



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 901:1-4-01.3 Health for dangerous wild animals.

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- (A) Each owner of an animal shall have a valid veterinary-client-patient-relationship with a licensed veterinarian.
- (B) The veterinarian must visit each facility a minimum of one time per year and provide a written annual program of care for the animals in the facility.
- (C) Animals shall be monitored regularly for evidence of disease, injury, and parasites and corrective measures under veterinary guidance must be taken when evidence is found of such conditions.
- (D) A primary enclosure must provide the opportunity and space to exercise daily and have freedom of movement to reduce distress and maintain physical condition, unless directed otherwise by a veterinarian.
- (E) Each facility shall maintain a safe and effective program for the control of rodents, insects, ectoparasites and other pests.
- (F) Owners, volunteers and any employees in contact with nonhuman primates or elephants must annually have a negative tuberculosis test.
- (G) The introduction of new animals to a social group must be done in a manner to minimize distress, tension and aggression.
- (H) Devices, or any other equipment used to handle, sort, or move animals, must minimize distress and must be maintained in proper working order at all times.
- (I) Euthanasia for animals must:
 - (1) Be performed when the likelihood for recovery is poor and the condition cannot be effectively



relieved by best species management and medically appropriate procedures; and,

(2) Euthanasia must follow the American veterinary medical association guidelines.

(J) The director shall take the advice of the state veterinarian and the veterinarian of the facility housing the animal to evaluate the condition of an animal or restricted snake that is under the control of the department. The veterinarians' purpose will be to evaluate the animal's condition as necessary following an initial evaluation by the department's veterinarian. The veterinarians will advise the director on the disposition of the animal based upon the initial evaluation of the animal's health, psychological well-being, and long term quality of life including population management.

(K) Dead animals must be disposed of pursuant to section 941.14 of the Revised Code.

(L) Nothing in the rules adopted in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a licensed veterinarian, or other person acting under the veterinarian's supervision, from meeting the standards set forth in Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code or rules promulgated thereunder.