

THE WILD ANIMALS LAW, 1963 No.16 of 1963

THE WILD ANIMALS (CAPTIVE ANIMALS) REGULATIONS, 1975

Date of Commencement : (15th APRIL, 1975)

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 52 of the Wild Animals Law, 1963 Cap.140 of the 1963 Laws, the following regulations are hereby made by the Executive Council of the North-Eastern State of Nigeria:-

**Title and
Commencement.**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Wild Animals (Captive Animals) Regulations, 1975 and shall come into operation on the 15th day of April, 1975.

**General
prohibition.**

2. No person or persons shall keep in captivity any live prohibited animal, specially protected animal, protected animal or exotic animal without a licence to do so issued in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

**Captive
animal
licence.**

3. (1) The Permanent Secretary may issue a Captive Animal Licence in the form set out in the Schedule empowering the holder to keep in captivity any live prohibited animal, specially protected animal, protected animal or exotic animal.

(2) A licence issued under this regulation shall be valid for one year.

(3) The fee for a licence issued under this regulation shall be determined according to the following provisions -

(a) the fee payable in respect of a live prohibited animal kept in captivity shall be one hundred naira;

(b) the fee payable in respect of a live specially protected animal or protected animal kept in captivity shall be equal to one half of the current hunting licence fee for that species of animal as specified in the Second Schedule of the Wild Animals (Hunting Licences) Regulations, 1975.

(c) the fee payable in respect of a live exotic animal kept in captivity shall be twenty naira.

Right to refuse licence.

4. The Permanent Secretary may refuse to issue a licence under regulation 3 if in his opinion the applicant cannot or will not make adequate provisions for the health of an animal.

Right to revoke licence.

5. The Permanent Secretary may at any time revoke a licence issued under these regulations if in his opinion the licensee is not making adequate provisions for the health and welfare of an animal.

Transfer of captive animal.

6. Whenever any live prohibited animal, specially protected animal, protected animal or exotic animal is transferred to another person, the transferer shall, before transferring the captive animal, ensure that the transferee is in possession of a valid licence to possess such live animal in accordance with these regulations.

Issue of duplicate licence.

7. Where the holder of a licence issued under these regulations shall satisfy the Permanent Secretary that his licence has been lost or destroyed, the Permanent Secretary may issue a duplicate licence valid only for the remainder of the term of the original licence on payment of a fee of two naira.

Penalties.

8. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with regulations 2 or 6 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred naira or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

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CAPTIVE ANIMAL LICENCE

This permit authorises the holder to be in possession of the captive animal listed below for a period of twelve months provided that -

- (a) adequate provisions are made for the health and welfare of the animal;
- (b) if the animal is transferred to another person, the transferee shall be in possession of a valid licence to possess such live animal.

Name of holder _____
Address of holder _____
Captive Animal Licence No. _____ Date of issue _____
Issued by _____
Revenue Receipt No. _____ Date _____
Species of Animal _____
Sex/Age _____
Date obtained _____
Date died/transferred _____