

Wildlife Display Permit

FACT SHEET AND APPLICATION FORM

To display wildlife, you must apply for a Wildlife Display Permit (WDP). Please read this information before completing and submitting your permit application

What does display mean?

The term display in relation to wildlife, means the display, for viewing by the public, of any wildlife held in captivity.

A WDP authorises the holder of the permit to display the wildlife specified in the permit subject to and in accordance with the *Wildlife (Exhibited Animals) Regulations 2010* and any terms of the permit.

Who can apply?

An individual, two or more individuals jointly, or a body corporate may apply.

In most circumstances, the applicant will be required to provide details of their authority

to possess the wildlife they are applying to display.

The most common reasons for applying for a WDP are for an Educational Facility; a Herpetology and/or Avian display; or for Registered Rehabilitator display.

Educational facility display

An educational facility may apply for Reptiles and Amphibians listed under Schedule 2 of the *Wildlife (General) Regulations 2010* to be displayed by the holder of a Herpetology Educational Facility Permit for that facility.

Herpetology display

Holders of a Herpetology Permit can apply to display the Reptiles and Amphibians listed under Schedule 2 of the *Wildlife (General) Regulations 2010* as detailed under their permit. WDP's enable important skills and experience to be obtained to enable qualification for a Herpetology Possess and Display permit.

Avian Display

Holders of a permit authorising the possession of wildlife, including avifauna, can apply to

display the wildlife they are authorised to possess.

Registered Rehabilitator display

The aim of wildlife rehabilitation is to provide a wild animal with temporary care that enables it to recover from injuries, or to reach independence, before returning to the wild. This process includes reducing human contact as much as possible, however showing orphaned wildlife to people in the community as part of an educational display can provide the community with:

- an understanding of what causes wildlife to become injured or orphaned;
- steps they can take to prevent wildlife becoming injured and orphaned;
- the specialised rehabilitation requirements of wildlife; and
- steps to take if they encounter an injured or orphaned wildlife.

These educational benefits are important and can be enhanced by a first-hand opportunity to be exposed to wildlife which they may not normally see.

Applications are assessed carefully and it is important to

understand not all applications may be approved.

Stress in Wildlife

It is generally understood that all wildlife suffer from stress. Stress can impact the health of wildlife and hinder rehabilitation and release efforts, especially if the stress is prolonged. For example, when wild animals are stressed, they are more prone to contracting and expressing diseases.

Wildlife may also experience stress during a display; therefore, such displays are limited to a short timeframe, and may include designated breaks.

Signs of Stress (Withdrawal Parameters)

Signs of stress can be hard to detect in wildlife. When displaying wildlife it is important to research and understand the signs of stress that may be exhibited by that species in order to prevent prolonged exposure to stress. Signs of stress can include, licking, grinding teeth, and trying to escape.

If wildlife is exhibiting signs of stress, the wildlife must be removed from display immediately. It can be helpful to

have multiple animals present so that if one is showing signs of stress, it can be replaced by another.

Risk Assessment

Applicants must identify the risks of stress to the wildlife associated with the proposed display. This may be things such as: bright lights; noisy children; or strong smells. Try to limit or avoid as many triggers as possible, including during transportation.

Risk Mitigation

Applicants must identify any measures that can be taken to reduce the impact of stress to wildlife during a display. For example, if the display involves noise from children, ask the children to be quiet whilst the wildlife is on display.

What wildlife is suitable for display?

Wildlife that exhibit certain behaviours, personality traits or characteristics are often the most suitable for display. For instance, wildlife that are healthy, calm around humans and show no signs of illness, injury or disease may be displayed.

At no time is a female animal that has pouch or dependent

young or is lactating to be displayed.

Wildlife that is in torpor or hibernation is not to be displayed.

Rehabilitation wildlife

The most common rehabilitation wildlife used in displays is marsupials. Joeys that are at an age rendering them pouch-bound are most suitable for display. They travel well and can be kept warm, dark and quiet in their pouch when not on display. They are reasonably accustomed to human contact due to being bottle fed a few times a day. Stress can be triggered when the wildlife first comes into care, therefore displaying wildlife within 14 days of it coming into care will not be permitted.

Wildlife with no fur (pinkies) are prone to stress, especially from changes in routine, and this can affect their survival. Wildlife that are close to release, have finished their time in the pouch or are expressing wild behaviour are not well-suited to display.

Larger wildlife can pose a safety risk to participants if they are to escape, so are not well-suited to display.

This can be understood in terms of the Wombaroo® methodology below.

Age Factor (% of pouch life completed)	Display Suitability
<0.6	Not well suited to public displays
0.6 – 1.0	May be suitable for public display
>1.0	Not well suited to transport and public display

For more information on age factor please refer to: Wombaroo Food Products (2017). Milk Replacers and Food Supplements for Native Animals, 4th Edition.

Handling and Display

Wildlife being displayed are not to be handled by members of the public, this is particularly important for wildlife being rehabilitated for release.

Any exception for captive wildlife requires approval by the Secretary or their delegate.

It is necessary to provide hand washing facilities for members of the public who are allowed to have contact with wildlife on display.

How do I apply?

Complete the attached application form.

It is important to specify if you are applying for an annual WDP or a single, one off display.

Educational Facility and Herpetology and/or Avian display applications must be completed and lodged at ServiceTasmania inclusive of payment of the application fees.

Registered Rehabilitator's should return their application form directly to DPIPWE.

If you require another person to be listed on the WDP, they must jointly apply as part of your application. Please ensure each person requiring a permit completes the additional permit holders form as part of your application.

Useful information

- Laws can be accessed from www.legislation.tas.gov.au

Personal Information

Personal information we collect from you in connection with your permit application will be used by DPIPWE for the purpose of managing, assessing, advising upon and determining the relevant application and may be used for other purposes permitted by the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* and regulations made under this Act. You are required to provide this information by the

Nature Conservation Act 2002 and regulations made under this Act. Failure to provide this information may result in your application not being able to be processed. Your personal information will be used for the primary purpose for which it is collected, and may be disclosed to contractors and agents of the Natural and Cultural Heritage Division, law enforcement agencies, courts and other organisations authorised to collect it. Your basic personal information may be disclosed to other public sector bodies where necessary, for the efficient storage and use of the information. Personal information will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* and may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates on request to DPIPWE. You may be charged a fee for this service.

Returns

Single, one off WDP:

A return is not required for a single, one off display permit.

Annual WDP:

Upon the expiry of an annual permit, a completed *Educational Display Diary* must be returned to DPIPWE by the permit holder.

Further permits will not be granted if return documents for previous permits have not been received.

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Lodge this form:

In person at any Service Tasmania service centre (Educational Facility display and Herpetology and or Avian display applications only)

Via the email address below (Registered Rehabilitator applications)

Enquiries:

Natural and Cultural Heritage, GPO Box 44, Hobart TAS 7000
Phone (03) 6165 4305, Email wildlife.reception@dpiuwe.tas.gov.au

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated all fields are mandatory for all applicants

Applicant's Personal Information

Name title: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other: _____
Given names: _____
Family name: _____
Residential address: _____
Locality: _____ Post code: _____
Postal address: _____
Locality: _____ Post code: _____
Telephone: () _____ Email: _____
Occupation: _____ Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____
Preferred way of receiving permit: Post Email

Reason for permit application

Educational Facility display Herpetology and/or Avian display Registered Rehabilitator

Business Information (Herpetology and/or Avian and Educational Facility displays only)

Business/Trading Name: _____
ACN: _____ ABN: _____
Business Address: _____ Post code: _____
Postal Address: _____ Post code: _____
Telephone: () _____ Email: _____
Website Address: _____

Permit Information

Have you been granted a permit to display previously?

Yes (Please provide permit number, if known): _____ No

Are you applying to display wildlife

Annually Single (one off).

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If you have indicated a single display please complete the following Display Details section.

Display Details (mandatory for all single displays)

Date of Display: _____ Total number of animals being displayed: _____

Hours of Display (from/to): _____

Purpose of Display: _____

Key message: _____

Event name: _____

Location/Address of Display: _____

Post code: _____

Public Liability

Do you have Public Liability Insurance for this display?

Yes (Please attach copy of policy) No

Wildlife to be displayed

Species (Common Name)	Age	Weight	Microchip/ band (if applicable)	Do you hold a permit to possess the animal? (If Yes, please include permit number)	Has the animal been displayed previously? (Yes/No)

What risks of stress to the wildlife have been identified with this proposed display?



What risk mitigation measures have been identified with this proposed display?

Declarations and important information to read before applying for a permit

Please indicate whether you have been convicted of a 'Relevant Offence', meaning any offence committed under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*, *Animal Welfare Act 1993*, the *Firearms Act 1996*, the *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002*, or the *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*; or regulations made under any of those Acts within the period of 5 years immediately preceding the day on which this application is made:

- I HAVE been convicted of a Relevant Offence and I have attached written details
- I HAVE NOT been convicted of a Relevant Offence

Please note that, when making this application, it is an offence to provide information that you know is false or misleading, or mislead DPI/PWE by omitting information that you know you should provide. If you have any doubts about whether or not you should provide certain information you should ask us or seek independent legal advice.

I, the Applicant, declare that:

- the information provided in this application is true and correct;
- I understand the Wildlife Display Permit fact sheet and consent to the collection and use of my personal information in accordance with the personal information statement found on this document.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: __ / __ / 20__

Service Tasmania Product Code: 9318923025141

Receipt No: _____

(Herpetology, Avian and Educational Facility displays only)



Additional Permit Holders Form

Applicant's Personal Information

Name title: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other: _____

Given names: _____

Family name: _____

Residential address: _____

Locality: _____ Post code: _____

Postal address: _____

Locality: _____ Post code: _____

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____

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