

Animal Protection and Control Act: restricted animal permits

Overview

The *Animal Protection and Control Act*, which took effect in early 2024, outlines permitting requirements for certain individuals or groups to ensure the care and control of animals in their possession.

Effective April 5, 2025, anyone owning an animal of a restricted species will require a restricted species permit to possess this type of animal.

Those interested in owning restricted species may apply for a permit to own. Permit conditions vary with species (such as requirement for the animal to be captive bred, or have specific care, confinement or treatment standards).

- Permits are subject to a \$150 application fee.
- Permitted animals will receive an individual ID and the permit does not expire but is not transferable.

List of restricted species requiring a permit

If you are unsure if an animal needs a permit, check the list or contact the [Animal Health Unit](#) to confirm.

Amphibians

- Frogs and Toads (Order Anura, all species except those listed in Schedule 4)
- Salamanders (Order Caudata, all species except those listed in Schedule 4)

Birds

- Cockatoos (Superfamily Cacatuoidea, all species)
- Falconiformes (Order Falconiformes, all species)
- Macaws (Genera *Ara*, *Anodorhynchus*, *Cyanopsitta*, *Primolius*, *Orthopsittaca* and *Diopsittaca*, all species)
- True Parrots (Superfamily Psittacoidea, all species)

Family Columbidae

- Diamond Dove (*Geopelia cuneata*)
- Ringed Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia risoria*)
- Ring-necked Dove (*Streptopelia capicola*)



Family Numididae

- Black Guinea fowl (*Agelastes niger*)
- Crested Guinea fowl (*Guttera pucherani edouardi*)
- Helmeted Guinea fowl (*Numida meleagris*)
- Kenya Guinea fowl (*Guttera pucherani*)
- Plumed Guinea fowl (*Guttera plumifera*)
- Vulturine Guinea fowl (*Acryllium vulturinum*)
- White-breasted Guinea fowl (*Agelastes meleagrides*)

Family Odontophoridae

- Northern Bobwhite Quail (*Colinus virginianus*)

Family Phasianidae

- Blue-eared Pheasant (*Crossoptilon auritum*)
- Common Peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*)
- European Migratory Quail (*Coturnix coturnix*)
- Golden Pheasant (*Chrysolophus pictus*)
- Grey Junglefowl (*Gallus sonneratii*)
- Koklass Pheasant (*Pucrasia macrolopha*)
- Lady Amherst's Pheasant (*Chrysolophus amherstiae*)
- Red Junglefowl (*Gallus gallus*)
- Reeves's Pheasant (*Symaticus reevesii*)
- Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*)

Mammals

- Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)
- Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*)
- Wallaroo (*Macropus robustus*)

Reptiles

- Chameleons (Family Chamaeleonidae), all species except:
 - Bearded Pygmy Chameleon (*Rieppeleon brachyurus*)
 - Carpet Chameleon (*Furcifer lateralis*)
 - Coarse Chameleon (*Trioceros rudis*)
 - Jackson's Chameleon (*Trioceros jacksonii*)
 - Kenya Pygmy Chameleon (*Rieppeleon kerstenii*)
 - Malagasy Giant Chameleon (*Furcifer oustaleti*)



- Panther Chameleon (*Furcifer pardalis*)
 - Side-striped Chameleon (*Trioceros bitaeniatus*)
 - Spiny Chameleon (*Furcifer verrucosus*)
 - Veiled Chameleon (*Chamaeleo calyptratus*)
 - West Usambara Two-horned Chameleon (*Kinyongia multituberculata*)
- Tortoises (Order Testudines), all species except:
 - Hermann's Tortoise (*Testudo hermanni*)
 - Red-footed Tortoise (*Chelonoidis carbonaria*)
- Turtles (Order Testudines), all species except:
 - Common Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina*)

Family Boidae

- Boa Constrictor (*Boa constrictor*)
- Emerald Tree Boa (*Corallus caninus*)

Family Colubridae

- Indigo Snake (*Drymarchon couperi*)

Family Pythonidae

- Black-headed Python (*Aspidites melanocephalus*)
- Blood Python (*Python brongersmai*)
- Darwin Carpet Python (*Morelia spilota variegata*)
- Green Tree Python (*Morelia viridis*)
- Jungle Carpet Python (*Morelia spilota cheynei*)
- Short-tailed Python (*Python curtus*)
- Woma Python (*Aspidites ramsayi*)

Family Teiidae

- Argentine Black and White Tegu (*Salvator merianae*)
- Argentine Red Tegu (*Salvator rufescens*)

Fish

- Asian Arowana (*Scleropages formosus*)
- Black Shark (*Labeo chrysophekadion*)



- Goliath Tigerfish (*Hydrocynus goliath*)
- Oscar (*Astronotus ocellatus*)
- Red Piranha (*Pygocentrus nattereri*)
- Red-bellied Pacu (*Colossoma bidens*)
- Silver Arowana (*Osteoglossum bicirrhosum*)

Arachnids

- Scorpions (Order Scorpiones, all species)
- Tarantulas (Family Theraphosidae, all species)

More information

Restricted species are designated by the [Animal and Species Regulation](#) under the [Animal Protection and Control Act](#).

If you have questions, contact the Animal Health Unit at animalhealth@yukon.ca or 867-667-5600.

