Out-of-State Exhibitors of Wild or Exotic Animals

1. Wild or exotic animals imported into Michigan for exhibition shall be accompanied by an official interstate health certificate or an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.

2. The director may require compliance with any or all of the following prior to the importation of a wild animal or an exotic animal species not regulated by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States Department of Interior or the Michigan Department of Natural Resources of this state:
   a. Physical examination by an accredited veterinarian to be conducted after importation to determine the health status, proper housing, husbandry, and confinement of any animal permitted to enter this state.
   b. Negative test results to specific official tests required by the director within a time frame before importation into this state as determined by the director.
   c. Identification prior to importation in a manner approved by the director.

3. A wild animal or exotic animal species permitted to enter this state shall receive housing, feeding, restraining, and care that is approved by the director.

4. A person shall not import or release live feral swine or any crosses of feral swine in this state for any purpose without permission from the director.

5. A person shall not possess or transfer ownership of, including import, live wolf-dogs, lions, leopards, jaguars, tigers, cougars, panthers, cheetahs, or bears, except as approved under state law. For information on when large carnivores and wolf-dogs can be imported, please contact the Animal Industry Division at (517) 284-5688.