Chapter XI

Public Exhibition of Animals

11.1 Exhibit defined.

Sec. 11.1 (1) For the purposes of this chapter, "exhibit" means to possess and show a captive animal of a species for which a permit to hold wildlife in captivity is required, near a commercial establishment or at any place which is open for public viewing.

(2) Television shows, sportsperson shows, and similar transient events of temporary exhibit shall be considered theatrical events exempt from the provisions of this chapter. The department shall not furnish animals for television shows, circuses, menageries, or other theatrical events.

History: Eff. Jul 18, 1990; Am. 20, 1990, Eff. Jan 1, 1991; Am. 2, 1993, Eff. Sep 1, 1993.

11.2 Exhibiting animals.

Sec. 11.2 A person may exhibit an animal only as provided in this section:

(1) The person shall possess a valid exhibition license, issued by the United States department of agriculture, if one is required for the animal being exhibited, by the Animal Welfare Act, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.

(2) The person shall possess a valid permit, issued by the director, to hold wildlife in captivity, and shall comply with all rules and regulations specified in the captive wild animal commission order, and Act 191 of the Public Acts of 1929, being sections 317.71 to 317.85 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(3) The person shall place and maintain a barrier fence between all captive wild mammals and the viewing public.Such barrier fence shall be a minimum of 4 feet high and shall be placed at least 4 feet outside of the perimeter of the pen enclosing the mammal.

(4) The person shall not allow the public to feed food or nonfood materials, other than food supplied by that person or an agent of that person, to captive wildlife.

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11.3 to 11.39 Repealed. Am. 20, 1990, Eff. Jan 1, 1991.

Publisher's note: The repealed sections pertained to permits for the public exhibition of animals.