

**Background Information**  
Captive Wildlife Draft Rules  
68A-6.0025 Sanctuaries; Retired Performing Wildlife and Identification  
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**68A-6.0025 Sanctuaries; Retired Performing Wildlife and Identification.**

(1) Any person who operates a wildlife sanctuary for captive wildlife shall be licensed in accordance to Section 379.3761, F.S., and a corporation exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and described in sections 501 (c)(3) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of such code. For the purposes of this section a wildlife sanctuary for captive wildlife shall be defined as a facility established for the sole purpose of providing lifetime care for unwanted or infirmed captive wildlife. Such wildlife sanctuary for captive wildlife shall be operated in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 68A-6, F.A.C., and this section.

(a) The following acts which perpetuate the commercial trade in wildlife including the exhibition, trade, sale, offering for trade or sale, breeding, or buying of captive wildlife or parts thereof by any such wildlife sanctuary for captive wildlife is prohibited

(b) Full or incidental contact between the public and such captive wildlife as defined in Rule 68A-6.0023 (3)(a)2.- 3., F.A.C., is prohibited.

(c) All wildlife maintained by such sanctuary for captive wildlife shall be permanently identified by means of tattoo, brand, passive integrated transponder (PIT tag), photographic identification, or other method that clearly and permanently identifies that particular specimen so as to be distinguished from other specimens of the same species.

1. For photographic identification the photograph of the specimen must include sufficient distinguishing characteristics (marks, scars, and patterns, etc.) to enable that particular specimen to be distinguished from other specimens of the same species.

2. Record of identification including PIT tag numbers where applicable, along with information about the specimen being identified (species, method of identification, specimen name or number, gender and age) must be maintained in the possessors records for as long as the specimen is possessed. Such records shall be made available for inspection, upon request, of commission personnel. A copy of such record shall be provided to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, upon annual renewal of the license issued in accordance with Section 379.3761, F.S., and authorizing possession of such wildlife.

(2) Any person licensed in accordance to Section 379.3761, F.S., who possesses performing wildlife that because of its age or physical condition may no longer perform, may retain such retired performing wildlife for the purposes of providing lifetime care for said wildlife. Such retired performing wildlife shall be permanently identified and records maintained and submitted as prescribed in paragraph (1)(c) 1.-2., above.

Specific Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.3761, FS.

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