



Guidelines and application form for new applicants to keep exotic animals in travelling circuses and temporary exhibits under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* in South Australia

General information

In accordance with a national risk management approach recommended by the Natural Resources Management Standing Committee, the government of South Australia restricts the keeping of certain exotic vertebrate animals because of their threat to agriculture, the environment and public safety.

The [Declaration of Animals and Plants](#) (pursuant to section 185 of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (Landscape SA Act)) lists the provisions of the Landscape SA Act that apply to each species of exotic vertebrate animal. A permit is required to keep any animal where provision 187 is listed.

Permits are issued to facilities on the basis of their ability to manage the risk associated with keeping a species which is restricted because of its high pest potential. To be considered for a permit, the facility must show:

- it can provide a high level of community benefit through public education, demonstrating commitment with a management and interpretation plan;
- it can effectively manage the risk of keeping high pest potential or high value conservation species;
- it is open for public visitation on a regular basis;
- it makes a recognisable contribution to research or conservation

Decisions on the import, keeping and movement of exotic animals are made in the public interest. Because of the threat posed by some species, the benefit derived from their keeping is clearly outweighed by the potential impact they would cause. The benefit to be gained from exotic vertebrates being kept by members of the public in South Australia will not be promoted over the public benefit of the species not being in South Australia (or being kept in appropriate facilities here), due to their potential impacts on environmental, economic and social values, including public safety.

The risk of keeping high pest potential species is managed by ensuring that permits are only issued to facilities that demonstrate extremely high standards of physical security, staff

expertise, housing and animal management. A permit issued under the Landscape SA Act relates to the security and safety associated with the keeping of exotic animals and only applies to those species listed on the official record of stock covered by the permit.

Safety and security

Facilities must comply with a range of conditions for safety and security to keep exotic animals. The government may place additional specific conditions in relation to the keeping of a species to ensure that the risk of escape and threat to public safety is minimised. Facilities may also be subject to controls under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* if they are holding imported animals. They may require registration by the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service as well as obtaining a permit from the Government of South Australia.

The applicant must ensure that cage design and construction are adequate and appropriate for each species in accordance with any provision under the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* and any subordinate legislation to the *Animal Welfare Act*. Advice on animal welfare may be sought from the RSPCA or The Office of Animal Welfare (Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources). Statutory and private zoos may also be able to provide specific advice in relation to cage design and animal welfare considerations such as behavioural enrichment, privacy areas, shelter etc. All correspondence or verbal advice must be referenced in the application.

Applications

Detailed specifications and plans for enclosures must be submitted by the applicant. Biosecurity SA may grant tentative approval to keep exotic animals on the basis of a plan, but final approval will only be granted after the construction of the enclosure is completed and inspected by an authorised officer under the Landscape SA Act.

For any further information relating to the application for a permit to keep exotic animals, please contact Kate Fielder on Kate.Fielder@sa.gov.au or 08-8429-2546.

Fees

Fees for a permit application are charged based on the Landscape South Australia (Fees) Notice 2020. In certain circumstances these fees may be waived.

Biosecurity SA may for the purposes of section 197(8)(b) of the LSA Act request a payment for security for compliance with any condition of a permit.

Right of appeal

A person who has applied for a permit under Section 197 of the Landscape SA Act may appeal to the ERD Court against a decision of the relevant authority to refuse the application, or to impose particular conditions.



Application for a permit to keep exotic animals under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*

If there is insufficient space, answers may be continued on a separate sheet and should be signed and attached. Photographs and in-scale plans can be used to support your application. Please refer to these attachments on the application form.

All Parts must be completed by all applicants.

Please read the application form in full prior to completing it. This will ensure you have all relevant information and still wish to proceed with the application.

PART A – GENERAL (must be completed for all applications)

1. In accordance with Section 197 of the *Landscape South Australian Act 2019*, I/We (*insert name and address of applicant/s*) hereby apply for approval to temporarily keep exotic animals that are listed on the declared animal list in South Australia.
2. Do you hold a permit to keep this animal(s) at an approved site in South Australia?
☐ Yes – permit number _____ Proceed to Q.7.
☐ No
3. The applicant is:
☐ The owner of the business
☐ The manager of the business
4. What type of organisation is applying for the permit – tick one only
☐ Corporation
☐ Incorporated Association
☐ Partnership
☐ Individual
☐ Government Authority

When applicable to the above:

Registered business trading name: _____
Registered business address: _____
ABN or ACN: _____

Name of corporation or incorporated association: _____

Date of incorporation: _____

5. The applicant(s)

	Applicant 1	Applicant 2
Name		
Address		
Suburb		
Postcode		
Date of birth		
Place of birth		
Phone number		
Email address		

For additional applicants, please attach the above details to the application.

6. The manager(s)

If you will employ a manager to be responsible for the animals covered by this application, complete the table below.

	Manager 1	Manager 2
Name		
Address		
Suburb		
Postcode		
Date of birth		
Place of birth		
Phone number		
Email address		

For additional managers, please attach the above details to the application.

7. Have any of the applicants or managers ever been found guilty of any offences relating to the regulation of animals, or had any application for an authorisation (whether described as a licence, approval or permit) under any Act or Charter relating to the regulation of animals refused, suspended or cancelled?

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. Public liability insurance

Attach details of the public liability insurance policy which would cover your establishment if this application is approved.

9. Date of arrival into South Australia (for interstate applicants) _____

10. Date of departure from South Australia (for interstate applicants) _____

11. Attach a detailed itinerary for your stay in South Australia.

12. Describe the security measures that will be in place during each 24 hour period. Is a resident caretaker at the temporary exhibition site at all times?

13. Related licences

Tick any other relevant approvals you currently hold, and add approval number where applicable:

☐ Permits or licences under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* - _____

☐ PIC under the *Livestock Act 1997* - _____

☐ Other - _____

14. Provide details of relevant experience, qualifications and training of those persons responsible for making animal management decisions and those persons involved in animal handling. Attach a CV for each individual where possible.

15. Provide reference or nominate referees in support of this information.

16. Provide details of the training provided to ensure the relevant expertise and skills of your staff.

17. Will your organisation use volunteers?

☐ Yes – in what capacity -

☐ No

PART B – ANIMAL SPECIES (must be completed for all applications)

18. List the species of animal you are applying to keep (include sex and number).

19. Describe the enclosure for each species of animal, including dimensions, construction materials and all measures made to prevent the escape or theft of the animal.

20. List any additional holding or handling facilities, transport cages or other containments that may be used for the management of this animal.

21. Provide details or any consultancy arrangements for your veterinary care. State where any veterinary procedure will take place.

22. Detail or attach your escape contingency plan for the exotic animal you propose to keep.

23. Describe the animal identification systems which will be utilised to correspond with the animal's records.

24. Do staff have the appropriate licences, training and equipment for the capture or destruction of the exotic animal in an emergency or escape scenario? Describe what procedures would be undertaken in the event of an escape.

25. Describe how this animal supports your public exhibition and/or education objectives.

26. Explain why a native animal or a declared animal that does not require a permit cannot be used to deliver this message.

27. Will the animal be confined to a display, or used in a public encounter or handling activity where it will be removed from its primary enclosure? If the animal is to be removed from its enclosure, where will it go? Please detail all measures taken to prevent its escape. *Note: exotic animals are generally not permitted to be used in mobile displays. Please contact Biosecurity SA: Invasive Species Unit if you wish to discuss this further.*

28. Have the premises been approved by the local council for the public display of the exotic animals listed in this application?

- ☐ Yes - local council is _____
- ☐ No

29. Will the animal display establishment have regular opening hours?

- ☐ Yes - complete table below
- ☐ No – explain why not _____

DAY	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		

Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

30. Describe what measures will be taken to protect the general public from any animals. Describe the placement of stand-off barriers, warning signs etc.

31. Note that Animal Health requirements may apply to the movement of water buffalo and other livestock species. Check with your local Primary and Industries and Regions (PIRSA) office about the following:

- Application for a PIC
- Health certificates for movement of livestock interstate
- Issue of tail tags and registration of the property

PART C – DECLARATION (must be completed for all applications)

We/I declare that all reasonable care has been taken to provide accurate information in the completion of this application form.

Applicant 1 _____ Date: _____

Signed

Applicant 2 _____ Date: _____

Signed

Office use only			
Date received		Species	
Outcome		Species 1 class	
Permit number		Species 2 class	