



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING STATE OF HAWAII EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY (LIVE) PERMITS**

A State of Hawaii Protected Wildlife Permit for Educational Display is needed to possess threatened and indigenous wildlife, introduced wildbirds, game birds and/or game mammals for educational purposes. Regulations for the issuing of such permits can be referenced via HRS §183D-6 & 61.

### **1. Qualifications Needed for Educational Display (live) Permits**

You must be at least 18 years of age and have reasonable experience working with education and husbandry of wildlife gained over the course of at least 1 year to qualify for these permits. Your experience must include the handling, care of (including medical management), training, and exhibition of the species or a similar species you intend to acquire and use for your educational programs.

### **2. Housing Requirements**

All wildlife must be maintained under humane and healthful conditions. Facilities must meet the minimum requirements for the species. In evaluating cage dimensions the Division will utilize, as a guideline, the standards established by the National Wildlife Rehabilitator's Association's "Wildlife in Education: A Guide for the Care and Use of Program Animals". This publication is available at <http://www.nwrawildlife.org/pubs.asp>.

### **3. Educational Requirements**

The Educational Display (live) permit is intended for preservation, protection, and conservation education. Conservation, biology, and/or ecology must be the major components of all educational programs in which wildlife are used. No wildlife shall be displayed in any manner that implies personal use. Wildlife may not be used to promote or endorse any products, merchandise, goods, services, business, or organizations except your own educational activities.

The Division requires the permittee to hold a minimum of 6 educational programs per year where the public can view wildlife held. The authority to possess wildlife for educational display will be subject to re-evaluation if this requirement is not met.

### **4. Acquiring Wildlife**

All wildlife held under an Educational Display (live) permit must be non-releasable and must be lawfully acquired from Rehabilitation or other State and/or Federal possession permits.

### **5. Inspection**

In accepting a State Protected Wildlife Permit for the purpose of Educational Display you authorize an agent of the State to enter your premises at any reasonable time to inspect the wildlife in your care and your books or records.

Should you move to a new location you must notify the Division's Administration Office in writing at least 30 days prior to the move. In addition, you must obtain prior approval of any and all new facilities for housing of wildlife before any transfer is made. Approval may be obtained by providing digital or print photographs, diagrams with dimensions (L x W x H) and a description of the materials used for construction.

#### **6. Other Permits**

Your State permit is not valid without proper Federal authorization for those species protected by Federal law. In addition, a U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal Welfare Act exhibitor's license may be required. It is your responsibility to ensure that you comply with both State and Federal permit and licensing requirements.

#### **7. Records**

Accurate records of operations must be kept on a calendar basis. Your records should reflect all wildlife held, the number of presentations given, and the disposition of all wildlife. Annual reports are due to the Division's Administration Office on January 31 of each calendar year. You must retain records relating to the activities conducted under your permit for at least 5 years after the date of expiration of your permit.

#### **8. Permit Renewals/Amendments**

Permit renewals must be done via a written request. The Division of Forestry and Wildlife will not process a permit renewal unless the applicant has complied with all of the previous permit requirements including the submission of annual reports. If multiple or significant changes are sought a new permit application must be submitted detailing those changes. Applications for permit renewals shall be processed within 90 days. If you allow your permit to expire before requesting a renewal, you may be required to submit a new application.