



Dangerous Wild Animal Registration Form FAQ

1. Who is required to complete the registration form?

A: A person that possesses a dangerous wild animal in Ohio on and after September 5, 2012 is required to register their animal with the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

2. How long do I have to register my animals?

A: The registration period ends on November 5, 2012.

3. Where can I find a registration form?

A: On the Ohio Department of Agriculture website:

www.OhioAgriculture.gov/TopNews/DangerousWildAnimalAct

4. What if I possess a dangerous wild animal but do not own it?

A: The law requires the person in possession of the dangerous wild animal to register.

5. What if I do not possess a dangerous wild animal but I have a restricted snake?

A: There is a voluntary registration form you may complete on the Ohio Department of Agriculture's website: www.OhioAgriculture.gov/TopNews/DangerousWildAnimalAct

6. Can I just wait and get a permit?

A: No. One of the requirements in the law to receive a permit is that you must register your dangerous wild animal during the registration period.

7. Do I have to get a microchip to register my animals?

A: Yes. The law requires dangerous wild animals to have a microchip when they are registered.

8. What kind of microchip is required?

A: Each microchip must have an identification number that is unique to the microchip. In addition, the microchip must have a passive integrated transponder which operates on one of the following frequencies: 125 kilohertz, 134.2 kilohertz or 400 kilohertz.

9. What will happen if I do not register my dangerous wild animal?

A: You could be charged with a first degree misdemeanor on a first offense and a fifth degree felony on each subsequent offense. Further, failure to register means you will not be able to obtain a permit and requires the Director of Agriculture to take and quarantine any animals that are not registered on or after January 1, 2014.

10. Am I required to complete the optional information section of the form?

A: No. This information is optional, but will be helpful if you choose to apply for a permit in 2013.

11. What can I do if I have more questions?

A: You can call the Division of Animal health at (614) 728-6220 or visit the department's website at www.OhioAgriculture.gov/TopNews/DangerousWildAnimalAct