

# WHOLESALE SALES - ANIMAL DEALER

## APPLICATION

COMPLETE APPLICATION IN FULL - TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY - ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY. NO PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A COMPLETED APPLICATION AND CORRECT FEE. IF THE APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE, IT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU AND NO PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED TO THE WILDLIFE PERMITS UNIT. IF THIS APPLICATION IS APPROVED, YOU WILL BE ISSUED A TEMPORARY ANIMAL DEALER PERMIT. YOUR PLACE OF BUSINESS MUST BE INSPECTED AND FOUND SATISFACTORY BEFORE A PERMANENT ANIMAL DEALER PERMIT WILL BE APPROVED.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING WILD BIRD BILL: A-649 Amending R.S. 23:4-50. After December 10, 1991, You CANNOT POSSESS, BUY, SELL OR BARTER WILD-CAUGHT BIRDS, except those which were in captivity legally before that date. All other birds must be captive-bred (other than the exempt species: **COCKATIEL, CANARY, BUDGERIGAR, ZEBRA FINCH, SOCIETY FINCH, ROCK DOVE, PEAFOWL, STARLING, OSTRICH, EMU, GREATER RHEA AND LESSER RHEA**). You must have in WRITING from the source of the birds: DOCUMENTATION PROOF - RECORDS THAT SPECIFY EACH AND EVERY BIRD POSSESSED, BOUGHT, SOLD, OR BARTERED IS CAPTIVE-BRED OR THAT IT WAS IN CAPTIVITY LEGALLY BEFORE December 10, 1991. These records must be available upon request. Photocopies of all written documentation must be supplied upon permit renewal.

BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code with Extension \_\_\_\_\_

NEW JERSEY COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULE: Days and Hours Open \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*REQUIRED\*\*\*\*

**\*\*\*\*Your Animal Dealer Permit and accompanying information will be emailed to you when processed. The Wildlife Permits Unit will no longer mail you a hard copy of your permit, so please be sure that your email address is correct. \*\*\*\***

Website Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Name of Owner/Owners MUST BE PROVIDED.

OWNER HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
MUST BE PROVIDED Street

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code with Extension \_\_\_\_\_

VETERINARIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MUST BE PROVIDED

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code with Extension \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Required



## **Important Notice**

Effective immediately under the authority of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife: Captive Game and Exotic and Nongame regulations, **THERE IS A BAN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ON THE IMPORTATION OF WHITE-TAILED DEER, BLACK-TAILED DEER, MULE DEER, RED DEER, SIKA DEER, MUNTJAC, REINDEER, ELK AND MOOSE INTO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.** This is due to the growing concern of the spread of **CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE** into wild and farmed herds of animals in the deer family throughout the United States.

All Applicants bringing regulated hooved stock from outside of New Jersey **MUST PROVIDE** a photocopy of their **CURRENT USDA PERMIT**. *Also **ATTACH PHOTOCOPIES OF CURRENT PERMITS AND HEALTH CERTIFICATES FOR MAMMALS.*** All applicants bringing in any regulated hooved stock from outside of New Jersey must supply copies of health certificates certifying that the wildlife is free of Tuberculosis and Brucellosis and any other communicable disease. It is mandatory to comply with the USDA Tuberculosis Eradication in Cervidae: Uniform Methods and Rules (Cervid UM&R). Cervids not known to be affected with or exposed to tuberculosis that originate from other herds (i.e. non-Accredited, non-Modified or non-Qualified herds) may be moved interstate if they are accompanied by a certificate stating that such cervids have been classified negative in two official tuberculosis tests that were conducted no less than 90 days apart, that the second test was conducted within 90 days prior to the date of movement, and **that the animals were isolated from all other members of the herd during the testing period.** Additionally, the Cervid UM&R has **NO** minimum age standards for testing of cervids for interstate movements from herds that are unclassified. Photocopies of health certificates must be submitted with your application. For more information contact the United States Department of Agriculture.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE (USDA), ANIMAL and PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS)** requires a license under the **ANIMAL WELFARE ACT (AWA)** to sell regulated Mammals commonly referred to as "POCKET PETS" - including but not limited to hedgehogs, degus, sugar gliders, jerboas, etc.

**Your New Jersey Permit WILL NOT be valid for sales of "Pocket Pets" without the correct, current, corresponding Federal USDA permit.**

**A current photocopy of your USDA permit must be attached.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**USDA/APHIS/ANIMAL CARE EASTERN REGION  
920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 200, Unit 304-O  
Raleigh NC 27606-5210**

**Phone: (919) 855-7100**

**CHECK APPROPRIATE WILDLIFE SPECIES THAT YOU INTEND TO SELL AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY**

It is your responsibility to obtain regulated wildlife from legal Sources of Acquisition or you are in violation of New Jersey regulations and are subject to penalties or fines.

**\_\_\_\_\_ EXOTIC BIRDS NOT ON ANY RELEVANT ENDANGERED OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES LIST.**

The following birds are exempt; they do not require a permit to be possessed or sold: **Cockatiel, Canary, Budgerigar, Zebra Finch, Society Finch, Rock Dove, Peafowl, Starling, Ostrich, Emu, Greater Rhea and Lesser Rhea.**

**NO Animal Dealer may possess or sell any New Jersey Potentially Dangerous Species [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8(a)] which includes (but is not limited) to the following: Ring-necked Parrots, Monk Parrots (Quaker Parrots), Mustached Parrots, Plum-Headed Parrots, Patagonian Conures and all others in the Psittacula genus.**

Specify Types \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe Caging \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe Diet \_\_\_\_\_

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List Sources of Acquisition (*Business Name, Address and Telephone number MUST be included*) \_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_NONVENOMOUS REPTILES - NOT ON ANY RELEVANT  
ENDANGERED OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES LIST.**

**THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LIST (NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING) OF  
VENOMOUS, REAR-FANGED SPECIES, WHICH MAY NOT BE POSSESSED OR  
SOLD: MANGROVE SNAKE, ASIATIC DOGTOOTH CAT SNAKE, INDIAN CAT  
SNAKE, PARROT SNAKE, BOOMSLANG, AFRICAN KRAIT. *PLEASE ALSO NOTE  
THAT ANACONDAS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE A POTENTIALLY  
DANGEROUS SPECIES AND ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED TO BE POSSESSED  
OR SOLD IN NEW JERSEY.***

**NO Animal Dealer may possess or sell any New Jersey Potentially Dangerous  
Species [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8(a)] which includes (but is not limited) to the following:  
Gila Monsters, Coral Snakes, Cobras, Vipers, Pit Vipers, Alligators, Caimans,  
Crocodiles and Gavials.**

**The New Jersey Department of Health mandates that turtles and tortoises cannot  
be sold in New Jersey.**

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## **\_\_\_\_\_ AMPHIBIANS - NOT ON ANY RELEVANT ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST.**

**NO Animal Dealer may possess or sell any New Jersey Endangered Species which includes (but is not limited) to the following: Tremblay's Salamander, Blue-spotted Salamander, Eastern Tiger Salamander, Pine Barrons Treefrog. The following also CANNOT BE POSSESSED OR SOLD due to difficulties in determining morphological differences among several species (but is not limited) to the following: Gray Tree Frogs (all species), Larval Salamanders, Water Dogs, Dino Dogs, Mud Puppies, Axolotls.**

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List Sources of Acquisition (*Business Name, Address and Telephone number MUST be included*) \_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_MAMMALS - NOT ON ANY RELEVANT ENDANGERED OR  
POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES LIST  
(e.g. FERRETS, CHINCHILLAS, HEDGEHOGS, etc.)**

The Animal Dealer - Wholesale Sales permit **DOES NOT AUTHORIZE** the possession, sale or distribution of BATS. **NO** Animal Dealer may possess or sell **ANY** species of animal that is **NOT** listed on their permit. Possession for commercial purposes of any wildlife listed on the New Jersey Endangered and Potentially Dangerous Species List is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. Potentially Dangerous Species [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8 (a)] includes (but is not limited to): All Primates; Bears; all Non-domestic Felines; all Non-Domestic Canines; Prairie Dogs, Ground Squirrels, Spiny Mice, Pygmy Mice, Zebra Mice and Dormice.

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List Sources of Acquisition (*Business Name, Address and Telephone number **MUST** be included*) \_\_\_\_\_

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# **ALL POSSESSION PERMITS**

**EXPIRE DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR OF ISSUE.**

# **FEE: \$100.00**

**SUBMIT CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY**

**(CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MUST HAVE**

**COMPLETE NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT)**

**Make payable to: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife**

I hereby affirm that the information on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false representation by the applicant or a permittee who knows or reasonably should know that the representation is false, and who has submitted the representation to induce the Department to issue a permit or take any other action, shall subject the applicant or permittee to all penalties available under State law, including revocation of any permit obtained based upon false information. All permits issued are valid only when used by the permittee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit and the regulations governing that permit. I have read these conditions and by signing and dating this application, I acknowledge and agree to all of the permit stipulations.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Application with fee to:**

**DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
WILDLIFE PERMITS UNIT  
Exotic & Nongame Wildlife Permits  
26 Route 173 West  
Hampton, NJ 08827**



**NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF  
Fish and Wildlife**

**PHONE: (908) 735-5450 FAX: 908-735-5689  
E-mail Address: EXOTICPERMITS@dep.nj.gov**

**[www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com)**

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# NEW JERSEY EXEMPT WILDLIFE SPECIES

Pet Shop - Retail Sales and Animal Dealer - Wholesale sales: Note that the following listed wildlife species **DO NOT** require Exotic and Nongame possession permits. **DO NOT** issue temporary 20-day permits. **DO NOT** include this information on your annual report - renewal application inventory.

Note however, that this list includes several species indigenous to New Jersey. These nongame species are protected by New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and cannot be collected from the wild. If you possess any of these species you must be able to provide documentation, receipts, etc., indicating that they were legally obtained.

## The following species are exempt:

### BIRDS

Budgerigar - *Melopsittacus undulatus*  
Cockatiel - *Nymphicus hollandicus*  
Peafowl - *Pavo cristatus*  
Rock Dove - *Columba livia*  
Canary - *Serinus canari*  
House Sparrow - *Passer domesticus*  
European Starling - *Sturnis vulgaris*  
Zebra Finch - *Poephila guttatus*  
Society Finch - *Lonchura domesticus*  
Emu - *Dromaius novaehollandiae*  
Ostrich - *Struthio camelus*  
Greater Rhea - *Rhea americana*  
Lesser Rhea - *Pterocnemia pennata*

### MAMMALS

Hamster - *Mesocricetus auratus*  
NOTE: CHINESE, SIBERIAN & RUSSIAN  
HAMSTERS **DO** REQUIRE PERMITS.  
Gerbil - *Meriones mongolinensis*  
Guinea Pig - *Cavia porcellus*  
Domestic Rabbit - *Oryctolagus cuniculus*  
Vietnamese Pot-Bellied Pig - *Sus spp.*  
Pigmy goats - *Capra hircus*  
Mice and Rats - *Mus spp.* & *Rattus spp.*  
Chipmunk - *Tamias spp.* & *Eutamias spp.*  
Red Squirrel - *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus* & *douglasii*  
Flying Squirrel - *Glaucomys spp.*  
Llama - *Lama glama*  
Alpaca - *Lama pacos*  
Guanaco - *Lama guanicoe*

### REPTILES

American Anole - *Anolis carolinensis*  
Common Iguana - *Iguana iguana*  
Boa Constrictor - *Constrictor constrictor*  
Eastern Painted Turtle - *Chrysemys picta picta*  
Snapping Turtle - *Chelydra serpentina*  
Fence Lizard - *Sceloporus occidentalis* & *undulatus*  
Garter Snake - *Thamnophis spp.* (except *T. sirtalis*  
*Tetrataenia*)  
Tokay Gecko - *Gekko gecko*  
Ribbon Snake - *Thamnophis spp.* (except *T. sirtalis*  
*Tetrataenia*)

### AMPHIBIANS

Leopard Frog - *Rana pipiens*  
Green Frog - *Rana clamitans*  
American Toad - *Bufo americanus*  
Fowler's Toad - *B.w. fowleri*  
Bullfrog - *Rana catesbeiana*  
Red-Spotted Newt - *Notophthalmus viridescens*  
Dusky Salamander - *Desmognathus fuscus*

**INVERTEBRATES NOTE:** Any invertebrate other than those listed on any relevant Federal or State of New Jersey Endangered Species list.

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# ★ ★ **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** ★ ★

## **NOTICE TO ANIMAL DEALERS**

**NO** Animal Dealer may possess or sell **ANY** species of animal that is **NOT** listed on their permit. Animal Dealer Permits **DO NOT** authorize the sale, possession, or distribution of BATS.

★★★ Any violation of possession or sales of the following could result in fines, penalties and/or revocation of your permit:

BE AWARE THAT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING, EXOTIC BIRDS **MAY NOT BE SOLD OR POSSESSED IN NEW JERSEY**. **ALL** ARE LISTED AS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING AN AGRICULTURAL PEST, OR MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR INDIGENOUS WILDLIFE POPULATIONS: **Monk Parrot (Quaker), Patagonian Conure, Seychelles Parrot, Rose-Ringed Parrot, Ring-necked Parrot, Moustached Parrot, Mauritius Parrot, Newton's Parrot, Plum - Headed Parrot, Alexandrine Parrot, Slaty-Headed Parrot, Blossom - Headed Parrot, Intermediate Parrot, Malabar Parrot, Derbyan Parrot, Emerald - Collared Parrot, Blyth's Parrot, Long - Tailed Parrot and all others in the Psittacula genus.**

The **BENGAL MONITOR** (*Varanus bengalensis*) is listed as an ENDANGERED SPECIES under the FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, Department of the Interior and **CANNOT BE SOLD, POSSESSED, DISTRIBUTED, ETC.**

THE FOLLOWING IS A ***PARTIAL LIST*** OF VENOMOUS, REAR-FANGED SPECIES WHICH MAY **NOT** BE POSSESSED UNDER A PERMIT SPECIFYING "NONVENOMOUS REPTILES": **Mangrove Snake, Parrot Snake, Asiatic Dogtooth Cat Snake, Boomslang, Indian Cat Snake, African Krait Snake**

★★★ **VENOMOID SNAKES** are considered to be a potentially dangerous species [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8(a)], and are not allowed to be possessed or sold in New Jersey. ★ ★ ★

★★★ **GREEN & YELLOW ANACONDAS** have been determined to be a potentially dangerous species [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8(a)], and are no longer allowed to be possessed or sold in New Jersey. ★ ★ ★

★★★ **All species of GROUND SQUIRRELS** are considered potentially dangerous species [N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.8(a)] and may not be sold or possessed in New Jersey. ★ ★ ★

*New Jersey Department of Health mandates: Turtles and Tortoises CAN NOT be sold in New Jersey.*

**Corn Snakes** are an **Endangered Species** in the state of New Jersey. Possession or sale of any other color morphs, other than those listed could result in fines, penalties and/or possible revocation of your permit **The only color morphs that are legal to possess and/or sell are the following: Red Albino (Amelanistic), Butter, Snow, Pearl, Lavender, Blizzard, Creamsicle, Sun Glow, Candy Cane.** All temporary 20-Day Permit receipts must list the above individual color morphs and/or specify on the receipt – **ALBINO CORNSNAKE.**

It is also illegal to sell or possess in New Jersey any species on the New Jersey Endangered Species List. Due to difficulties in determining morphological differences among several species and the fact that these difficulties have already produced problems, including but not limited to the following species **CANNOT BE SOLD OR POSSESSED** in New Jersey: **Gray Tree Frogs (all species), Dino Dogs, Larval Salamanders, Mud Puppies, Water Dogs and Axolotls.**

**BE AWARE THAT THE FOLLOWING RODENTS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED A PUBLIC HEALTH RISK BY THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL [CDC] AND MAY NO LONGER BE SOLD OR POSSESSED IN NEW JERSEY. ALL ARE LISTED AS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SPREADING INFECTIOUS DISEASES:**

**Dormice      Zebra Mice                  Spiny Mice                  Pygmy Mice                  Gambian giant-pouched rats**

**It is your responsibility to contact the USDA to obtain the correct permit for the sales of "Pocket Pets" including but not limited to: Hedgehogs, degus, sugar gliders and jerboas. For more information contact their office at (919) 855-7100. If you sell any "Pocket Pets" without the correct USDA permit you are in violation of Federal and New Jersey regulations.**

***It is your responsibility as a commercial permittee to ascertain that the Sources of Acquisition for regulated wildlife is legal. For the sale and distribution of regulated New Jersey Exotic and Nongame wildlife species, a permit is required. Request a copy of the New Jersey Exotic and Nongame permit from your Sources of Acquisition or contact our office for more information.***

For regulations regarding **BOARDING** and/or **CONSIGNMENT SALES** of Regulated Exotic and Nongame birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, contact the Wildlife Permits Unit.

The Wildlife Permits Unit must be informed a minimum of two weeks prior to any New Jersey OFF-SITE regulated wildlife sales activities including Trade Shows, Wildlife Expos, Auctions, etc. **INFORMATION MUST INCLUDE DATES, TIMES, and LOCATIONS of EVENTS.** Failure of notification could result in fines.

***Possession of any wildlife on New Jersey's ENDANGERED and/or***

***POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SPECIES lists is STRICTLY PROHIBITED***

**IMPORTANT NOTE: If any amendment is requested (other than any New Jersey Staff clerical error) after an Exotic & Nongame permit is issued for the current year, a \$5.00 amendment processing fee will be required per amendment.**

If your business is sold/transferred during the year, you must supply this office with an Annual Report including all information regarding the disposition of all regulated wildlife. New business or pet shop owners and/or any new locations of business must obtain their own commercial permit. According to N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.11(a): "Any person who transfers possession, as distinguished from ownership, or location of any animal for which a permit has been issued, shall, **within 48 hours**, report to the Division of Fish and Wildlife exactly which animals are transferred and the name and address of the person to whom the animals were transferred."

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** In our experience, it has become clear that many commercial permittees do not know or understand our policy regarding the display of regulated exotic and nongame wildlife, particularly exotic birds, in your place of business. Rather than waiting for an inspector to inform or re-inform each place of business, the required information is supplied below. Read it carefully, as you will be required to comply.

All regulated exotic and nongame wildlife species must be housed or caged in a manner that prevents any possibility of liberation, accidental injury to the animal and/or to the public, and any possibility of public contact.

- **All regulated exotic and nongame wildlife species exhibited outside of cages must be behind a barrier or other obstruction to prevent public access.**
- **Out of cage birds must be wing-clipped, prevented from any possibility of escape and caged at night.**
- **If a potential customer wants to handle a regulated animal for sales purposes, it must be done **ONLY** under the direct supervision of an employee and out of direct contact with other customers.**
- **All regulated animal cages must be covered or otherwise inaccessible to the public.**

Remember, that it is your obligation to conduct your business operations according to the requirements of the Wildlife Permits Unit – Exotic and Nongame Wildlife Permits Regulations and Policies. Failure to do so may result in penalties, including permit revocation.

Please call the Wildlife Permits Unit at (908) 735-5450, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST if you have any questions regarding these requirements.

[PS-AD Enclosure Letter Updated 10/3/14]



# *IMPORTANT NOTICE*

## **ANIMAL DEALER - WHOLESALE SALES**

### **Source of Acquisition for Regulated Wildlife**

**It is your responsibility, as a New Jersey commercial permittee, to ascertain that your Sources of Acquisition for regulated wildlife species are licensed with the correct permit category for the sale and distribution of regulated species in New Jersey.**

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO SELL REGULATED WILDLIFE SPECIES UNDER AN INDIVIDUAL HOBBY (PET) EXOTIC AND NONGAME WILDLIFE SPECIES POSSESSION PERMIT. If the intent of breeding regulated wildlife species is to sell, Individual Hobby permittees must upgrade to a commercial permit.**

**If you do obtain regulated wildlife species from an "illegal" Source of Acquisition, you are in violation of N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.7 (a3). This regulation is as follows: "Prior to the issuance of any permit permitted by these regulations, every applicant shall, in forms provided by the Department, demonstrate that the method of acquisition did not violate the laws and regulations of this state, any other state or the Federal Government." If you do obtain regulated wildlife from an "illegal" Source of Acquisition, you may be subject to penalties, fines and possible revocation of your permit.**

**If you are not certain if your Source of Acquisition has the correct current New Jersey permit to sell regulated wildlife, request a current photocopy of their commercial permit for your records. If you have any additional questions, please contact our office for more information.**



# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**



## **ANIMAL DEALER - WHOLESALE SALES**

**All Regulated Exotic and Nongame Birds Except the following Require Bands and/or Micro-chips**

**Budgerigar**

**Canary**

**Cockatiel**

**Emu**

**European Starling**

**Greater Rhea**

**House Sparrow**

**Lesser Rhea**

**Ostrich**

**Peafowl**

**Rock Dove**

**Society Finch**

**Zebra Finch**

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**Be Sure to Write the Bird Band and/or Microchip Numbers on the receipts or you will be subject to penalties, fines and/or revocation of your permit.**

**N.J.A.C. Regulation 7:25-4.6(a) 14.(k)** is as follows: "Pet shops or other establishments dealing in birds other than exempt species shall prominently display a sign visible to the public on the premises where such birds are offered for sale, which states: After December 10, 1991, only captive-bred birds or birds legally in possession pursuant to New Jersey regulations prior to December 10, 1991 may be offered for sale or purchased in New Jersey. All birds offered for sale except those exempted by New Jersey regulations, must also be marked with a band or micro-chip approved by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. To report violations, or questions, call (908) 735-5450.

# REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION ON BIRDS

The Wild Bird Act of 1991 requires that any regulated birds obtained after December 10, 1991 must be either captive bred or, if wild caught, be legally in possession prior to December 10, 1991. (See New Jersey Regulations).

**All regulated birds acquired, sold and/or transferred MUST NOW BE BANDED OR MICRO-CHIPPED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF TAKING POSSESSION.**

The regulations implementing the Wild Bird Act of 1991 became effective December 10, 1991. With reference to the marking of birds with bands or microchips, please note the following:

The Wild Bird Act of 1991 requires that any birds obtained after December 10, 1991 must be either captive bred or, if wild caught, be legally in possession prior to December 10, 1991.

Except as noted in NJAC 7:25-4.20 All regulated birds acquired, sold and/or transferred must be banded or micro-chipped.

All bird band numbers and/or micro-chip numbers must be listed on Temporary 20-day permits issued by seller to purchaser.

Birds captive-bred in NJ must be seamless (closed) banded or micro-chipped.

Birds possessed under a NJ permit prior to December 10, 1991 can remain unbanded or unmicro-chipped until the birds are sold or transferred to another person in NJ. Therefore ALL BIRDS sold or transferred must be banded or micro-chipped.

Birds brought in from outside of NJ which are not closed-banded must be butt-end (open) banded or micro-chipped upon arrival and certainly before they are sold or transferred. If such birds are not captive-bred, written documentation must be obtained showing that they were in captivity prior to December 10, 1991.

All aviculturally recognized color mutations (albino, lutino, pied, blue, etc.) plus canary, budgerigar, cockatiel, peafowl, rock dove, house sparrow, European starling, zebra and society finches, emu, ostrich, and the greater and lesser rheas are exempt from banding/micro-chipping.

Be sure that all sales or purchases are accompanied by written documentation from the seller (or transferor) indicating that the bird was either captive-bred or in captivity prior to 12/10/91. Proof of prior possession can include a New Jersey permit, original receipt, veterinary records, dated photographs, affidavits from persons with relevant knowledge, etc.

If there is a problem with banding (i.e.: veterinary, failure to close-band a nestling for a variety of reasons, etc.), please contact our office for solutions or special exemptions.

Failure to properly mark birds as above may result in penalties and forfeiture of birds. Marking information is included in your regulation information and application packets.

If you have any questions, please contact our staff at (908) 735-5450.

