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INVASIVE ANIMAL PERMIT

3 DE ADMIN. CODE 906

Under **3 DE Admin. Code 906, Possession, Sale, or Exhibition of Non-Native and Invasive Animal Species**, anyone owning an exotic animal species, determined to be invasive species based on the potential of the animal species to become feral, is required to obtain an Invasive Animal Permit through the Delaware Department of Agriculture and comply with the requirements stated in the regulation before the date of public notice. Once the public notice is made, the Department will not issue a permit to possess, breed, sell, or exhibit an animal that is determined to be invasive.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (*EACH INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL REQUIRES A SEPARATE PERMIT)

Name: (Last, First, Middle)		
Address: (Where animal resides)		City, State, Zip Code
Mailing Address: (If different)		City, State, Zip Code
Phone:		
Email:		
Animal Name:		Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Age:		Altered: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Colors/Markings:		
Visible Identification Tag*:	Location	ID Number
Visible Identification Registered with Poultry and Animal Health:	PAH Staff Signature and Date:	

*If this animal's visible identification tag is removed, destroyed, or lost, the owner or custodian of this permitted animal will immediately contact the Delaware Department of Agriculture Poultry and Animal Health Section for a new identification tag.

**Owners seeking an invasive animal permit can email this application to deanimalhealth@delaware.gov or mail the application to the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901

The original copy of this permit must be kept by the permitted animal owner. The Office of the State Veterinarian shall keep a copy of this permit on file.

OWNER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The owner and a Delaware Department of Agriculture Poultry and Animal Health staff member shall discuss the points listed below during an on-site premise inspection, and the owner shall initial next to each statement acknowledging their understanding of the following:

- (OWNER INITIAL) _____ Adequate housing and secure fencing must be provided such that the permitted animal cannot escape.
- (OWNER INITIAL) _____ The escape of a permitted animal must be reported within 12 hours to the Department in person or by telephone, and the custodian must provide reasonable assistance and cooperation to the Department to recapture the permitted animal.
- (OWNER INITIAL) _____ Breeding or other activity that increases the count of the permitted animal species is prohibited, and male and female animals of the permitted animal species capable of reproducing must be housed separately to ensure breeding does not occur.
- (OWNER INITIAL) _____ The Department, State Veterinarian, or duly authorized agents may access the premises where the permitted animal is being held to assess compliance with **3 DE Admin. Code 906**, and to examine the welfare of the permitted animal, and in the event of or threat of a contagious or infectious disease.
- (OWNER INITIAL) _____ The Department must be notified and grant approval before the transfer of ownership and/or relocation of the permitted animal from the premises indicated on this permit, except for veterinary care.
- (OWNER INITIAL) _____ Permits will not be issued for breeding, sale, or exhibition of the permitted invasive animal.
- (OWNER INITIAL) _____ If a permitted animal is found at large without visible identification, and the Department cannot contact the owner or caretaker, the Department, or other State or federal agents may euthanize the animal immediately on-site.
- (OWNER INITIAL) _____ If the Department has reason to believe a person is keeping an invasive animal species without an Invasive Animal Permit, the Department shall notify the person of such violation. The lack of money or resources needed to come into compliance with this regulation and **3 Del.C. Ch. 72** shall not be good cause for an extension of this regulation.
- (OWNER INITIAL) _____ If an owner or caretaker fails to comply with **3 DE Admin. Code 906**, the State Veterinarian may order the seizure and euthanization of the permitted animal kept in violation of this regulation without further notice to the owner or caretaker.
- (OWNER INITIAL) _____ If an individual or retail establishment is found selling or otherwise making available to members of the public an animal listed in **3 DE Admin. Code 906** as an invasive animal species, the establishment will be found in violation of this regulation. The State Veterinarian may order the seizure and euthanization of any invasive animal species found on the premises of the establishment.
- (OWNER INITIAL) _____ The State Veterinarian may cancel a permit if the permit holder is not in compliance with **3 DE Admin. Code 906** or **3 Del. C. Ch. 72**.
- (OWNER INITIAL) _____ Nothing in **3 DE Admin. Code 906** shall be construed to prohibit the Department from confiscating and destroying any potbellied pig without notice or a hearing when in the opinion of the State Veterinarian, such emergency action is required to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

The Poultry and Animal Health staff member whose signature appears above has reviewed the Owner Information section of this permit with me, and I, the undersigned, understand that the stipulations presented within this form will apply to the animal described above. I understand my obligations as a legal owner or custodian of this animal that is permitted for ownership as an invasive animal and the consequences of its accidental escape or my failure to abide by **3 DE Admin Code 906** and **3 Del. C. Ch. 72**.

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Legal Owner or Custodian Must Be 18 Years of Age or Older)

Owner's Printed Name: _____

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