

6244.0400 WILDLIFE REHABILITATION PERMITS.

Subpart 1. **Requirement.** No person shall rehabilitate a wild animal without a permit from the commissioner issued under sections 6244.0100 to 6244.2000. A person with a rehabilitation permit may capture, receive, possess, transport, or transfer an orphaned, sick, or injured wild animal for purposes of rehabilitation according to conditions in the permit and sections 6244.0100 to 6244.2000. Permits shall only be issued to residents of Minnesota except when the commissioner determines that there are special circumstances where the interests of wildlife rehabilitation in Minnesota are served by issuing permits to nonresidents. Nonresidents must meet the same requirements as residents.

Subp. 2. **Limit on number of permits.** The commissioner may limit the number of wildlife rehabilitation permits in total or in certain geographic areas of the state, as needed, when limitations are determined to be in the best interest of the wildlife resource or to provide for the most efficient management of the permitting process by the department.

Subp. 3. **Restrictions on species.** The commissioner may restrict the rehabilitation of certain species of animals, either statewide or in certain geographic areas, as needed due to disease, overpopulation, or other limiting factors. The permit may be limited to certain species if deemed to be in the best interest of the wildlife resource, or upon request of the applicant.

Subp. 4. **Restriction on having both a game farm license and rehabilitation permit.** No person shall be authorized to have both a game farm license and a wildlife rehabilitation permit at the same time except under circumstances deemed by the commissioner to be in the best interest of the wildlife resource.

Subp. 5. **Wildlife affected by oil spills.** Nonresident professional wildlife rehabilitators with a federal rehabilitation permit may possess and transport wildlife affected by oil spills.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.388; 97A.401; 97A.418*

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