

What type of Permit do I need?

Website: FW.KY.GOV, Wildlife Tab, Special Permits

Do you plan to possess wildlife?

If yes, for what purpose?

Pets

Native Kentucky species-Non-Commercial Captive Wildlife Permit needed before possession
Exotic species-no captive wildlife permit needed

Propagate native wildlife for sell/commercial business-Commercial Captive Wildlife Permit

Exhibit native wildlife for commercial purposes-Commercial Captive Wildlife Permit

Exhibit exotic wildlife for commercial purposes- No Captive Wildlife Permit needed

Care of injured/ill/orphaned wildlife

Wildlife rehabilitation permit-Required to return animals to wild- not keep as pets

Remove Nuisance animals for commercial purposes

Commercial Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator permit

Train dogs to chase foxes and coyotes-Commercial Foxhound Training Enclosure

Collect wildlife for scientific research-Scientific Research Collection Permit

Collect wildlife for educational purposes-Educational Collection Permit

Possess White-tailed deer (cervids) for commercial purposes-Captive Cervid Permit

Transport Cervids into KY Can only be brought in from Indiana

A transportation permit and Captive Cervid Permit from both KDFWR and KDA are required

Hold an event at a Wildlife Management Area-Wildlife Mgmt. Area Use Permit

Release and shoot captive reared bobwhite on private land-Bobwhite Quail Shoot to Train

Dog training and shooting of captive-reared quail- Dog Training Area Permit

Shoot live pen-raised birds on WMA -Shoot to Retrieve Field Trial Permit

Commercial shooting preserve- Shooting Area Permit

Operate a business in which animals are held or propagated in captivity and released to be taken by hunters

Use birds of prey for hunting- Falconry Permit

Propagate raptors-USFWS Raptor Propagation Permit

Sell native raptors-Commercial Captive Wildlife Permit

Guide hunters/fishermen for commercial purposes-Commercial Guide License

Possess baby wildlife found in the wild- No permit allowed-Prohibited

Using a Wildlife Management Area for an event- Wildlife Mgmt. Area Use Permit

Non-commercial Foxhound Training Enclosure No specific non-commercial permit available
Required: Captive wildlife permit, trapping license if applicable

Rabbit Training Enclosure -No specific rabbit permit available
Required: Captive wildlife permit, trapping license if applicable

Raccoon Training Enclosure (coon clubs)-No specific raccoon permit available
Required: Captive wildlife permit, trapping license if applicable

Do you plan to transport/import exotic or native wildlife into or through KY?

No-no transportation permit needed

Yes-Transportation permit

Both exotic and native wildlife require a transportation permit to enter KY

Do you plan to import/transport Game Birds?

You must have a NPIP permit from KY Dept. of Ag per avian influenza requirements before birds are shipped. For NPIP certification requirements, call KY Dept. of Ag at 502-782-5901

Do you plan to transport prohibited species through KY?

Inherently dangerous wildlife may be transported through KY to a destination outside of KY if held in enclosure sufficient to prevent escape and direct contact with the public for less than 48 hours.

Environmentally Injurious species shall not enter KY

Do you plan to import/transport/possess/rehabilitate federally protected wildlife?

Federally protected wildlife species (migratory birds, threatened or endangered species) require USFWS federal permits in addition to state permits

How to determine if wildlife is legal? See Prohibited Species Document