

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS	Exhibiting any regulated species of animal requires a USDA license. [1.1, 2.1]
Criteria	<p>Any person operating or desiring to operate as an exhibitor must have a valid Class C license. [2.1(a)(1)]</p> <p>A person who has a valid Class C license may exhibit any regulated species. NOTE: A Class B dealer may exhibit animals as a minor portion of his/her business. A Class A dealer may not exhibit animals.</p>
Class of License	<p>Class C License An exhibitor with a Class C license may conduct a business consisting of the following activities: [1.1]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • showing or displaying regulated animals to the public, including public contact • giving rides on regulated animals • buying and selling regulated animals as a minor part of the business in order to maintain or add to the animal collection • using regulated animals in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ performances ➤ promotional activities ➤ advertising ➤ photographs ➤ movies, plays, TV shows, and other theatrical productions • giving away regulated animals as prizes • leasing out of regulated animals
Registered Exhibitor	<p>In some special circumstances, an exhibitor may be registered as a Class E exhibitor, instead of licensed.</p> <p>To be registered rather than licensed, an exhibitor must meet all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the animals are obtained by donation or by trapping on his/her own premises

- the only animals on exhibit are native to the area
- the animals are not transported for exhibition purposes
Note: Animals may be transported for release back into the wild.
- the animals are not disposed of in commerce
Note: Releasing animals back into the wild is not considered commerce.
- no direct or indirect compensation is received for any exhibition of the animals

If you have a facility that meet these criteria, contact your SACS.

Examples of exhibits that may meet the criteria for registration include:

- noncommercial exhibits, such as municipal deer parks
- State/county/city nature centers

If the facility can be registered, the exhibitor should:

- complete the Application for Registration (APHIS Form 7011)
- complete a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) sheet
- send the completed Application and TIN to the Regional Office

NOTE: There is no fee for obtaining a Registration.
