



Wildlife Display Permit

FACT SHEET AND APPLICATION FORM

To display wildlife, you will need to apply for a Wildlife Display Permit. Please read this information before completing and submitting your application.

What does the permit authorise?

A Wildlife Display Permit (WDP) is issued under regulation 48 of the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations 2021* pursuant to Regulation 40.

A WDP authorises the holder of the permit to display the wildlife specified in the permit.

What does display mean?

The term display in relation to wildlife, means the showing or presentation of wildlife in captivity for viewing by the public.

Who can apply?

Any person wishing to display wildlife. 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 herpetofauna, avian or Registered Rehabilitator display.

Herpetofauna display

Holders of a Special Purposes Wildlife Permit for Herpetofauna can apply to display the Reptiles and Amphibians they are authorised to possess under their permit. WDP's enable important skills and experience to be obtained to enable qualification for a Herpetofauna Educational 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.

A Registered Rehabilitator display applicant must only apply for a single, one-off display.

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 suffers 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 exhibits 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 in table 1.

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



Age Factor	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

Table 1 Wombaroo methodology

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.

Herpetofauna and avian display applications must be completed and lodged at Service Tasmania inclusive of payment of the application fees.

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

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 [Home - Tasmanian Legislation Online](#)
- Licence and Permit Fees can be accessed from [Licence and Permit Fees | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania \(nre.tas.gov.au\)](#)

What will I receive?

If your application is successful, you will receive a permit in your name and all additional permits for each additional holder who jointly applied with you.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive an explanation as to why their application was unsuccessful.

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 Department by the permit holder.

Further permits will not be granted if return documents

for previous permits have not been received.

If you are granted a permit/licence and intend to conduct activities requiring the authority of a permit or licence beyond its expiry, such as the possession of wildlife, it is your responsibility to ensure you submit a complete application within an appropriate timeframe for processing in order to continue operating lawfully.

Personal information

Information on the collection, maintenance, use and disclosure of personal information can be found on our website. [Personal Information Protection Policy | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania \(nre.tas.gov.au\)](#)



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Lodge this form:

In person at any Service Tasmania service centre (Herpetofauna display and Avian display applications only)

Via the email address below (Registered Rehabilitator Display applications)

Enquiries:

Wildlife Management, GPO Box 44, Hobart TAS 7001

Phone (03) 6165 4305, Email Wildlife.Services@nre.tas.gov.au

Application instructions:

All fields marked with an asterisk* are mandatory and require a response, noting you may be prompted to fill out other sections based on your responses. Incomplete applications are unable to be processed by the Department and will be returned to you without further processing. A new complete application will need to be submitted. Please allow at least 20 business days for processing of applications. Where an application fee is required, please refer to [Licence and Permit Fees | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania \(nre.tas.gov.au\)](#) for payment details. The Secretary may request further information or evidence in relation to this application. If you fail to provide the required information within 10 business days, your application will be refused and you will need to submit a new application. Please contact the Department at the earliest opportunity to discuss the potential for an extension, noting that your request may not be accepted. It is an offence to provide false and misleading information at any stage during the application process.

Please note:

Applications will not be processed if you have any outstanding returns and/or records required from a previous permit or licence which have not been received by the Department.

I. Applicant's Personal Information

Name title: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other: _____

Given names:* _____

Family name:* _____

Residential address:* _____

_____ Post code: _____

Postal address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

Telephone:* _____ Email:* _____

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

2. Preferred way of receiving permit:*

Post Email

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3. Reason for permit application*

Herpetofauna display Avian display Registered Rehabilitator Display

4. Business Information (Herpetofauna and Avian displays only)

Business/Trading Name: _____

ACN: _____ ABN: _____

Business Address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Website Address: _____

5. Permit Information

Have you been granted a permit to display previously?

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

6. How are you applying to display wildlife?*

Please note Registered Rehabilitator's must apply for a single display.

Annually Single (one off). *Single display applicants must complete the following Display Details section.*

7. 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: _____

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8. Public Liability

Do you have Public Liability Insurance for this display?*

Yes (Please attach copy of policy) No

9. Wildlife to be displayed

a) Please list below all animals held upon application.*

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)

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

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

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10. Declarations and important information to read before applying for a permit

Please indicate whether you have been convicted of a 'Relevant Offence' within the period of 5 years immediately preceding the day on which this application is made.*

A list of relevant offences determined by the Secretary for the purposes of the definition of relevant offence in Regulation 3(1) of the Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations 2021 can be found at www.nre.tas.gov.au/wildlife-management/forms-permits-and-fees/relevant-offences. Alternatively, a copy of what constitutes a relevant offence can be posted to you by using the contact details found elsewhere on this form.

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 to mislead the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania by omitting relevant information that you know you should provide. If you have any doubts about whether or not you should provide certain information you should contact the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania using the contact details elsewhere on this form or seek independent legal advice.

I, the Applicant, declare that:

- the information provided in this application is true and correct; and
- I consent to the collection and use of my personal information in accordance with the Department's Personal Information Protection Policy.

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

Service Tasmania Product Code: 9318923025141

Receipt No: _____

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Additional Permit Holders Form

1. Applicant's Personal Information

Name title: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other: _____

Given names:* _____

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