



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 1501:31-25-01 Wild animal permit regulations.

Effective: [March 1, 2024](#)

(A) Bird banding permits.

It shall be unlawful to engage in bird banding activities without first obtaining a bird banding permit from the division of wildlife. Bird banding permits allow the banding and release of wild birds for scientific study. Persons desiring to engage in bird banding activities must:

(1) Provide all birds killed, injured, or that have died during banding activities to the division of wildlife or to an approved wild animal permit holder;

(2) Have or work under the authority of a valid banding or marking permit issued by the U.S. geological survey.

(B) At the time of application, applicants requesting a scientific collecting, education or bird banding permit will provide the information requested by the division of wildlife for each separate project. Permit holders may add or amend projects during the duration of the permit with approval from the chief of the division of wildlife.

(C) Persons failing to provide any requested information, including adequate qualifications, to the satisfaction of the chief of the division of wildlife will be denied a permit. In addition, a copy of all publicly-available published reports or publications derived from the data collected will be provided to the division of wildlife.

(D) A person who assists a permit holder must be listed as a subpermittee if they are not working under the direct supervision of the permit holder.

(1) Subpermittees and other persons that assist the permit holder are authorized to conduct activities for the permit holder in compliance with all wildlife laws and the provisions of the wild animal permit.



(2) The permit holder is responsible for ensuring that their subpermittees and assistants comply with all of the provisions of their wild animal permit.

(E) It shall be unlawful for the holder of a wild animal permit to:

(1) Fail to comply with any provision or condition set forth in their wild animal permit;

(2) Fail to submit a report of collecting activities in the format designated by the chief of the division of wildlife prior to March fifteen each year that includes all of the required information for each specimen collected.

(F) The chief of the division of wildlife is hereby authorized to issue free letter permits to qualified persons for the taking, possession or transportation of wild animals, including aquatic nuisance species and endangered species. Persons failing to provide any requested information, including adequate qualifications, to the satisfaction of the chief of the division of wildlife will be denied a permit. It shall be unlawful for the holder of a free letter permit to fail to comply with any provision or condition set forth in their permit.

(G) Unless otherwise provided by division rule, it shall be unlawful to use or provide any contraceptive drugs, substances or chemicals to any free ranging wild animal without authorization from the chief of the division of wildlife. Provided further, persons may request permission from the chief of the division of wildlife to use contraceptives for scientific research. The chief may issue a conditional permit after a person has submitted in writing the proposal which outlines the scientific research project.

(H) It shall be unlawful to disturb, molest, tamper with, damage, move or remove any labeled material, equipment or appurtenance associated with an authorized division of wildlife research, survey or inventory project activity unless authorized by the chief of the division of wildlife or their designee.

(I) It shall be unlawful to disturb, molest, remove or take any specimen associated with an authorized division of wildlife research, survey, inventory project or activity unless authorized by



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the chief of the division of wildlife or their designee.

(J) All definitions set forth in rule 1501:31-1-02 of the Administrative Code apply to this rule.