

PERMIT INFORMATION SHEET

Keep and Sell Protected animals
South Australia



INFORMATION REGARDING KEEP AND SELL PERMITS

Before lodging an application you should be familiar with the requirements of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* and Regulations available from the Office of the South Australian Attorney-General's Department website: <https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au> as well as permit conditions, code of practise and other relevant information

THE PERMIT SYSTEM

In South Australia most native animals are protected under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* (the NPW Act). A permit system regulates the keeping and selling of native species of mammals, birds, reptiles and **some amphibious**.

The wildlife permit system enables people to keep and sell native animals whilst protecting naturally occurring populations from illegal exploitation.

These permits apply only to animals already in captivity and do not allow animals to be taken from their natural habitats.

With the exception of those species classed as either unprotected or exempt (see species list), it is necessary to have a permit to keep and sell all other protected animals.

EXEMPT AND UNPROTECTED SPECIES

There are no restrictions on the keeping and sale of exempt and unprotected species.

These animals, however, must be lawfully obtained (e.g. captive bred or purchased from a reputable pet shop) and are fully protected in the wild.

TRADING IN NATIVE ANIMALS

People who wish to sell native animals as a business will require a Fauna Dealer's Permit and should contact the Fauna Permits Unit for further information.

BASIC OR SPECIALIST PERMIT

Basic Permit

This permit applies to those species considered to be fairly abundant and which have relatively simple husbandry requirements.

The permit entitles the holder to buy, keep and sell protected animals listed on the Exempt and Basic species lists.

There is no restriction on the number of individual animals or the number of species that can be held under this permit.

If only a single animal from the list is to be kept then no permit is required. A permit is required, however, if that single animal is to be sold or given away.

Specialist Permit

This permit is required if you intend to keep any species of protected native animal that is NOT listed on the Exempt/Basic Species list.

Specialist permits are only endorse for the species of animal that has been applied for by the applicant and holders of a Specialist permit can keep and sell only those species listed on the permit endorsement.

Special conditions may also apply to each individual endorsement. These conditions may relate to the care or housing of the animals and/or the experience of the permit-holder.

To determine the class of permit you require check the species list. If a species is not listed as Unprotected, Exempt or Basic then it falls into the Specialist Permit category.

If animals from both the Basic and Specialist permit categories are to be kept then a Specialist permit will be required

KEEPING RECORDS

Permit holders are required to keep accurate and up-to-date records for each species of protected animal in their possession.

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The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (the department) supplies each permit-holder with a record book for this purpose. Details of all transactions (that is, births, deaths, purchases and sales) must be included in the record book, and permit-holders are required to submit returns detailing their transactions in protected animals.

Holders of a Basic Permit submit one return annually, whilst holders of a Specialist Permit submit returns every six months.

SELLING PROTECTED ANIMALS

The sale of protected animals is restricted to those animals that have been bred by the permit-holder, or in the possession of the permit-holder for a minimum of six months prior to sale.

If an animal is to be sold or given away before the six-month period has expired, the holder is required to obtain written permission from the department.

A native bird must not be sold if it is too young to fly or to feed itself.

Any advertisements of native animals for gift or sale must clearly state the keep and sell permit associated with the sale or gift of that animal.

Although a permit is not required to keep one basic species a permit is required to give away or sell a native animal in South Australia.

Sale of Specialist species held under a Specialist permit is also restricted to those purchasers who have the same level of endorsement for that species of animal.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

In accordance to Regulation 18 of the National Parks and Wildlife (wildlife) regulations 2016; a person who keeps a protected animal must keep the animal in a cage or enclosure that is adequate in size and is constructed and maintained so as to:

- provide adequate shelter in all

circumstances

- prevent the animal from escaping
- protect the animal against predators
- enable the cage or enclosure to be locked or otherwise secured against intruders
- as far as is practicable, facilitate the inspection of the animal by a warden under the Act

Permit holders must also ensure that the cage or enclosure in which the animal is kept:

- is maintained in a clean and sanitary condition
- is securely locked or otherwise secured against intruders
- keep an adequate supply of clean water in the cage or enclosure
- provide sufficient and appropriate food in the cage or enclosure
- not keep the animal with another animal that is likely to injure or kill it
- protect the animal from weather conditions that would be likely to cause it distress
- provide the animal with adequate heat or ultra-violet light from an artificial source if the animal is of a species that requires such heat or light for its well-being
- not permit the animal to suffer distress from any other cause that can reasonably be avoided
- produce the animal for inspection at the request of a warden.

Persons keeping native animals are encouraged to consider joining appropriate organisations to further their knowledge and develop skills in the care and breeding of animals.

IMPORT AND EXPORT OF ANIMALS

Appropriate permits are required before any protected animals are brought into or taken out of South Australia.

Export permits are required prior to taking protected species (including exempt species) out of South Australia and an Import permit is



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also required prior to the movement of one or more protected animals (including exempt species) into the State.

CROSS BREEDING

It is an offence to cross breed a protected animal with any other species or sub-species of animal.

RELEASE OF PROTECTED ANIMALS

Protected native animals cannot be released from captivity without the prior approval of the Department

PERMIT RENEWALS

All permits must be renewed by 30th June each year. Renewal forms are posted to permit-holders prior to that date.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Permit holders are required to advise the Fauna Permits Unit in writing of any change of address/contact details within 14 days. For further information contact the Fauna Permits Unit on (08) 8124 4972 or dewnrfaunapermitsunit@sa.gov.au

