



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 901:1-4-05 Family - felidae; common names: cheetah, lion, tiger, jaguar, leopard, snow leopard, puma, caracal, serval, canada lynx, eurasian lynx, iberian lynx, sunda clouded leopard, and clouded leopard.

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This rule applies exclusively to the species listed as dangerous wild animals in divisions (C)(3) to (C)(7) of section 935.01 of the Revised Code.

(A) Each enclosure shall have a claw log.

(B) Large felids- pantherids; common names: cheetah, lion, tiger.

(1) For one or two animals, the primary enclosure shall be at least six hundred square feet and twelve feet high with a cantilever or roof. For each additional animal the primary enclosure must be increased by three hundred square feet.

(2) Primary enclosures shall be constructed of at least nine gauge diameter chain link or its equivalent.

(C) Medium felids- pantherids; common names: jaguars, leopards, snow leopards, sunda clouded leopard, clouded leopard, and puma.

(1) For one or two animals, the primary enclosure shall be at least four hundred square feet and eight feet high with a roof. For each additional animal the primary enclosure must be increased by two hundred square feet.

(2) Primary enclosures shall be constructed of at least nine gauge diameter chain link or its equivalent.

(D) Small felids; common names: caracal, serval, canada lynx, eurasian lynx, and iberian lynx.

(1) For one or two animals, the primary enclosure shall be at least one hundred square feet and six



feet high with a roof. For each additional animal, the primary enclosure shall be increased by fifty square feet.

(2) Primary enclosures shall be constructed of at least eleven and one half gauge diameter chain link or its equivalent.

(3) Small felids as listed in this paragraph do not require safety entrances as part of the primary enclosure.

(4) Permit holders possessing more than one of a species of small felid regulated under paragraph (D) of this rule shall house them in stable pairs or groups of compatible individuals; except where single housing is justified based on social incompatibility resulting from inappropriate behavior or veterinary concerns regarding animal well-being.