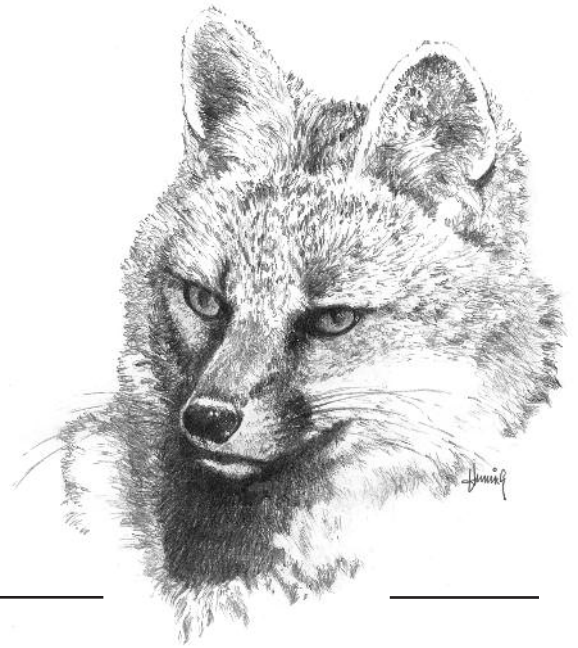




GUIDELINES FOR PROPAGATING LIVE FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

This publication is a summary of the requirements specific to holders of a Fur-bearing Animal Propagators License according to the Statewide Fur-bearing Animal and Trapping Proclamation (§65.371-§65.385) and Subtitle C, Chapter 71 (§71.001-§71.015) of the Parks and Wildlife Code. A Fur-bearing Animal Propagator is a person licensed to take or possess a living fur-bearing animal and hold it for propagation or sale. Species subject to these requirements include badger, beaver, civet cat, all fox, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, ring-tailed cat and all skunks.



General License and Facility Standards Information

- A Fur-bearing Propagation Permit does not authorize individuals to possess live fur-bearing animals as pets. This IS NOT a "pet permit."
- **The fee for a Fur-bearing Animal Propagation License (Type 113) is \$95.00.**
- The license is valid only from the date of issuance through the following August 31st.
- A Fur-bearing Animal Propagation License holder is required to display the license at his/her place of business or while conducting business at a place other than his/her place of business (this includes anywhere fur-bearing animals are sold, received, possessed or purchased and includes a vehicle used by a Fur-bearing Animal Propagation License holder).
- A Fur-bearing Animal Propagation License may be issued following an initial facility inspection by the department. Additional inspections may be made at the department's discretion.
- The holder of a Fur-bearing Animal Propagation License must provide the following conditions for each animal in possession:
 - a sufficient supply of fresh water at all times
 - shelter from heat and inclement weather
 - an enclosure of at least 20 inches in height and eight square feet in area that is cleaned daily
- Offspring of fur-bearing animals held under a propagation permit may be kept with their parents or siblings for up to 120 days from birth in an enclosure meeting the height and area requirements for a single animal.

Possession, Sale and Purchase of Live Fur-bearing Animals

- Only Fur-bearing Animal Propagators may sell live fur-bearing animals. Live fur-bearing animals may only be sold to other licensed Fur-bearing Animal Propagators or to a holder of a valid Chapter 43 C permit (Scientific, Educational or Zoological) authorized to receive such specimens.
- No person may sell or export live fur-bearing animals outside this state without possessing a letter of authorization from the Wildlife Division. A request for authorization must include written documentation verifying that the recipient of the live animals is in compliance with applicable regulations in the destination state. A copy of the completed authorization shall accompany the animals at all times during shipment or be attached to the shipping container used to export the animals.

Importation and Release of Fur-bearing Animals

- No person may import live fur-bearing animals into this state from another state or country unless:
 - a permit has been issued by the department for such importation and a copy of the completed permit accompanies any live fur-bearing animal being imported or is attached to any container used to import live fur-bearing animals
 - the imported animals are accompanied by a health certificate signed by a veterinarian accredited in the state of origin
 - if the imported animals are foxes, raccoons or skunks, a signed letter of authorization issued by the Texas Department of Health
- Imported live fur-bearing animals and live fur-bearing animals previously held in captivity may not be released into the wild without a letter of authorization from the Wildlife Division and the owner of the property where the release occurs. All animals must be accounted for in a report filed with the department on or before the tenth day of the month following the month of release. The report shall list the species, number captured and released, date and location of capture, date and location of release, and name and address of person authorized to release.

Reporting Requirements

- Any person licensed as a Fur-bearing Animal Propagator must complete and file an appropriate annual report with the Department by August 31 of each year. The department reserves the right to refuse permit issuance to any person not in compliance with department regulations.

Health Hazards

- Fur-bearing Animal Propagators may be exposed to a variety of diseases associated with fur-bearing animals. Data has shown that handling, importation and release of fur-bearing animals from the wild poses a potential threat through the introduction of new strains of rabies and/or parasites to native fur-bearing animals, pets and humans. If you think you have come in contact with a diseased animal, contact your physician immediately.

Rabies Quarantine

- It is a Class C misdemeanor to transport, sell, or possess for the purpose of transporting or selling live foxes, coyotes, and raccoons to a person in another state or country or to a person within this state. For additional information contact the Zoonosis Control Division of the Texas Department of Health at (512) 458-7255 or www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Wildlife Information
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744
(800) 792-1112
www.tpwd.state.tx.us



Fur-Bearing Animal Propagation Permit Application

1. Applicant's Surname: _____ Home Phone: _____
 First: _____ Office: _____
 Middle: _____ Cell: _____
 Last: _____ Fax: _____
 Title: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Profession: _____ Driver's License Number: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ ¹Social Security Number: _____
 _____ E-Mail Address: _____
 City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Permit #: _____

2. Facility (Physical) Address: _____
 City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ County: _____

3. Species and quantity of fur-bearing animals to be propagated: _____

4. Where and when do you plan on obtaining your animals? _____

5. Trapper's License Number: _____
(the DOC ID number listed on the front of the license)

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6. Please submit photographs of your facilities along with a written description of the dimensions.

7. Have you been convicted of a wildlife violation in Texas in the last 5 years? Yes No
 If yes, please provide details as to the nature of the violation: _____

8. Enclose a \$95.00 non-refundable application fee. Checks should be made payable to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Temporary Checks will not be accepted.

I acknowledge and agree to possess the wildlife listed in this document for the sole purpose of commercial propagation. If I am issued a permit pursuant to this application, I agree to abide by all regulations and permit stipulations governing fur-bearing propagation permits. In addition, I understand that fur-bearing animals cannot be possessed or sold as pets. I understand a fur-bearing propagation permit may be granted at the discretion of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and that said permit may not be renewed if I fail to comply with the regulations of the department or with any provisions of the permit. This application does not constitute authority to capture or to hold live fur-bearing animals for any purpose other than propagation. I further declare that the above statements made by me are true and correct and understand that making a false statement on this application or subsequent reports is a crime.

Signature

Date

**Mail form and processing fee to:
 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wildlife Permits Section, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744**

¹ Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains the information collected through this form. With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information we collect. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are also entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004, you are also entitled to have this information corrected.