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## ***Document and Requirements Checklist:***

**1. Statement that includes the purpose for breeding and the breeding plan.**

The statement must show that the business participates in scientific, sustainable, and cooperatively managed breeding programs that identify specific and typically threatened or endangered large carnivore species that are composed of large carnivores of known provenance and pedigree.

Each breeding program must be based on comprehensive pedigree and demographic databases and analyses and have long-range population management goals and recommendations to ensure sustainability of the population.

A breeding program does not allow the breeding of species hybrids or the breeding of a large carnivore for the purpose of selling, bartering, or trading the large carnivore's parts, and must ensure that adequate space to house offspring of a large carnivore is in place.

**2. Copy of the business' mission statement.**

Business' primary purpose must be presenting animals to the public for education or exhibition.

**3. Copy of valid Class C license with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).**

**4. Copy of most recent USDA inspection report.**

**5. Letter from USDA stating that the following has not occurred in the last five years:**

Confiscation of any animal or issuing of any finally determined direct or critical noncompliance or civil penalty (including a cease and desist order, monetary penalty, license suspension, or license revocation). Letter requests should be sent to USDA at [acwest@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:acwest@aphis.usda.gov).

**6. A copy of the acquisition, transfer, and disposition policy (also known as a Responsible Population Management Policy) for large carnivores.**

The policy maintained by the business does all of the following: 1.) Complies with all applicable local, state, federal, and international laws and regulations. 2.) Requires documentation of ownership of large carnivores and any applicable chain of custody. 3.) Establishes a system for the documentation of acquisition, transfer, and disposition of large carnivores using a comprehensive institutional record-keeping system. 4.) Requires the acquisition of a free-ranging animal to be done in accordance with applicable local, state, federal, and international laws and regulations and prohibits the acquisition if it is detrimental to the long-term viability of the large carnivore species in the wild.

**7. A letter from law enforcement, attesting the business has the following:**

1.) Written emergency protocols for large carnivore escapes and injuries to humans by large carnivores. The emergency protocols must include communication systems to notify local law

enforcement and emergency services. 2.) Conducted annual emergency drills to practice responses for large carnivore escapes and injuries to humans by large carnivores. 3.) If law enforcement is not within a reasonable distance from the facility, the business must create a trained firearms team. A trained firearms team must have professional training and practice emergency responses at least two times each year.

**8. Documentation of emergency response equipment to reach emergency personnel.**

Personnel must be able to reach emergency personnel through a walkie-talkie, cellular telephone, alarm, or other electronic device.

**9. Documentation of the specific security and fire protection systems and methods in place at the business.**

The business provides and ensures the functionality of security and fire protection systems and methods that provide a reasonable level of safety for the collection of animals on a 24-hour basis, including, but not limited to, compliance with local building codes and an appropriate combination of night security, patrols, fire and smoke detection systems and alarms, monitors, and building design features.

**10. Signed copy of succession plan for the care of large carnivores.**

**11. Copy of a written contingency plan for the event that a significant decrease in operating income occurs.**

**12. Copy of insurance coverage for staff, volunteers, visitors, and physical facilities.**

**13. Copy of the conservation action plan for each species of large carnivore on the inventory.**

This plan must be a part of a collaborative, scientifically managed species conservation program for each species of large carnivore held that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following: 1.) Participation in local, regional, national, or international conservation programs, including, but not limited to, staff support or participation in field conservation activities and financial support. 2.) Education awareness programs for guests, staff, volunteers, supporters, members, vendors, and contractors. 3.) Evaluation and measurement of the impact of conservation programs and activities.

**Additionally, in signing this document, I assert that the following phrases are true:**

The business resides in Michigan.

The enclosure does not allow a patron to come into direct contact with a large carnivore.

- The business does not sell large carnivores, except to another person also meeting all criteria.
- Each large carnivore is individually identified via a subcutaneous microchip that was placed by or under the supervision of a veterinarian.
- Meets all applicable local, state, federal, and international laws and regulations when designating a large carnivore for reintroduction and release into the wild.
- Has the financial ability to care for the collection of large carnivores.
- Business does not transfer large carnivores to any of the following:
  - A person that is not qualified or capable of safely maintaining the large carnivore or ensuring its well-being
  - An animal auction
  - A person that may display or sell the large carnivore at an animal auction
  - A person that allows the hunting of large carnivores.
  - A person that will use the large carnivore for the purpose of providing food, fur, pelts, body parts, organs, or bodily fluids.
- Business does not raise large carnivores for the purpose of providing food, fur, pelts, body parts, organs, or bodily fluids.
- Business does not perform disfiguring procedures, including, but not limited to, declawing and canine tooth removal (unless considered medically necessary by the attending veterinarian).
- Business does not remove socially or nutritionally dependent young large carnivores from their mothers for hand-rearing unless deemed medically necessary by the attending veterinarian.

***You may be asked to submit additional documentation related to the above statements.***

<i>By signing below, I certify that I am the applicant and that the foregoing and enclosures are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief and that I will comply with the provisions of Act 271, PA 2000, as amended</i>	
Printed Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date: