



WASHOE COUNTY

REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES

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EXOTIC ANIMAL PERMIT FAQ

Why do I need to have an Exotic Animal permit?

Pursuant to Washoe County Code ("WCC") 55.650, you are required to have an Exotic Animal Permit from Washoe County Regional Animal Services ("WCRAS") to keep tier 2 or tier 3 exotic animals, at any place or residence within Washoe County.

What is a tier 2 or tier 3 exotic animal?

WCC 55.010 defines tier 1, tier 2 and tier 3 exotic animals. If you are unsure under which tier your animal would be classified, please call us at (775) 322-3647, and we can help you.

How do I obtain an application for an Exotic Animal Permit?

You can pick up an application at the WCRAS office at 2825 Longley Lane, Suite A, Reno, Nevada 89502, during normal business hours (Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., Sat, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.) or print the online application, which can be found at www.washoeanimals.com.

Is there a fee?

There is a non-refundable \$50 application fee to apply for an Exotic Animal Permit.

How long does it take to get a permit?

The time frame for permit review, inspection and approval/denial is 60-90 days, depending on the circumstances related to the permit application.

If my Exotic Animal Permit is approved, what conditions may be placed on my permit?

The complete list of requirements can be found within WCC 55.650 to 55.660. This following list is not conclusive and is subject to change dependent on species:

- Annual inspections by WCRAS
- Emergency plan including evacuation and escape procedures
- Animals housed on premises will not likely be subject to cruelty, neglect or abuse
- Certificate of veterinary inspection (Tier 3 animal)
- Liability insurance for each exotic animal; \$25,000 (Tier 2 animal)
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Is there an annual fee?

There is an annual renewal fee of \$35 per permit.



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Do I need to build an enclosure to house my exotic animal?

Possibly, depending on the species you are intending to keep. Enclosure requirements can be found in WCC 55.680 through 55.720. Depending on the species, other conditions, such as a secondary fence around the enclosure, may also be required (WCC 55.730).

Do I need to have my enclosure built before I apply?

No. As part of your application, you must submit drawings showing the method of containment that comports with WCC 55.680 through 55.720, as applicable, and its location on your property. If your permit is approved, you are responsible for obtaining any necessary building permits, and the applicable enclosure must be constructed within 60 days.

Do I need to obtain insurance for my exotic animal?

Yes. Within 30 days of the Exotic Animal Permit approval, you must provide proof to WCRAS of liability insurance for each animal on the permit. Tier 2 animals require \$25,000 liability coverage and tier 3 animals require \$250,000 liability coverage.

What can I do if I am denied?

If your application for an Exotic Animal Permit is denied, you may appeal the decision within 30 days to the Washoe County Administrative Hearing Office, located at 1001 East 9th Street, Building A, Reno, Nevada 89512. You may also call their office at (775) 328-2001.