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Re: Commercial or Non-Commercial Breeder Applicant
From: Law Enforcement Division
Subject: Breeder's Licenses for Raising Animals

There are two types of licenses for breeding birds or animals. With both licenses, you can legally breed only purchased animals and you must have receipts of the purchases of the breeding stock. Also, with both licenses, you need to have the facility built, inspected by the warden of the county in which the facility is located, and have your license in hand before purchasing your breeding stock. Renewal forms for both licenses are mailed to the breeders during late June.

The commercial breeder's license is purchased when the breeder wants to sell the birds or animals he raises or his stock. The license is \$48.00 annually and needs to be renewed by July 1st. With the commercial license, the breeder is given a two-carbon page sales receipt to use when he sells his animals; one carbon copy for the breeder's files, one carbon copy to mail to this office and the original to go to the purchaser. An annual report form is completed by the breeder at the end of the year and is mailed to this office giving all the details of purchase, sales, deaths and births of animals being raised for that year.

The non-commercial breeder's license is purchased when the breeder wants to raise animals for his or her own consumption, keep as a pet, or to release with permission of landowner. This license is \$10.00 annually and need to be renewed by July 1. An annual report and sales receipts aren't necessary since there is no sale of animals.

If a person intends to purchase animals from out-of-state to breed, he or she will need an import and breeder's license from the Law Enforcement Division before importing the animals. I have a schedule that's show which animals require an import permit from ODWC or the Agriculture Department and a breeder's license from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

COMMERCIAL WILDLIFE BREEDER'S LICENSE INFORMATION SHEET

Any person may apply to the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation for a Commercial Wildlife Breeder's License for the purpose of breeding, raising, or possessing wildlife for sale. Except as otherwise permitted, no person shall breed, raise or possess wildlife for a commercial purpose who is not a holder of a current Commercial Wildlife Breeder's License, or any other license or permit authorized and issued pursuant to the laws of Oklahoma.

Application for a Commercial Wildlife Breeder's License shall contain the following information:

- a) The lands, waters and equipment owned or leased by the applicant which are to be used under the license.
- b) The particular wildlife which the applicant intends to breed or raise under said license.

One license shall be sufficient to entitle a licensee to raise more than one species of wildlife, if the same are listed on the application.

- c) Any other information as is required by the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

ISSUANCE OF LICENSE-FEES-EXPIRATION DATE. If it appears that the applicant is in good faith and does not intend to use the license for the purpose of violating any of the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and upon proof that brood stock will be obtained in a lawful manner, a Commercial Wildlife Breeders License may be issued upon the payment of a fee of forty-eight dollars (\$48.00). Licenses issued under this Code shall expire on the 30th day of June and a renewal thereof may be obtained in the same manner, except that a breeder may, by written application noting intent to retire from the breeding and/or raising of wildlife, be given one hundred twenty (120) days after expiration of the license to dispose of all wildlife stock.

SALE AND TRANSPORT OF WILDLIFE. The holder of a current Commercial Breeder's License may sell and transport certain wildlife alive for propagating purposes, and alive or dead for food upon compliance with statutes and with rules and regulations prescribed by the Director. Import permits issued by the Director of the Department of Wildlife are required for any wildlife brought into the State before it enters the State.

Commercial wildlife breeders may not sell a native cat or native bear that may attain the weight of (50) pounds or more to any person not currently licensed as a commercial breeder.

SALE FOR FOOD - TAGS. Certain wildlife lawfully obtained and raised under this Code may be dressed and sold for food, and must be tagged with a metal tag supplied by the Wildlife Conservation Department at a reasonable price, which tag shall contain such information as the Director may require. Said tags shall remain attached to the individual animal or bird until prepared for the consumer, and no tag shall be used more than one time. No person shall sell within this State any wildlife, or any part or portion thereof, acquired from a source outside of this State, unless at the time and place of each such sale the said seller shall have in his possession an invoice signed by the person from whom such seller purchased said wildlife, which shall set forth the source from which said wildlife was acquired outside of this State, and the species and quantity of each species, or parts of portions thereof, delivered to such seller.

CONFINEMENT OF WILDLIFE TO LANDS OR WATERS DESCRIBED IN APPLICATION. All wildlife raised under the provisions of this Code are hereby required to be confined to the lands or waters described in the application, and such wildlife must be confined in such a manner as to prohibit wildlife belonging to the State of Oklahoma from becoming a part of the enterprise. Any person licensed to possess native cats or bears shall control and restrain the wildlife so that there is no direct contact between the public and the wildlife, and the public shall not be allowed to enter into any enclosures occupied by the wildlife.

RECORDS. The holder of an Oklahoma Wildlife Breeder's License must keep permanent records which may be disposed of after five years, of all species sold, killed, given away, transported or shipped, and the name and address of the recipient or consignee and the date of such transaction. Such records shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by authorized representatives of the Wildlife Conservation Department. Sales receipts (furnished by the Department) shall be submitted in a timely manner to the Wildlife Conservation Department for all wildlife disposed of as listed above. The licensee must also submit an annual report at the end of each year. The report must be received no later than the 31st day of July following the year the license was issued.

WHITE-TAIL OR MULE DEER, ANTELOPE, ELK, BEAR OR WILD TURKEY. No person including but not limited to persons licensed for commercial hunting or wildlife breeders, may hunt, chase, capture, shoot, shoot at, wound, attempt to take or take, attempt to kill or kill, or slaughter an antelope, moose, white-tail or mule deer, bear, elk, mountain lion, rocky mountain bighorn sheep, wild turkey, or any subspecies except in open seasons under this Code.

No person shall sell, offer for sale or buy or offer to buy an antelope, moose, white-tail or mule deer, bear, elk, mountain lion, rocky mountain bighorn sheep, wild turkey, or any subspecies or any parts thereof except as otherwise provided by rules and regulations prescribed by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission, or by law.

No exotic wildlife may be released into the wilds of Oklahoma without first obtaining written consent of the Director.

REVOCATION OF LICENSE. A Commercial Wildlife Breeder's License issued under this Code shall be revoked by the Director if the licensee is convicted of violating any of the provisions of this Code. No person whose license has been revoked under the provisions of this Section shall be eligible to obtain a new Commercial Wildlife Breeder's License until after the date on which the revoked license would

have expired.

APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL WILDLIFE BREEDER'S LICENSE

RETURN TO:

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
P.O. BOX 53465
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73152-3465

OFFICE USE ONLY:
PERMIT NUMBER: _____
DATE ISSUED: _____

UNDER THE TERMS OF TITLE 29 OF THE OKLAHOMA STATUTES, SECTION 4-121 THROUGH 4-124, I AM ENCLOSING \$48.00 CASHIERS CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR A COMMERCIAL WILDLIFE BREEDER'S LICENSE.

(Please print)

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

DOING BUSINESS AS _____ WORK PHONE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ HOME PHONE NUMBER _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER _____ COUNTY _____ LICENSE EXPIRES _____

HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____ HAIR _____ EYES _____

SPECIES OF WILDLIFE TO BE PROPAGATED, SOLD OR TRANSPORTED _____

PHYSICAL LOCATION OR LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE USED _____

LIST NUMBER OF ACRES AND DESCRIBE FACILITIES IN DETAIL _____

In operating under this Permit, I agree to comply with the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and the rules and regulations of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission. I do not have on hand now, and will not have on hand at any time, wildlife, except those secured according to the Wildlife Laws of the State of Oklahoma, and the rules and regulations of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.

I will keep permanent records, which may be disposed of after five years, of all wildlife raised. Said records shall also include an accounting by species and number of animals, and final disposition (consumed, released, etc.) of all wildlife raised. Such records shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by an authorized representative of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

I further understand that according to 29 O.S. (1981), Section 4-107, that as a Commercial Wildlife Breeder licensed under this section, that if I keep or maintain on my premises any native bear or native cat that will grow to reach the weight of 50 lbs. or more, I shall at all times keep such wildlife confined to the premises described in this commercial wildlife breeder's application, and controlled and restrained in such a manner so the life, limb or property of any person lawfully entering such premises shall not be endangered. I also understand that I shall control and restrain such wildlife so that there is no direct contact between the public and the wildlife, and the public shall not be allowed to enter into any enclosures occupied by such wildlife.

In addition. I understand that I may not sell any such cat or bear to any person that does not possess a current Commercial Wildlife Breeder's License.

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

I would like to have my name, address, telephone number, and type of brood stock placed on a list of similar licensees, I am aware that this list may be distributed as public information for referral purposes.

Please do not list my name, address, etc., on any document that is distributed to the general public.

You must have a completed inspection form attached when submitting this application.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____

ON _____, I have inspected the facilities and wildlife listed above and
Recommend _____ APPROVAL or _____ DISAPPROVAL of this application.

SIGNATURE OF GAME WARDEN _____ DATE _____

CAPTIVE WILDILFE INSPECTION FORM

(THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE INCLUDED WITH A NEW COMMERCIAL OR NON-COMMERCIAL BREEDER'S APPLICATION, COMMERICAL HUNT AREA APPLICATION, OR IF BEING USED FOR AN ADDITIONAL LOCATION, REHABILITATOR APPLICATION and some renewals.)

DATE OF INSPECTION: _____ TIME: _____

TYPE OF LICENSE: _____ COUNTY: _____

NAME: _____ DOB: _____ SS# _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BUSINESS PHONE: (____) _____ HOME PHONE: (____) _____

PHYSICAL LOCATION: _____

REASON FOR INSPECTION

	YES	NO		YES	NO
INITIAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	*COMPLAINT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ROUTINE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	*ESCAPES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOLLOW-UP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	*INJURIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DETAILS: _____

CHECK LIST

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Are records up to date?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Were last years reports sent in?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do enclosures meet/exceed caging requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are the doors key locked on required cages?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Is perimeter/barrier fence provided for cats and bears?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Fencing for deer/elk:			
A. Are any water gap areas to be found?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Has the fence been broken and repaired?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Have any wild deer/elk been able to gain access to the area or is there evidence of such a possibility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Do enclosures and cages appear to be clean?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Are animals provided adequate protection from the weather?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Do the animals appear to be healthy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WERE DISCREPANCIES EXPLAINED TO RECIPIENT ? AND APPROPRIATE COPIES OF REGULATIONS GIVEN OR POSSESSED?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

COMMENTS: _____

GAME WARDEN SIGNATURE _____ IBM # _____ DATE _____