Notable species

- Mute Swans (unless pinioned)
- All non-native canine species
- Large Cats - Caracal, Cheetah, Jaguar, Leopard, Lion, Tiger
- Small Cats - Geoffroy’s Cat, Margay, Ocelot, Serval
- European Hedgehog
- Brush-Tailed Opossum
- Most non-human primates
- Barbary Sheep, Mouflon Sheep
- Coati, and Kinkajou
- Gambian Giant Pouched Rats
- Prairie Dogs
- South American Rodents - except guinea pigs and chinchillas
- Peccary
- European or Russian Wild Boar

Division of Animal Industries

This brochure provides the basic requirements for possession of Deleterious Exotic animals.

Always remember that you are responsible for being in compliance with Idaho import requirements.

If you have any questions or do not see the species you would like to import listed here, contact ISDA at the number below.

The enclosed information is also available on our website at: www.agri.idaho.gov

Tel: 208-332-8540
or 208-332-8560

Deleterious Exotics

Movement and Possession Regulated by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture

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“Any live animal, or hybrid thereof, that is not native to the state of Idaho and is determined ... to be dangerous to the environment, livestock, agriculture, or wildlife of the state.” (IDAPA 02.04.27)

Possession Permits

Ownership requires a possession permit from ISDA via a thorough screening.

If animal is coming from out-of-state, an import permit and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) are required.

Permitting process includes:

- Proof of species health and handling knowledge
- Proof of appropriate containment facilities

The ISDA has authority to inspect facilities for initial permitting and as needed.

Record Requirements

Maintain records for minimum of three (3) years

Annual inventory (Submitted to ISDA by July 1st each year)

- Each DE animal under possession, for every facility must be listed
- Each entry must include: animal’s genus, species, sex, age, form of ID, ID number, and purpose
- *Forms of ID may include microchip and tattoo for mammals, and a microchip and leg band for birds
- Imports, births, deaths, transfers of all DE animals must be recorded

Proof of sterilization or birth control for DE animals is required

Employee documentation: employment records, log book, education records, etc.

*Association of Zoos and Aquariums accreditation for maintaining certain species

Permits can be cancelled or invalidated if animals are not properly documented, resulting in the removal of the animal from the state.

Why Regulate?

Deleterious exotic animals cause concerns for people, native wildlife, and domestic livestock animal species:

- Carrying disease that may be contagious to humans or other animals.
- Having aggressive and dangerous dispositions resulting in physical harm.