

APPLICATION FOR SNAKE CATCHERS PERMIT – WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT



Government of South Australia
Department for Environment and Water

Take Protected Animals Permit SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2018-19

A Snake Catchers Permit is a permit issued pursuant to Section 53(1)(d) of the South Australian National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 that entitles the holder to capture, translocate, euthanize or take into captivity a venomous snake that has attacked, or is likely to attack or is in a dangerous proximity to, or is causing reasonable anxiety to a person.

Information supplied on this form will enable your application to be processed as prescribed by the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*. Your application must be assessed and a permit granted before you can proceed with the proposed activity. Your application may take up to 6 to 8 weeks to process.

Before lodging this 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>.

For inquiries about your application, please call the Fauna Permits Unit on (08) 8124 4972 or email dewfaunapermitsunit@sa.gov.au

1- Licence Term – Please select only one - All Keep and Sell permits expire 30 June each year

| 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | Temporary permit |
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| \$55.00 <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | N/A | N/A |

2- Applicant details

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| Title | Family Name | Given Names | |
| Full residential Address (not a post office box) | | | Post Code |
| Full postal Address (Write as above if same as residential address) | | | Post Code |
| Phone (Home) | Phone (Mobile) | Phone (Business) | |
| Email | | | Date of Birth |

Are you the holder of a permit to keep and sell protected animals in South Australia? YES NO

If yes, please write permit number: and expiry date:

3- Eligibility

Applicants must be over 18 years of age. Consideration will be given to applicants over 15 years of age where their legal guardian provides a letter supporting the application.

Have you ever been convicted of an offence against the *National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1972*, the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* or similar legislation interstate or overseas? If yes, supply details YES NO

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2- Venomous Snake Intervention

- Permits will be issued to suitably qualified persons to achieve one or more of the following objectives:
 - Provision of a service for safe removal of snakes causing a nuisance or danger to any person,
 - Provision of a service to educate the public about venomous snakes and how to live with them,
 - Provision for management of risks to ensure that the integrity of wild populations, natural systems and ecological communities are maintained, or
 - Use of snakes as biological resource within principles of ecologically sustainable development.
- If a snake or reptile is causing anxiety or is in dangerous proximity to any person, a snake catcher may capture the snake or reptile and relocate and release or euthanize the animal. In the case of relocate and release, snake catchers are required to release healthy, uninjured animals within 24 hours, into suitable habitat, as close to the point of capture as practical (preferably within 2kms), away from occupied buildings, (homes, offices, factories, schools etc.). Animals may be euthanized on animal welfare grounds (e.g. if it is injured) or if there is no appropriate release site available.
- Any non-endemic venomous snake or reptile (a snake/reptile which is not native to South Australia) found must not be released back into the wild. Any sightings must be reported to either a regional natural resources centre, NRM Biosecurity or the Pest Alert Hotline. If practical the animals should be captured and a determination will be made whether it will be euthanized or kept in captivity by an approved institution.
- The Venomous Snake Intervention (Snake Catching) Policy and Procedure includes specific conditions relating to taking venomous snakes from the wild. Applicants are encouraged to ensure that they have familiarised themselves with these policies prior to obtaining a permit.

3- Application criteria

Please explain the methods that will be used for catching and handling venomous snakes and how these will be implemented in a manner which minimises the risk of injury to the snake and the risk of bite to the handler.

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Please explain how you propose to transport venomous snakes to minimise the risk or injury to the snake or risk of escape.

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Please explain how you intend to ensure public safety whilst conducting activities associated with venomous snake catching?

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Please provide a list of contacts/networks whom you can refer too in case medical or husbandry advice is required:

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If applicable, nominate which snake catching organisation you are or wishing to be affiliated with:

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4- Supporting documents

1. Please attach a form of photographic identification that clearly states your full name, address and date of birth (ie. driver's license).
2. Please provide a letter from your employer stating the nature of your duties, the requirement to catch and handle venomous snakes as a part of your duties, and also describing the boundary limits of the work site(s) involved.
3. Please provide documentation showing that you have completed a recognised venomous snake handling training course; and
4. Please provide evidence (including photos) of what arrangements you have in place for the secure transport and temporary housing of venomous snakes; and
5. Please provide a copy of a current senior first aid certificate issued by an approved first aid training provider (e.g. St John or Red Cross). The course undertaken must include a component dealing with snake bite treatment and/or certified medical practitioner who specialises in their field; and
6. Please provide a written emergency response plan, which has procedures that cover incidents involving snakebite (you and others) and snake escapes.

5- Contact Details

| Office Address | Opening Hours | Phone and email |
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| Customer Service Centre: Ground Floor, 81-95 Waymouth Street ADELAIDE SA 5000 | Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm | Telephone (08) 8124 4972 Facsimile (08) 8115 5594 Email: dewfaunapermitsunit@sa.gov.au |

6- Payment

| In person at DEW office <input type="checkbox"/> | Cheque/Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> | Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| <u>Adelaide:</u> Ground Floor, 81-95 Waymouth St <u>Mount Gambier:</u> 11 Helen St <u>Port Augusta:</u> SGIC Building, 9 Mackay St <u>Berri:</u> 3 Wade St <u>Port Lincoln:</u> 86 Tasman Terrace | Make out to: Fauna Permit Unit Mail: Fauna Permits Unit, GPO Box 1782, Adelaide SA 5001 Fax: (08) 8115 5594 Email: dewfaunapermitsunit@sa.gov.au | For payment via Credit Card please provide a contact phone number for DEW staff to contact you: (____) _____ |

7- Applicant Declaration

- o I declare that the information enclosed within this application is true and accurate and that the statement of protected animals provided is complete and accurate.
- o I have read and agree to abide by all of the restrictions and conditions of this permit and relevant legislation

Signature of Applicant: Dated:

APPLICANTS SHOULD ALLOW 6 to 8 weeks FOR THE PROCESSING OF THIS APPLICATION

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| For Office Use only | | Permit No | Class..... | Date Issued |
| Approved / Inspected by | Signature | Date | | |
| Comments: | | | | |

