

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

Title 40: Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

Part 2: Wildlife

Part 2, Chapter 1: Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

RULE 8.4 REGULATIONS FOR GAME AND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY.

A. For the purposes of this rule, game and fur-bearing animals are defined as the following: white-tailed deer, black bear, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, cottontail rabbit, swamp rabbit, raccoon, opossum, bobcat, river otter, muskrat, mink, nutria, skunk, and weasel.

B. Possession of live game and fur-bearing animals is prohibited with the following exceptions:

1. Public zoological gardens or educational institutions.
2. Licensed veterinarians who possess and hold diseased or injured animals while providing needed medical care, except that a record must be kept of animals received, name and address of the person from whom it was received, and the disposition of such animals.
3. Any person possessing or having custody of a sick or injured animal solely for the purpose of transporting the animal to a licensed veterinarian, rehabilitator, animal shelter or MDWFP officer.
4. High-fenced enclosures that contain white-tailed deer and are permitted by MDWFP as required by Part 2, Chapter 8, Rule 8.2 AND fox, coyote, and rabbit pens that are permitted by MDWFP as required by Part 2, Chapter 8, Rule 8.1.

C. All live game and fur-bearing animals discovered in captivity shall be confiscated by MDWFP. MDWFP shall transport the animal to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator or shall humanely euthanize the animal and submit samples for biological testing. Additionally, white-tailed deer inside permitted breeding pens, as defined in Part 2, Chapter 8, Rule 8.2, may be humanely euthanized by permit from MDWFP. All animals euthanized by such permit must be tested for bovine tuberculosis, brucellosis, and chronic wasting disease.

D. Animals and facilities permitted under this, or any other rule of the Commission, shall be subject to periodic inspection by any MDWFP personnel to determine if the animals are being held and maintained in accordance with the provisions of this rule, or any other rule of the Commission, and the requirements of the MDWFP issued permit.

E. No provisions of this rule shall authorize any person to keep in captivity any live animal in violation of any city or county ordinance.

History: Revised September 2016

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, 49-1-41

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Public Notice 2877 is hereby amended:

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B. ~~Be it further ordered that p~~ Possession of live game and fur-bearing animals is prohibited except as provided by this rule. with the following exceptions:

C. ~~Be it further ordered that permits for the possession of game and fur bearing animals will be issued to private individuals only if they meet the following conditions:~~

~~1. Individuals must make application for a permit on or before April 1, 1989, and shall have 6 months from date of issue to comply with all permit requirements.~~

~~2. Captive game or fur bearing animals for which application has been made must have been in private possession on or before the effective date of this rule.~~

~~3. Permittees must sign a statement agreeing to abide by all conditions of the permit. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to the following:~~

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~~E. No permitted animals shall be allowed to breed and produce offspring. Any offspring of permitted animals shall be reported within 5 days to the MDWFP and surrendered to the MDWFP upon weaning.~~

~~F. Permittees will inform the MDWFP within 5 days of escape or death of any permitted animal.~~

~~G. Permitted animals shall not be sold, offered for sale, bartered or transferred to other individuals without prior written approval of the MDWFP. Permitted animals may not be moved from the site designated on the permit without prior written approval of the MDWFP except that permitted animals may be transported for veterinary care.~~

~~H. The permittee shall execute a statement in writing to hold harmless and indemnify the MDWFP for any claim or expense including attorney's fees and litigation costs due to harm, damage or injury caused by permitted animals.~~

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