

WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMALS

All Wild or Exotic Animals

1. A wild animal means any non-domesticated animal or any cross of a non-domesticated animal.
2. An exotic animal means those animals that are not domestic or any cross of those animals not domestic to North America.
3. Large carnivores (lions, tigers, cougars, cheetahs, jaguars, leopards, panthers, and bears) on display (mobile zoos) shall meet all of the following:
 - a. Be confined to an area where the public may only view these animals (i.e. the public cannot have direct physical contact with the animal(s), such as touching, petting, or holding the animals to have photographs taken) with the exception that individuals in possession of a bear on March 26, 2013 or acquiring a bear from a business in possession of a bear on this date may be allowed to allow direct contact with the bear if the bear is less than 36 weeks of age or weighs 90 pounds or less.
 - b. Be cared for according to the standards in the Animal Welfare Act. For more information, contact the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Care at 919-855-7100. Please note the person possessing the animals must possess a USDA Class C license.
 - c. Not be bred.
 - d. Not be sold, except as approved under state law. For information on when large carnivores can be sold, please contact the Animal Industry Division at (517) 284-5688.
4. Additionally, contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for regulations about animals native to Michigan being exhibited and/or imported.