at its sole discretion and taking into account animal welfare, native wildlife, agricultural interests of the state, or human health or safety, determine that an animal that is seized pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) be:

(1) seized in place;

(2) transferred to a facility operated or permitted by the department, or to a person authorized to possess such animal;

(3) humanely euthanized; or

(4) released to the wild pursuant to Section 679.6.

(d) Costs Incurred Pursuant to Paragraphs (a) through (c). Costs incurred by either the department or another party for actions taken pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (c) shall be paid by the person from whom the live animal was seized. The department or other party may initiate a civil action for cost recovery.

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#### **§ 679.9 Denial and Revocation of Permit, Sub-Permit, or Variance Request; Effect on Section 679.8.**

(a) Denial of an Application. The department shall deny the issuance of a new permit or renewal of a permit if either:

(1) an applicant fails to comply with any provision of sections 679.3, 679.4., 679.5, 679.6, and 679.7; or

(2) an applicant, their sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler has violated any provision of the Fish and Game Code or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, Penal Code section 597, any other law, or the terms and conditions of the permit or a sub-permit, or has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, unless the department finds:

(A) An action other than a denial, such as a written warning issued to the applicant, would likely cause the applicant to cure an existing violation or not violate in the future; or

(B) The violation has either not severely adversely impacted or is not likely to severely adversely impact the welfare of wildlife possessed by the permittee; native wildlife; agricultural interests of this state; or human health or safety.

(b) Denial of a Sub-Permit. The department shall deny a permittee approval to add a sub-permit if either:

(1) an applicant fails to demonstrate compliance with Section 679.3(c), or:

(2) their sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler has violated any provision of the Fish and Game Code or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, Penal Code section 597, any other law, or the terms and conditions of the permit, or has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, unless the department finds:

(A) An action other than a denial, such as a written warning issued by the department to the applicant, would likely cause the applicant to cure an existing violation or not violate in the future; or

(B) The violation has either not severely adversely impacted or is not likely to severely adversely impact the welfare of wildlife possessed by the permittee; native wildlife; agricultural interests of this state; or human health or safety.

(c) Revocation of a Permit. The department shall revoke a permit if a permittee, their sub-permittee, designee, authorized person, or qualified handler has violated any provision of the Fish and Game Code or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, Penal Code section 597, or the terms and conditions of the permit or a sub-permit, or has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, unless the department finds:

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(1) An action other than a revocation, such as a written warning issued to the permittee, would likely cause the permittee to cure an existing violation or not violate in the future; or

(2) The violation has either not severely adversely impacted or is not likely to severely adversely impact the welfare of wildlife possessed by the permittee; native wildlife; agricultural interests of this state; or human health or safety.

(d) Revocation of a Sub-Permit. The department shall revoke a sub-permit if either:

(1) The permit is no longer valid;

(2) The permittee notifies the department in writing via email at [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) of the removal of a sub-permittee from the permit for any reason; or

(3) The permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee, or their authorized person(s), has violated any provision of the Fish and Game Code or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, Penal Code section 597, or the terms and conditions of the permit or a sub-permit, or has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, unless the department finds:

(A) An action other than a revocation, such as a written warning issued to the permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee would likely cause the permittee, sub-permittee, or their designee to cure an existing violation or not violate in the future; or

(B) The violation has either not severely adversely impacted or is not likely to severely adversely impact the welfare of wildlife possessed by the permittee; native wildlife; agricultural interests of this state; or human health or safety.

(e) Proof of Service and Method of Service. A notification of a denial or revocation issued pursuant to this section, or a notification of a denial of a variance request pursuant to section 679.7(b) shall include a proof of service indicating the date the department sent the notification. The department will send such a notification by United States Postal Service, overnight carrier, or electronic mail.

(f) Request for Reconsideration. Any applicant whose application for a permit or sub-permit is denied, whose variance request is denied, or who receives a notice of modification, may submit a written request for reconsideration to the department.

(1) The request for reconsideration shall set forth the reasons why the Department should reconsider the denial or notice of modification and may include any relevant documents.

(2) The request for reconsideration shall contain a statement signed and dated by the applicant or permittee under penalty of perjury that states in effect, "I declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this request for reconsideration is true and correct."

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(3) The request for reconsideration shall be sent via electronic mail no later than 30 days after the date on the proof of service described in paragraph (e), to the following email address: [Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Rehabwildlife@wildlife.ca.gov). The department shall not accept a request for reconsideration that is submitted after the 30-day deadline or is not signed under penalty of perjury.

(4) The department shall consider any information submitted with the request for reconsideration, and within 60 business days may, in its sole discretion, sustain, reverse, or amend its permitting decision, including based upon a mistake of fact or law, or because the permittee or applicant has taken corrective actions to meet all requirements and standards pursuant to department direction.

(5) Any person whose denial is sustained by the department may request a hearing before the commission to show cause why their permit request should not be denied.

(g) Commission hearing to show cause why a permit or sub-permit should not be revoked. Any permittee or sub-permittee whose permit or sub-permit has been revoked by the department may request a hearing before the commission to show cause why their permit or sub-permit should not be revoked.

(1) The request for a hearing shall be sent by electronic mail no later than 30 days after the date on the proof of service described in paragraph (e) to the following email address: [fgc@fgc.ca.gov](mailto:fgc@fgc.ca.gov). The commission shall not accept a request for a hearing that is submitted after the 30-day deadline.

(h) Effect of this Section on the Seizure, Transfer, Euthanasia, or Release of Wildlife. Nothing in this section shall affect the seizure, transfer, euthanasia, or release of wildlife pursuant to Section 679.8.

#### Credits

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 200, 1050, 2000, 2127, 2150.2, 3005.5, 3800 and 4150, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 713, 1008, 2000, 2001, 2150.4, 2192, 3005.5, 3511, 3800, 4150, 4190 and 4800, Fish and Game Code; and Section 8670.61.5, Government Code.

#### HISTORY

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2. Editorial correction of subsections (a) and (f)(1) (Register 2007, No. 12).
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