

Retain Protected Animals Unfit for Release Permit

Legislation

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (section 58(1)(a) and (b))
National Parks and Wildlife (Wildlife) Regulations 2019

Overview

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is responsible for regulating the rescue, rehabilitation and release of protected animals in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* ('the Act') and all Regulations and Proclamations made under the Act.

Under the Act it is an offence to take a protected animal from the wild or release to the wild any native animal, whether protected or unprotected, without a permit. Maximum penalty \$2,500 or imprisonment for 6 months.

Permit description

A section 58 permit that entitles the holder to keep—

- (a) 2 or more protected animals of the species listed in Schedule 6 identified in the permit by reference to their species or other class to which they belong; or
- (b) specialist animals identified in the permit by reference to their species or other class to which they belong,

brought into captivity for the purpose of rehabilitation but deemed unsuitable for release.

Animal welfare

The welfare of all animals that are kept in captivity is important to DEW and the treatment of all animals must comply with the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* and any applicable code(s) of practice, animal welfare standards, guidelines or procedures where they exist.

How do I apply for a permit?

You will need to [follow these steps](#):

1. Provide all information requested in this application form.
2. Ensure the application declaration is signed and dated.
3. Email the completed form to DEWfaunapermitsunit@sa.gov.au or post it to:
Fauna Permits Unit,
GPO Box 1782
Adelaide SA 5001

or lodge it in person at one of our offices:

- Adelaide: Ground Floor, 81-95 Waymouth Street
- Mount Gambier: 11 Helen Street
- Port Augusta: SGIC Building, 9 Mackay Street
- Berri: 3 Wade Street
- Port Lincoln: 86 Tasman Terrace

Fees

There is no fee applicable to this permit.

Do I need to keep records?

Yes. You must maintain a protected animal's record book and submit an annual fauna stock return 14 days after the expiry of your permit. The record book and return form will be provided upon the granting of a permit.

Further permits may not be granted unless the completed return is submitted.

How long does a permit last?

Permits expire on 30 June annually.

Can the permit be transferred?

No. A permit is not transferable.

Lodging an application

It is important to note the following when lodging an application:

- Lodging an application does not guarantee approval of this permit. You will be contacted if further information is required to complete the assessment.
- You must meet certain criteria before being granted a permit.
- Please allow sufficient time for your application to be assessed. Applicants should allow up to eight (8) weeks for processing of this application.
- A site inspection may be included as a part of the application process. Once your application has been received the Department will be in contact with you to facilitate a time convenient to you.

Will I be required to meet certain criteria as a part of this application?

Yes. Refer to part 2 of the application form.

Application for a Permit to Retain Protected Animals Unfit for Release

Part 1: General information			
Your personal details			
Title	First name	Surname	Date of birth
Your residential address			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
Your mailing address			
<input type="checkbox"/> as per residential address			
eg. Post Office Box		City/suburb/town	Post code
Location where animals will be kept (licenced premises)			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
Your contact details			
Telephone number	Mobile number	Email	
Current South Australian wildlife permit (s) held (if none please respond with N/A)			
Permit name/type		Permit number	
Protected species details			
Please provide details of the animal (s) that are unfit for release below:			
Number and species of the animal (ie. 1 x Brushtail Possum)		Date of Rescue	Rescue Permit, Wildlife Carer Permit or Rehab Facility Permit Number relevant to the rescue of this animal from the wild.



Prior convictions		
Have you ever been convicted of or expiated or fined for an offence against the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1972</i> , the <i>Animal Welfare Act 1985</i> or other environment legislation interstate and/or overseas? If yes, please provide details below		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Description of offence	Year	State/Territory
Declaration by applicant		
I understand there are penalties for making a false or misleading statement. I declare that the information included in this application is true and accurate.		
Signature of applicant		Dated

Part 2: Criteria to be met (prior to a decision on the granting of a permit)

Please demonstrate how you meet the following application criteria for the species you have requested (Please attach additional pages if required):

- An understanding of species specific captive husbandry requirements including photos of permanent enclosures, behavioural enrichment, hygiene, diet, ability to identify, treat and prevent sickness, quarantine, security etc.