

# Wildlife Carer Permit

## Legislation

*National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* (sections 53, 58 and 55)

*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

The permit entitles the holder to obtain from the wild –

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

That are injured, sick or orphaned for the purpose of rehabilitation and release to the wild.

## 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](mailto: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 are no fees 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 specialist permit.
- Please allow sufficient time for your application to be assessed. Applicants should allow up to eight (8) weeks for assessment of this application.
- A site inspection may be included as a part of the application process. Once your application has been received, if the Department feels that a site inspection is required we 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. Please refer to section's 2 and 2A of the application form.

# Application for a Wildlife Carer Permit

Part 1: General information			
<b>Your personal details</b>			
Title	First name	Surname	Date of birth
<b>Your residential address</b>			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
<b>Your mailing address</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> as per residential address			
eg. Post Office Box		City/suburb/town	Post code
<b>Location where animals will be kept (licenced premises)</b>			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
<b>Your contact details</b>			
Telephone number	Mobile number	Email	
<b>Current South Australian wildlife permit (s) held (if none please respond with N/A)</b>			
<b>Permit name/type</b>		<b>Permit number</b>	
<b>Group(s) of animals you intend to keep</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals			
<b>Species endorsements</b>			
Please nominate the species that you are applying for under each group:			

Prior convictions		
Have you or any of your employees who will be involved in running the business 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: Assessment

DEW will issue permits to suitably qualified persons where they can demonstrate that they meet the application criteria, pass a site inspection and are able to provide evidence of the following upon request.

Number	Question	Yes	No
2.1	Do you have previous experience in the rehabilitation and release of the group of species you have nominated to keep?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Are you familiar with the rules and regulations relating to the keeping and selling of native species in South Australia?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3	I have attached 2 written references in support of my application	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Part 2A: 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 endorsements you have requested (Please attach additional pages if required):

- Experience in the rescue, rehabilitation and release of native wildlife (experience must be relevant to the species you are applying for under this permit)
- An understanding of species specific husbandry requirements including details of enclosures, behavioural enrichment, hygiene, diet, ability to identify, treat and prevent illness, security etc.
- A release plan detailing plans for release of the nominated species back to the wild.
- 2 written references in support of this application