

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

353 Water Street, 41 SHS Augusta, ME 04333

Phone 207-287-5252/Fax 207-287-6395

**Application for Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit**

*In accordance with the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 12, Section 12152, 3-D. E and MDIFW Chapter 7 rules on Wildlife in Captivity, I hereby apply for a permit that allows me to rehabilitate wildlife native to the State of Maine.*

**Application Fee:** N/A

**Permit Fee:** N/A

**Name of Company/Facility:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box if you are applying to be a sub-permittee of the above facility

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** / / \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

(P.O. Box/Street/Apt#)

(City/Town)

(Zip Code)

**Physical Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

(P.O. Box/Street/Apt#)

(City/Town)

(Zip Code)

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone Number:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone Number:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you comfortable having your name, phone number, email address, and the town in which your facility is located posted on the Department's website as a resource for the public to contact you regarding wildlife rehabilitation?  Yes or  No *If no, what above items would you be comfortable having published on the Department's website?*

*There is a significant amount of material that the Department will send you during the application process (e.g., study guide, practice test, standards, etc.).*

2. Are you able to either receive these large size files as an email attachment or are you able to view and download from the Internet?  Yes or  No

*If no, do you require hardcopy materials to be sent to you?*  Yes or  No

3. List species/category of species you request to rehabilitate below (see instruction sheet for examples):

I would like to rehabilitate the following species:	I have adequate housing for: (indicate how many of each species you have space for)	I have experience caring for this species: (yes or no)

❖ Please note: if you are requesting to rehabilitate any rabies vector species, there may be additional requirements

4. Have you ever had or kept domestic cervids (for example, elk, red deer, Sitka deer, etc.) on the property you intend for wildlife rehabilitation?  Yes or  No *If yes, please list:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Please list any domestic or exotic animals that you currently care for, or intend to care for: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you established a relationship with the district game warden and the regional wildlife biologist for your location regarding your interest in wildlife rehabilitation?  Yes or  No

7. Are you licensed to practice veterinary medicine?  Yes or  No

If yes, State of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinary License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you currently hold a valid Federal Migratory Bird Rehabilitation Permit, or a valid Rehabilitation Permit from another state?  Yes or  No *If yes, list the State of Issuance:* \_\_\_\_\_

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*If no, do you plan to seek a Federal Migratory Bird Rehabilitation Permit?*  Yes or  No

9. Have you been charged with or convicted of a Fish and Wildlife violation in Maine within the past 10 years?

Yes or  No *If yes, briefly explain:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Have you been charged with or convicted of a Fish and Wildlife violation in another State or Province within the past 10 years?  Yes or  No *If yes, briefly explain:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Have you been charged with or convicted of a criminal or civil violation of animal cruelty in Maine or any other State or Province within the past 10 years?  Yes or  No *If yes, briefly explain:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of any felony?  Yes or  No *If yes, briefly explain:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Occasionally, wild animals are unable to be rehabilitated. Are you willing and able to euthanize animals according to A.V.M.A. standards for euthanasia, or bring to your veterinarian for euthanasia?

Yes or  No

14. Are there any specialized skills or expertise that you possess that are pertinent to this application? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I have submitted the following documents along with this application packet:**

- Certification of Training Requirements to Become a Wildlife Rehabilitator
- Statement of Support from Licensed Veterinarian
- Facilities Information Form
- Professional References Form(s) - *these will be submitted from references themselves*

**I understand that as a wildlife rehabilitator permitted by the State of Maine, I must:**

1. Follow the Department's Policy on Wildlife Rehabilitation (J1.14)
2. Hold a valid Federal Permit to possess or hold in captivity, any migratory bird (as defined by the USFWS), or endangered species under Federal jurisdiction.
3. Maintain a full and accurate record of all animals cared for under this permit (this record should be retained by permittee for 5 years).
4. Submit an annual summary of animals cared for during the calendar year to the Department by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
5. Release all wildlife taken into captivity under this permit within 6 months of being accepted into my facility, unless specifically waived by MDIFW Wildlife Division.
6. Notify the Department within 48 hours, of any threatened or endangered species taken into custody; Contact: Wildlife Division (207) 287-5250.
7. Allow MDIFW personnel to visit and inspect facilities, at times without notice.
8. If I have ever housed domestic cervids at my facility, I will not accept mammals into my facility, unless specifically permitted to do so by the Department.
9. Agree that I will not use animals that I am rehabilitating for exhibition to the public (see section IV in Department J1.14 Policy for Wildlife Rehabilitation for a definition of exhibition).
10. I will take every practical measure to prevent any wild animal in my care to become habituated or dependent on humans.
11. I agree to submit to a background check.

I further agree and understand that all laws, rules and regulations applying for a Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit must be followed, and standards established by the Department must be observed or I may risk the revocation of my permit.

**BY AFFIXING YOUR SIGNATURE BELOW, YOU:**

- A. Certify that all statements made hereon, and any documents you make hereof, are true and correct.
- B. Certify that you understand that any false statement made in this application or any documents you made a part thereof may result in denial of, or revocation of your permit or criminal prosecution.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

For Department Use only		
Exam Location: _____	Exam Date: _____	Score: _____
Interviewed by: _____	Permit Information/Results: _____	
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### Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit - Applications Instructions

Applicants for a Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit must abide by minimum housing and care standards, successfully pass an examination, maintain a relationship with a veterinarian, and possess appropriate credentials.

***This form must be filled out completely, signed, and submitted, along with all associated materials and forms required for becoming a permitted Wildlife Rehabilitator.***

**Question 1.** In order to be issued a permit to rehabilitate wildlife we request that your contact information and town where your facility is located be posted on our website to allow the public to contact you. If you are only comfortable with specific items being posted, please let us know what you would be comfortable posting.

**Question 2.** There is a significant amount of material that will be sent to you as part of this application process. Please indicate how these materials can be sent to you.

**Question 3.** Please indicate which species or categories of species you would like to be permitted to provide rehabilitation to. Be sure to only indicate which species you have adequate training and experience caring for and handling, and how many of each species your current facility would appropriately house. Potential options for species categories: Small Raptors, Large Raptors, Passerines, Waterbirds, Small Mammals (mice, squirrels, woodchucks, etc.), medium mammals (fox, racoon, etc.), deer, bear, moose, turkey. ***If you plan to care for rabies vector species, be aware that there may be additional considerations.***

**Question 4.** In order to prevent disease transmission, if you have ever kept domestic cervids on your property you likely will not be permitted to rehabilitate mammals. However, please indicate which species, how many, for how long, and other pertinent information about these animals on your property.

**Question 5.** Please indicate any pets, livestock, or other domestic or exotic animals that you currently care for, or plan to care for while permitted for wildlife rehabilitation.

**Question 6.** It is important that you establish a working relationship with both the district game warden and regional wildlife biologist for your area. In addition to being asked to take in animals by these Departmental Staff, a working relationship will facilitate information exchange and support for care of wildlife in need. Additionally, you will be required to have an initial facilities inspection and be subject to periodic inspections by Departmental staff (which may be unannounced).

**Question 7.** It is not a permit requirement to be a licensed veterinarian, but if you are, please provide your credentials.

**Question 8.** If you would like to be permitted to rehabilitate migratory birds (which include all bird species in Maine, except for English sparrow, pigeon (rock doves), European starling, ring-necked pheasant, ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, wild turkey, and bobwhite quail), you must also be permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Questions 9, 10, 11, 12.** You must disclose any criminal convictions and submit to a background check. Any of the following convictions may disqualify you from being permitted for wildlife rehabilitation:

1. Class A, B or C convictions;
  2. Class D convictions within the previous 10 years;
  3. Title 12 Class E misdemeanor convictions within the previous 5 years;
  4. Title 12 Civil violations.
  5. Title 7 Criminal or Civil convictions within the previous 10 years.
- ❖ Title 12 laws primarily pertain to forestry, wildlife, fisheries, commercial marine fisheries, hunting, fishing, trapping ATV, snowmobile, watercraft and trespass laws.
  - ❖ Title 7 laws primarily pertain to domestic animals and animal cruelty

**Question 13.** There may be situations where wild animals are unable to be rehabilitated. If you are unwilling to or not able to provide appropriate euthanasia, you may be disqualified from being permitted as a wildlife rehabilitator.

**Question 14.** This section allows you to provide any additional information pertinent to the care, feeding, and handling of native wildlife species that supports your application to become a wildlife rehabilitator.

**Checklist of supporting materials:** Before your application will be accepted for review and processing, you will be required to submit the additional materials on the checklist.

**Please submit this form with your Application for Wildlife Rehabilitation Form and other supporting documents to:**

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
ATTN: Wildlife Rehabilitation Permits  
41 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0041

**or** via email to: [Rehab.IFW@maine.gov](mailto:Rehab.IFW@maine.gov)