

CEO LICENSING GUIDELINES TO SUPPORT THE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

FAUNA POSSESSING (DISPLAY) LICENCE

1. Legislative Basis for this Guideline

- 1.1. Regulation 10 of the Biodiversity Conservation Regulations provides that the CEO may issue licensing guidelines in relation to the licensing scheme in Part 4 of the regulations, and that these may be made as necessary or convenient.
- 1.2. Regulation 13(k) provides for a *Fauna possessing (display) licence* and Regulation 16 outlines the matter that a fauna possessing licence may include.
- 1.3. Regulation 33 states that “*a fauna possessing (display) licence authorises the holder of the licence to possess fauna for the purposes of display for conservation or education*”.
- 1.4. This licence is required whenever fauna is displayed or exhibited for education or conservation purposes. This includes but is not limited to zoos (except Perth Zoo); wildlife parks; education facilities; or mobile displays. If the fauna is to be displayed or exhibited for other purposes, then this may be authorised in some circumstances under another licence.

2. Purpose of this Guideline

- 2.1. The purpose of this guideline is to specify the matters that will be considered during the assessment of an application for a fauna possessing (display) licence. In addition, this guideline specifies the circumstances under which the CEO may or may not issue the licence or a class of licence, and other matters relevant to the assessment criteria or assessment process for a fauna possessing (display) licence.

3. Licence Categories

- 3.1. Licences to display fauna can be issued as standard or advanced licences.
- 3.2. The species that are approved to be held under a standard or advanced licence for the purpose of display are at Appendix 1.
- 3.3. A **standard** licence is required when fauna that is being displayed, meets all the following criteria:
 - 3.3.1. not threatened fauna or specially protected fauna;
 - 3.3.2. the fauna is listed as a permitted organism in the exempt keeping category on the Western Australian Organisms List, maintained by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (www.agric.wa.gov.au/organisms);
 - 3.3.3. the species is not likely to be the subject of illegal trade and is not likely to be illegally taken from the wild;
 - 3.3.4. the species is resilient to handling and to being kept in captivity;
 - 3.3.5. the fauna does not have special feeding or housing requirements;
 - 3.3.6. the fauna is not dangerous to human health or wellbeing; and

- 3.3.7. the species does not represent a biosecurity risk.
- 3.4. An **advanced** licence is required when displaying threatened native fauna species that meet any of the following criteria:
 - 3.4.1. the species is listed as threatened fauna or specially protected fauna;
 - 3.4.2. the species has special keeping requirements or keeping requirements are not adequately known;
 - 3.4.3. the species poses risk to human health or wellbeing, or biosecurity; or
 - 3.4.4. the species has a high economic value, may be the subject of illegal trade and is likely to be at risk of being taken from the wild.
- 3.5. Applications can be made for static displays, mobile displays, or static and mobile components.
- 3.6. Fauna possessing (display) licences may be issued for one year or three years, or for specific periods for temporary displays.

4. Application Process

- 4.1. A new application should be submitted at least 20 business days prior to the date on which the activity is proposed to commence.
- 4.2. An applicant must complete both forms listed below, provide any or all documentation required by these forms and pay the relevant fee:
 - 4.2.1. *Fauna Possessing (Display) Licence Application Form*, which must be filled in, assessed and approved prior to the applicant requesting any fauna. This form is used to assess the proposed display of fauna for conservation or educational purposes, and the applicant's suitability as a licence holder. This form is also required to be completed by existing licensees who are renewing their display licence; and
 - 4.2.2. *Fauna Acquisition Form*, which must be completed for each species proposed to be acquired under the Fauna possessing (display) licence. Part A is required for standard species; Parts A and B are required for advanced species.
- 4.3. Fees are applicable to new applications, renewal applications and licences. An inspection fee may also be applied if an inspection is required prior to approval being given, to assess the suitability of the facility or specific housing infrastructure.
- 4.4. Most new applications will be determined within 20 business days of receipt of a complete and correct application and the required fee.
- 4.5. Should an application require special consideration, the applicant will be kept informed regarding the progress of their application.
- 4.6. If an application is unsuccessful, the applicant will be informed and reasons for the decision will be provided.

5. Assessment Criteria

The following criteria must be met or demonstrated in the application.

- 5.1. The applicant must:
 - 5.1.1. provide proof of identity;
 - 5.1.2. be a resident of Australia;
 - 5.1.3. be over 18 years of age; and
 - 5.1.4. not have any relevant wildlife convictions or related offences.
- 5.2. The applicant (or applicant's employees) must demonstrate appropriate skills and experience in handling and caring for the animals, including knowledge of the relevant species' ecology, behaviour and resource needs.
- 5.3. The applicant must demonstrate the display has:
 - 5.3.1. clear conservation or education purpose;
 - 5.3.2. clear justification for the use of the live animals and that there are no alternatives;
 - 5.3.3. that only the minimum number of animals necessary to achieve the purpose are used; and
 - 5.3.4. techniques are employed to minimise potential animal welfare impacts.
- 5.4. The applicant must have considered the draft Australian Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Exhibited Animals and can demonstrate how the facilities and practices address the standards.
- 5.5. Access to veterinary care.
- 5.6. That the risk of escape of the animals to be displayed is minimised.
- 5.7. That the risk to human safety from the animals displayed is minimised, including where animals may be handled by humans.
- 5.8. Animals will not be considered or approved for a *Fauna possessing (display) licence* if:
 - 5.8.1. the species is not currently on the 'approved for authorised display' species list;
 - 5.8.2. the animal was not acquired lawfully; or
 - 5.8.3. the animal is sick, injured or disfigured; or
 - 5.8.4. the applicant has not provided enough information to address the criteria in the application form.
- 5.9. Standard conditions will apply to this licence. Additional conditions may be added as required, based on activities proposed and information provided in the application, including for example, limitations to the number of animals or species that can be possessed under the licence.
- 5.10. Breeding of fauna held under a *Fauna possessing (display) licence* is prohibited unless a management plan for breeding and progeny has been developed and approved as a Fauna Breeding Plan by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

6. Records, Returns and Renewals

- 6.1. The licensee must maintain records detailing acquisition and disposal details (including births, deaths and escapes) for all fauna on this licence using the approved forms.
- 6.2. All records must be entered as they occur and must be made available to a DBCA wildlife officer on request. These records must be submitted as returns annually within 15 days of the date of issue of the licence and a final return must be submitted within 15 days of the expiry of this licence. Returns must be submitted to DBCA's Wildlife Licensing Section.
- 6.3. A record must also be kept, and submitted annually, of all mobile displays.

Appendix 1

Common Name	Species Name	Category - Standard (S) or Advanced (A)
AMPHIBIANS		
Green Tree Frog	<i>Litoria caerulea</i>	S
Motorbike Frog	<i>Litoria moorei</i>	S
Splendid Tree Frog	<i>Litoria splendida</i>	S
REPTILES		
Banded Knob-Tail	<i>Nephrurus wheeleri</i>	S
Black-Headed Python	<i>Aspidites melanocephalus</i>	A
Blotched Blue-Tongue	<i>Tiliqua nigrolutea</i>	S
Bobtail	<i>Tiliqua rugosa</i>	S
Brown Tree Snake	<i>Boiga irregularis</i>	A
Bungarra, Sand Goanna	<i>Varanus gouldii</i>	A
Bynoe's Gecko	<i>Heteronotia binoei</i>	S
Carpet Python	<i>Morelia spilota</i>	S
Central Blue-Tongue	<i>Tiliqua multifasciata</i>	S
Centralian Carpet Snake	<i>Morelia bredli</i>	S
Centralian Knob-Tailed Gecko	<i>Nephrurus amyaee</i>	S
Childrens Python	<i>Antaresia childreni</i>	S
Common Brown Snake	<i>Pseudonaja textilis</i>	A
Crowned Snake	<i>Elapognathus coronatus</i>	S
Desert Death Adder	<i>Acanthophis pyrrhus</i>	A
Dugite	<i>Pseudonaja affinis</i>	A
Eastern Blue-Tongue	<i>Tiliqua scincoides</i>	S
Flat-Shelled Tortoise	<i>Chelodina steindachneri</i>	S
Fraser's Delma	<i>Delma fraseri</i>	S
Freshwater Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus johnstoni</i>	A
Frill-Necked Lizard	<i>Chlamydosaurus kingii</i>	S
Gwardar, Northern Brown Snake	<i>Pseudonaja nuchalis</i>	A
Heath Goanna	<i>Varanus rosenbergi</i>	S
King Skink	<i>Egernia kingii</i>	S
Lake Cronin Snake	<i>Paroplocephalus atriceps</i>	S
Loggerhead Turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	A
Long-Nosed Dragon	<i>Gowidon longirostris</i>	S
Marbled Velvet Gecko	<i>Oedura marmorata</i>	S
Merten's Water Monitor	<i>Varanus mertensi</i>	S
Mitchell's Water Monitor	<i>Varanus mitchelli</i>	S
Mulga Snake	<i>Pseudechis australis</i>	A
Northern Death Adder	<i>Acanthophis praelongus</i>	A
Northern Long-Necked Turtle	<i>Chelodina burrungandjii</i>	S

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Northern Red-Faced Turtle	<i>Emydura victoriae</i>	S
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Northern Snapping Turtle	<i>Elseya dentata</i>	S
Northern Spiny-Tailed Gecko	<i>Strophurus ciliaris</i>	S
Oblong Turtle, Northern Snake-Necked Turtle	<i>Chelodina colliei</i> , <i>Chelodina oblonga</i>	S
Olive Python	<i>Liasis olivaceus</i>	A
Olive Seasnake	<i>Aipysurus laevis</i>	A
Ornate Crevice Dragon	<i>Ctenophorus ornatus</i>	S
Perentie	<i>Varanus giganteus</i>	A
Pilbara Death Adder	<i>Acanthophis wellsi</i>	A
Pygmy Python	<i>Antaresia perthensis</i>	S
Racehorse Goanna	<i>Varanus tristis tristis</i>	S
Rough-Scaled Python	<i>Morelia carinata</i>	A
Saltwater Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>	A
Shark Bay Sea Snake	<i>Aipysurus pooleorum</i>	A
Side-Barred Delma	<i>Delma grayii</i>	S
Southern Death Adder	<i>Acanthophis antarcticus</i>	A
Soft Spiny-Tailed Gecko	<i>Strophurus spinigerus</i>	S
Southern Barking Gecko	<i>Underwoodisaurus milii</i>	S
Southern Pygmy Spiny-Tailed Skink	<i>Egernia depressa</i>	S
South-Western Crevice-Skink	<i>Egernia napoleonis</i>	S
Spiny-Tailed Goanna	<i>Varanus acanthurus</i>	S
Spotted Mulga Snake	<i>Pseudechis butleri</i>	A
Spotted Python	<i>Antaresia maculosa</i>	S
Stripe-Tailed Monitor	<i>Varanus caudolineatus</i>	S
Stimson's Python	<i>Antaresia stimsoni</i>	S
Ta-Ta, Gilbert's Dragon	<i>Lophognathus gilberti</i>	S
Tiger Snake	<i>Notechis scutatus</i>	A
Water Python	<i>Liasis mackloti</i>	S
Western Ring-Tailed Dragon	<i>Ctenophorus caudicinctus</i>	S
Western Bearded Dragon	<i>Pogona minor minor</i>	S
Western Bluetongue	<i>Tiliqua occipitalis</i>	S
Western Netted Dragon	<i>Ctenophorus reticulatus</i>	S
Woma	<i>Aspidites ramsayi</i>	A
Yellow-Spotted Monitor	<i>Varanus panoptes</i>	A
BIRDS		
Australian Bustard	<i>Ardeotis australis</i>	S
Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>	A
Australian Kestrel (Nankeen Kestrel)	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	A

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Australian Magpie	Cracticus tibicen	S
Australian Masked Owl (Masked Owl)	Tyto novaehollandiae	A
Australian Pelican	Pelecanus conspicillatus	S
Australian Ringneck	Platycercus zonarius	S
Australian Shelduck (Mountain Duck)	Tadorna tadornoides	S
Australian Wood Duck (Wood Duck, Maned Duck)	Chenonetta jubata	S
Banded Lapwing	Vanellus tricolor	S
Barn Owl	Tyto alba	A
Barking Owl	Ninox connivens	A
Bar-Shouldered Dove	Geopelia humeralis	S
Baudin's Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus baudinii	A
Beach Stone-Curlew, Beach Thick-Knee	Esacus magnirostris	S
Black-Breasted Buzzard	Hamirostra melanosternon	A
Black-Faced Cuckoo-Shrike	Coracina novaehollandiae	S
Black Falcon	Falco subniger	A
Black Kite	Milvus migrans	S
Black-Necked Stork	Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus	S
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	S
Black-Winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	A
Blue-Faced Honeyeater	Melithreptus cyanotis	S
Blue-Winged Kookaburra	Dacelo leachii	S
Bourke's Parrot	Neophema bourkii	S
Brahminy Kite	Haliastur indus	A
Brown Falcon	Falco berigora	A
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus	A
Brown Quail	Coturnix ypsilophora	S
Brush Bronzewing	Phaps elegans	S
Budgerigar	Melopsittacus undulatus	S
Buff-Banded Rail	Gallirallus philippensis	S
Bush Stone-Curlew (Bush Thick-Knee)	Burhinus grallarius	S
Butler's Corella	Cacatus pastinator butleri	S
Carnaby's Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus latirostris	A
Cattle Egret	Ardea ibis	S
Chestnut-Breasted Mannikin	Lonchura castaneothorax	S
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea	S
Cockatiel	Nymphicus hollandicus	S
Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrocephalus	A
Common Bronzewing	Phaps chalcoptera	S
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes	S

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Crested Tern, Greater Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>	A
Crimson Finch	<i>Neochmia phaeton</i>	S
Diamond Dove	<i>Geopelia cuneata</i>	S
Double-Barred Finch	<i>Taeniopygia bichenovii</i>	S
Eastern Grass Owl	<i>Tyto longimembris</i>	A
Eastern Long-Billed Corella	<i>Cacatua tenuirostris</i>	S
Elegant Parrot	<i>Neophema elegans</i>	S
Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	S
Emu	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	S
Flock Bronzewing (Flock Pigeon)	<i>Phaps histrionica</i>	S
Forest Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo	<i>Calyptorhynchus banksii naso</i>	A
Galah	<i>Cacatua roseicapilla</i>	S
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	S
Gouldian Finch	<i>Erythrura gouldiae</i>	S
Grey Currawong	<i>Strepera versicolor</i>	S
Grey Goshawk, Variable Goshawk	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>	A
Grey Falcon	<i>Falco hypoleucos</i>	A
Grey Teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>	S
Grey Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	S
Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>	S
King Quail	<i>Excalfactoria chinensis</i>	S
Laughing Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	S
Little Corella	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	S
Little Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus morphnoides</i>	A
Little Penguin	<i>Eudyptula minor</i>	A
Long-Tailed Finch	<i>Poephila acuticauda</i>	S
Magpie Goose, Pied Goose	<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>	S
Major Mitchell Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua leadbeateri</i>	A
Malleefowl	<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>	A
Masked Finch	<i>Poephila personata</i>	S
Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	S
Muir's Corella	<i>Cacatua pastinator pastinator</i>	S
Mulga Parrot	<i>Platycercus varius</i>	S
Nankeen Night Heron (Rufous Night Heron)	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	A
Naretha Blue Bonnet	<i>Platycercus narethae</i>	A
Northern Rosella	<i>Platycercus venustus</i>	S
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	A
Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	S
Painted Firetail	<i>Emblema pictum</i>	S

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Peaceful Dove	Geopelia striata placida	S
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	A
Pied Butcherbird	Cracticus nigrogularis	S
Plumed Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna eytoni	S
Princess Parrot	Polytelis alexandrae	S
Purple-Crowned Lorikeet	Parvipsitta porphyrocephala	S
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	S
Recherche Cape Barren Goose	Cereopsis novaehollandiae grisea	A
Radjah Shelduck (Raja Shelduck)	Tadorna radjah	S
Rainbow Lorikeet	Trichoglossus moluccanus	S
Red-Backed Fairy-Wren	Malurus melanocephalus	S
Red-Browed Finch	Neochmia temporalis	S
Red-Capped Parrot	Platycercus spurius	S
Red-Collared Lorikeet	Trichoglossus rubritorquis	S
Red-Eared Firetail	Stagonopleura oculata	S
Red-Winged Parrot	Aprosmictus erythropterus	S
Regent Parrot	Polytelis anthopeplus	S
Rose-Crowned Fruit-Dove	Ptilinopus regina	S
Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus	S
Scarlet-Chested Parrot	Neophema splendida	S
Silver Gull	Larus novaehollandiae	S
Southern Boobook	Ninox boobook boobook	A
Splendid Fairy-Wren	Malurus splendens	S
Spotted Harrier	Circus assimilis	A
Spinifex Pigeon	Geophaps plumifera	S
Square-Tailed Kite	Hamirostra isura	A
Star Finch	Neochmia ruficauda	S
Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo	Cacatua galerita	S
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides	A
Torres Strait Pigeon, Torresian Imperial Pigeon	Ducula bicolor spilorrhoea	S
Varied Lorikeet	Trichoglossus versicolour	S
Wandering Whistling Duck (Chestnut Whistling Duck)	Dendrocygna arcuata	S
Wedge-Tailed Eagle	Aquila audax	S
Western Rosella	Platycercus icterotis	S
Whistling Kite	Haliastur sphenurus	A
White-Bellied Sea-Eagle	Haliaeetus leucogaster	A
White-Browed Woodswallow	Artamus superciliosus	S
White-Faced Heron	Ardea novaehollandiae	S
White-Winged Fairy-Wren	Malurus leucopterus	S

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Zebra Finch	Taeniopygia guttata	S
MAMMALS		
Agile Wallaby	Notamacropus agilis nigriscens	S
Antilopine Wallaroo	Osphranter antilopinus	S
Bilby, Dalgyte	Macrotis lagotis	A
Black Flying-Fox	Pteropus alecto gouldii	A
Black-Footed Tree-Rat	Mesembriomys gouldii gouldii	A
Brush-Tailed Bettong, Woylie	Bettongia penicillata ogilbyi	A
Burrowing Bettong, Boodie	Bettongia lesueur lesueur	A
Euro, Biggada	Osphranter robustus	S
Koomal	Trichosurus vulpecula hypoleucus	S
Little Red Flying-Fox	Pteropus scapulatus	A
Northern Natiltail Wallaby, Karrabul	Onychogalea unguifera unguifera	A
Northern Brushtail Possum	Trichosurus vulpecula arnhemensis	A
Northern Quoll	Dasyurus hallucatus	A
Quenda	Isoodon fusciventer	S
Quokka	Setonix brachyurus	A
Red Kangaroo, Marlu	Osphranter rufus	S
Shark Bay Bandicoot, Little Marl	Perameles bougainville	A
Short-Beaked Echidna	Tachyglossus aculeatus acanthion	S
Southern Hairy-Nosed Wombat	Lasiorhinus latifrons	A
Sugar Glider	Petaurus breviceps ariel	A
Tammar	Notamacropus eugenii derbianus	S
Western Grey Kangaroo	Macropus fuliginosus melanops	S
Western Pygmy-Possum, Mundarda	Cercartetus concinnus	A
Western Ringtail Possum	Pseudocheirus occidentalis	A