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**To:** Rehabilitator Applicant  
**From:** Law Enforcement Division  
**Subject:** Annual ODWC Rehabilitator Permit

You will need to have the facility constructed for the type of animals you want to rehabilitate and then call the game warden in your county to inspect your facility and sign your application. The Game Warden contact information is located on our website under Regulations. It is your responsibility to become educated in the care of the animals you want to rehabilitate and to finance the care of the animals.

If you want to rehabilitate any birds other than common pigeons, house sparrows, starlings and upland game birds: such as, quail and pheasants, you will also need to have a Federal Special Purpose Rehabilitation Permit or Federal Rehabilitator Migratory Bird and Raptor Permit. You apply for that license with the **US Fish and Wildlife Services**, Migratory Bird Office, P.O. Box 709, Albuquerque, NM 87103-0709, phone 505-248-7882.

Read and complete the enclosed application carefully before calling the warden for his inspection. If you have moved from the original inspected facility site, you do need the warden to inspect your new location. If you have any questions, call the Law Enforcement Division at 405-521-3719.

# APPLICATION FOR WILDLIFE REHABILITATION LICENSE

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

UNDER THE TERMS OF TITLE 29 OF THE OKLAHOMA  
STATUTES, SECTION 4-121 THROUGH 4-124,  
**I AM ENCLOSING A \$10.00 CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR A WILDLIFE REHABILITATION LICENSE.**  
*(Please print)*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
DOING BUSINESS AS \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE EXPIRES \_\_\_\_\_  
HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR \_\_\_\_\_ EYES \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ SS#(last 4 digits \_\_\_\_\_)

SPECIES OF WILDLIFE TO BE REHABILITATED (BIRDS, MAMMALS, REPTILES, ETC.) \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL LOCATION OR LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO HOUSE ANIMALS \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE FACILITIES IN DETAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ANIMALS CURRENTLY BEING HELD \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal Special Purpose Rehabilitation Permit** number for rehabilitating migratory birds, raptors or threatened species:

**Permit No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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 Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission (collectively "ODWC"). I do not have on hand now, and will not have on hand at any time, wildlife, except those secured according to the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code of the State of Oklahoma, and the rules and regulations of the ODWC.

I understand and agree that acceptance of any wildlife for care and/or rehabilitation from the ODWC is strictly voluntary and I further agree that any such wildlife is accepted without any expectation, right, or claim of payment from the ODWC for the care and/or custody of the wildlife, even though the ODWC may retain the authority to dispose of said wildlife at any time.

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

***I do understand that by obtaining this license my name and telephone number may be placed on a list of similar licensees, I am aware that this list may be distributed as public information for referral purposes.***

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICE USE ONLY

ISSUE YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

PERMIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_

## REHABILITATOR LICENSE INFORMATION SHEET

- A. No person may rehabilitate wildlife without having first procured a license for such purposes from the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. This license is valid from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. All renewals must be mailed to arrive no later than **June 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- B. Such licenses may be issued to any person whom the Director believes to be acting in good faith and whom he believes does not intend to use such license for the purpose of violating any of the wildlife laws of the State of Oklahoma and who provides that the wildlife they take in be obtained in a lawful manner.
- C. Individuals possessing the Rehabilitator's license are authorized to care for and rehabilitate sick or injured wildlife only, and must have a Federal Special Purpose Rehabilitation Permit in order to care for and rehabilitate migratory birds and endangered or threatened species of wildlife.
- D. Rehabilitator's are required to abide by all provisions of Section 5-601 of Title 29, except for those parts referring to the sale of wildlife (Commercial Wildlife Breeders), which is not authorized under this license. ***Those individuals possessing a Rehabilitator's license cannot possess a Commercial Breeder's license, but may possess a Non-Commercial Breeder's license under certain circumstances.***
- NOTE:** The principal Section of 5-601 provides that rehabilitators may retain their wildlife for a period of up to 120 days after their license expires.
- E. The fee for a license under this section and all renewals of such license shall be \$10.00. The **\$10.00 check or money order** should be made out to Okla. Dept. Of Wildlife Conservation. **DO NOT SEND CASH!**
- F. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this code shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and if applicable, shall have their Rehabilitator's license revoked. No such person whose license has been revoked shall be eligible to obtain a new license until after the date on which the revoked license would have expired.
- G. The inspection recommendation and signature of your county game warden is required on the front of this form before mailing with the license fee for processing.

**REMEMBER, THIS IS NOT A LICENSE TO KEEP WILDLIFE AS A PET. YOU MAY KEEP WILDLIFE IN YOUR POSSESSION ONLY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT MAY BE RETURNED TO THE WILD.**

If you have questions, you may call the Law Enforcement Division at (405) 521-3719.

# CAPTIVE WILDLIFE INSPECTION FORM

(This completed form must be included with a new Commercial or Non-Commercial Breeders Application, Commercial Hunt Area Application or if being used for an additional Commercial Hunt location, Rehabilitator Application and license renewals.)

DATE OF INSPECTION \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_  
 TYPE OF LICENSE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_  
 BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 BUSINESS PHONE(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ SS# (last 4 digits) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYSICAL LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

## REASON FOR INSPECTION:

Please check all that apply

Initial		Complaint	
Routine		Escapes	
Follow-Up		Injuries	

	Check List	Yes	No	N/A
<b>1</b>	Are records up to date?			
<b>2</b>	Were last years reports sent in?			
<b>3</b>	Do enclosures meet/exceed caging requirements?			
<b>4</b>	Are the doors key locked on required cages?			
<b>5</b>	Is perimeter/barrier fence provided for cats and bears?			
<b>6</b>	Fencing for deer/elk:			
	A. Are any water gap areas to be found?			
	B. Has the fence been broken and repaired?			
	C. Have any wild deer/elk been able to gain access to the area or is there evidence of such a possibility?			
<b>7</b>	Do enclosures and cages appear to be clean?			
<b>8</b>	Are animals provided adequate protection from the weather?			
<b>9</b>	Do the animals appear to be healthy?			
<b>10</b>	<b>WERE DISCREPANCIES EXPLAINED TO RECIPIENT?</b>			
<b>11</b>	<b>WERE APPROPRIATE COPIES OF REGULATIONS GIVEN OR POSSESSED?</b>			

If the animals to be release on a Commercial Hunt Area are whitetail deer, antelope or elk:

A. State the date that the animal drive was conducted for wild deer, elk, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Name of the wardens that assisted in the drive \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Game Warden Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ /IBM# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For State Game Warden Listing By County visit [www.wildlifedepartment.com/lawstatemap.htm](http://www.wildlifedepartment.com/lawstatemap.htm) or in the current Hunting and Fishing Guide.

### SUBCHAPTER 38. WILDLIFE REHABILITATION LICENSE AND RULES

#### Section

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#### **800:25-38-1. Purpose**

This subchapter is designed to set forth requirements for the possession, care, and disposition of wildlife held for rehabilitation. This subchapter also sets forth the requirements for obtaining a license to rehabilitate wildlife.

[Source: Added at 24 Ok Reg 2482, eff 7-1-07]

#### **800:25-38-2. Licensing and Possession of Wildlife**

No person shall possess any injured, sick, young or other wildlife for the purpose of rehabilitation without a Wildlife Rehabilitation License issued by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. However, individuals may transport injured, sick or young wildlife, immediately upon discovery of such animal, to a person licensed to rehabilitate wildlife without this license.

[Source: Added at 24 Ok Reg 2482, eff 7-1-07]

#### **800:25-38-3. License Fees and Renewals**

The Fee for a Wildlife Rehabilitation License shall be Ten dollars (\$10) annually and the license shall be valid from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. All applications, whether new or renewals, must be accompanied by a Wildlife Inspection Form completed and signed by the county Game Warden.

[Source: Added at 24 Ok Reg 2482, eff 7-1-07]

#### **800:25-38-4. Endangered or Threatened Wildlife and Migratory Birds**

Any person licensed for the rehabilitation of wildlife shall immediately contact the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife – Law Division or their local Game Warden when they receive any species of wildlife that is currently on the Endangered or Threatened Species List. Also no person licensed to rehabilitate wildlife may possess any migratory bird without the appropriate federal permits.

[Source: Added at 24 Ok Reg 2482, eff 7-1-07]

#### **800:25-38-5. Cats and Bears**

No person licensed to rehabilitate wildlife may possess any cat or bear that can grow to fifty (50) pounds or more unless such person has facilities to confine such animals as described in 800:25-27-2 (f) prior to receiving any such animals.

[Source: Added at 24 Ok Reg 2482, eff 7-1-07]

#### **800:25-38-6. Veterinarian of Record**

Any person licensed to rehabilitate wildlife, in addition to other requirements, must have a veterinarian of record and a signed agreement with that veterinarian to assist, if needed, in the care of any wildlife. This must be done prior to the license

being approved.

[Source: Added at 24 Ok Reg 2482, eff 7-1-07]

**800:25-38-7. Facility Requirements**

Persons applying for a Wildlife Rehabilitation License must have facilities capable of housing and caring for wildlife prior to receiving the license. This shall include cages, source of food and medical supplies (if needed) and adequate protection from the weather. Determination of adequate facilities shall be made by the county Game Warden at the time of inspection.

[Source: Added at 24 Ok Reg 2482, eff 7-1-07]

**800:25-38-8. Confining Wildlife**

All animals possessed by persons licensed to rehabilitate wildlife must be **at all times** confined to the property described in the license application. The **only** exceptions are for transporting such wildlife to a veterinarian for care or transportation of wildlife to a release site.

[Source: Added at 24 Ok Reg 2482, eff 7-1-07]

**800:25-38-9. Disposition of Wildlife**

All animals possessed by persons licensed to rehabilitate wildlife must be released back into the wild immediately upon the animals recovery from injuries or when the animal has reached the appropriate age for release. Wildlife may not be released on private property without the consent of the property owner. All wildlife that is unable to be rehabilitated as determined by the veterinarian of record shall be disposed of in a manner to ensure safe and effective euthanasia. Euthanasia of wildlife will be performed under the guidelines of the American Veterinary Medicine Association and shall be done within ten (10) days of the determination that the animal is unsuitable for release. No wildlife received under this section may be kept as a pet. Rare exceptions may be made **only** for Threatened, Endangered or Species of Concern with written approval from the Director for an approved captive breeding program.

[Source: Added at 24 Ok Reg 2482, eff 7-1-07]

**800:25-38-10. Records**

All persons licensed to rehabilitate wildlife must keep records of all wildlife they possess and shall keep those records for a minimum of five (5) years. Records should indicate the species of animal, date received, reason for having animal (injured, sick or young), and the disposition of each animal (released or euthanasia) and the date such action was taken.

[Source: Added at 24 Ok Reg 2482, eff 7-1-07]

**800:25-38-11. Costs and Liability**

Any person licensed to rehabilitate wildlife does so on a strictly voluntary basis. The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation will not pay for nor reimburse license holders for any cost they incur while caring for wildlife and will not be responsible for any damages, injury or expenses incurred for the care of wildlife being held under the authority of a Wildlife Rehabilitation License. The 'Release of Responsibility' form must be signed by the applicant before a license will be approved.

[Source: Added at 24 Ok Reg 2482, eff 7-1-07]

**800:25-38-12. Revocation of License**

Any person licensed to rehabilitate wildlife that is convicted of violating any of the provisions of this section or is found to not be taking proper care of the wildlife may have their license revoked and will not be eligible to receive a renewal of their license for a minimum of one (1) year.

[Source: Added at 24 Ok Reg 2482, eff 7-1-07]