

**6244.0420 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.**

Subpart 1. **Qualifications.** In order to be issued a permit, applicants must satisfy the requirements in subparts 2 to 7.

Subp. 2. **Minimum age.** The applicant must be at least 18 years of age at the time the application is received by the department.

Subp. 3. **Experience at handling and caring for animals.** Applicants for novice level permits must be able to demonstrate reasonable experience and skills at handling and caring for animals. This may include:

- A. a degree in veterinary medicine, veterinary technology, or animal science;
- B. experience working with a practicing veterinarian or at a publicly owned or operated zoo, university animal clinic, animal shelter, or wildlife rehabilitation clinic;
- C. experience working with an individual licensed as a wildlife rehabilitator, including hands-on experience with animals; or
- D. other experience in caring for animals.

Subp. 4. **Examination for permit.** The applicant must obtain a score of at least 80 percent on a supervised examination provided by the commissioner. An applicant who fails the examination must wait a minimum of six months before retaking the examination.

Subp. 5. **Adequate facilities.** The applicant must have on the premises adequate facilities to carry out wildlife rehabilitation activities. This includes types of cages, cage sizes, and other facility criteria as described in part 6244.0900, or as otherwise prescribed by the commissioner.

Subp. 6. **Veterinarian consultant.** All classes of wildlife rehabilitation permit holders, except licensed veterinarians, must have and identify to the commissioner a licensed veterinarian consultant to advise and assist permittees in the care and treatment of animals.

Subp. 7. **Advisor.** Novice class wildlife rehabilitation permit holders must have a master class wildlife permit holder as an advisor.

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