CEO GUIDELINE TO SUPPORT THE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

FAUNA POSSESSING (DISPLAY) LICENCE

1. Legislative basis for this Guideline

- 1.1. Regulation 10(1) of the Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018 provides that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) may issue licensing guidelines for the purposes of Part 4 Licensing scheme of the regulations.
- 1.2. The Guidelines may specify or limit the fauna that may be possessed for the purposes of display under a particular class of licence; and provide for any matter relating to the display of fauna under a licence.
- 1.3. Regulation 33 states that "a Fauna possessing (display) licence authorises the holder of the licence to possess fauna for the purposes of display for conservation or education".
- 1.4. This licence is required whenever fauna is displayed or exhibited for education or conservation purposes. This includes but is not limited to zoos (except Perth Zoo); wildlife parks; education facilities; or mobile displays. If the fauna is to be displayed or exhibited for other purposes, then this may be authorised in some circumstances under another licence.

2. Purpose of this Guideline

- 2.1. The purpose of this guideline is to specify the:
 - 2.1.1. matters that will be considered during the assessment of an application for a *Fauna* possessing (display) licence issued or renewed for the purpose of possessing fauna to display for conservation or education.
 - 2.1.2. the circumstances under which the CEO may or may not issue a licence; and
 - 2.1.3. other matters relevant to the assessment criteria or assessment process.

3. Licence categories

- 3.1 Licences to display fauna can be issued as a standard or advanced licence category.
- 3.2 The species that are approved to be held under a standard or advanced licence for the purpose of display are attached to this guideline (Appendix 1). Appendix 1 also indicates if a permit is required from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and if species may be approved for mobile display.
- 3.3 A **standard** licence is required when fauna that is being displayed, meets all the following criteria:
 - 3.3.1 not threatened fauna or specially protected fauna;
 - 3.3.2 the fauna is listed as a permitted organism in the exempt keeping category on the Western Australian Organisms List, maintained by DPIRD (www.agric.wa.gov.au/organisms);
 - 3.3.3 the species is resilient to handling and to being kept in captivity;
 - 3.3.4 the fauna does not have special feeding or housing requirements;
 - 3.3.5 the fauna is not dangerous to human health or wellbeing; and
 - 3.3.6 the species does not represent a biosecurity risk.
- 3.4 An **advanced** licence is required when displaying threatened native fauna species that meet any of the following criteria:
 - 3.4.1 the species is listed as threatened fauna or specially protected fauna;
 - 3.4.2 the species has special keeping requirements or keeping requirements are not adequately known;
 - 3.4.3 the species poses risk to human health or wellbeing, or biosecurity; or
- 3.5 Applications can be made for static displays, mobile displays, or static and mobile components.
- 3.6 Fauna possessing (display) licences may be issued for one year or three years, or for specific periods for temporary displays.

4. Application process

- 4.1. A new application should be submitted at least 20 business days prior to the date on which the activity is proposed to commence.
- 4.2. An applicant must complete both forms listed below, provide any or all documentation required by these forms and pay the relevant fee:
 - 4.2.1 Fauna Possessing (Display) Licence Application Form, which must be filled in, assessed and approved prior to the applicant requesting any fauna. This form is used

to assess the proposed display of fauna for conservation or educational purposes, and the applicant's suitability as a licence holder. This form is also required to be completed by existing licensees who are renewing their display licence; and

- 4.2.2 Fauna Acquisition Form, which must be completed for each species proposed to be acquired under the Fauna possessing (display) licence. Part A is required for standard species; Parts A and B are required for advanced species.
- 4.3. Fees are applicable to new applications, renewal applications and licences. An inspection fee may also be applied if an inspection is required prior to approval being given, to assess the suitability of the facility or specific housing infrastructure.
- 4.4. Most new applications will be determined within 20 business days of receipt of a complete and correct application and the required fee.
- 4.5. Should an application require special consideration, the applicant will be kept informed regarding the progress of their application.
- 4.6. If an application is unsuccessful, the applicant will be informed and reasons for the decision will be provided.

5. Assessment Criteria for application for a new license or to amend an existing licence or to acquire new individuals.

The following criteria must be met or demonstrated in the application.

- 5.1 The applicant must:
 - 5.1.1 provide current proof of identity;
 - 5.1.2 be a resident of Australia;
 - 5.1.3 be over 18 years of age; and
 - 5.1.4 not have any relevant convictions related to wildlife offences.
- 5.2 The applicant (and/or applicant's employees) must demonstrate appropriate skills and experience in handling and caring for the animals, including knowledge of the relevant species' ecology, behaviour and resource needs.
- 5.3 The applicant must demonstrate the display has:
 - 5.3.1 clear conservation or education purpose;
 - 5.3.2 clear justification for the use of the live animals and that there are no alternatives;
 - 5.3.3 that only the minimum number of animals necessary to achieve the purpose are used; and

- 5.3.4 techniques are employed to minimise potential animal welfare impacts.
- 5.4 The applicant must have considered the National *Australian Welfare Standards and Guidelines* for Exhibited Animals and can demonstrate how the facilities and practices address the standards.
- 5.5 Access to veterinary care.
- 5.6 That the risk of escape of the animals to be displayed is minimised.
- 5.7 That the risk to human safety from the animals displayed is minimised, including where animals may be handled by humans.
- 5.8 Animals will not be considered or approved for a Fauna possessing (display) licence if:
 - 5.8.1 the species is not currently on the 'approved display species list' in Appendix 1;
 - 5.8.2 the animal was not acquired lawfully; or
 - 5.8.3 the animal is sick, injured or significantly* disfigured; or
 - 5.8.4 the applicant has not provided enough information to address the criteria in the application form.
 - * Significant is defined as any disfigurement which is readily identifiable to a person viewing the fauna or would result in the long-term welfare needs of the fauna not being able to be met.
- 5.9 Standard conditions that will be applied to this licence however, additional conditions may be added as required, based on activities proposed and information provided in the application. For example, limitations to the number of animals or species that can be possessed may be stipulated under the licence.
- 5.10 Breeding of fauna held under a *Fauna possessing (display) licence* is prohibited unless a management plan for breeding and progeny has been developed and approved as a Fauna Breeding Plan by DBCA.
- 5.11 The assessment for renewal applications will include a review of records of educational displays conducted by licensees. Where no licensed activity has occurred, renewal applicants will be required to provide written justification for the ongoing need for the licence.

6. Records, Returns and Renewals

6.1. The licensee must maintain records detailing acquisition and disposal details (including births, deaths and escapes) for all fauna on this licence using the approved forms.

- 6.2. All records must be entered as they occur and must be made available to a DBCA wildlife officer on request. These records must be submitted as returns annually within 15 days of the date of issue of the licence and a final return must be submitted within 15 days of the expiry of this licence. Returns must be submitted to DBCA's Wildlife Licensing Section.
- 6.3. A record must also be kept, and submitted annually, of all mobile displays.

7. Custodian

7.1. The custodian of this Guideline is the Manager, Wildlife Protection Branch, who has primary responsibility for the implementation and timely review of the Guideline.

8 APPROVAL

Approved by

A DIRECTOR GENERAL Effective date: 11 · 1 · 24

Appendix 1 - Approved display species list

Common Name	Species Name	Category - Standard (S) or Advanced (A)	Approved for mobile display	DPIRD Permit Required?
AMPHIBIANS				
Green Tree Frog	Litoria caerulea	S	Y	
Giant Tree Frog	Litoria infrafrenata	Α	N	Y
Motorbike Frog	Litoria moorei	S	Y	
Splendid Tree Frog	Litoria splendida	S	Y	
	REPTILE	S		
Banded Knob-Tail	Nephrurus wheeleri	S	Υ	
Black-Headed Python	Aspidites melanocephalus	Α	Y	= /
Blotched Blue-Tongue	Tiliqua nigrolutea	S	N	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Bobtail	Tiliqua rugosa	S	Υ	
Brown Tree Snake	Boiga irregularis	Α	Y*	
Bungarra, Sand Goanna	Varanus gouldii	Α	Υ#	
Bynoe's Gecko	Heteronotia binoei	S	Υ	
Carpet Python	Morelia spilota	S	Υ	
Central Bearded Dragon	Pogona vitticeps	S	Υ	Y
Central Blue-Tongue	Tiliqua multifasciata	S	Υ	
Centralian Carpet Snake	Morelia bredli	S	Y	
Centralian Knob-Tailed Gecko	Nephrurus amyae	S	Υ ,,,	
Childrens Python	Antaresia childreni	S	Y	
Common Brown Snake	Pseudonaja textilis	Α	Y*	
Crowned Snake	Elapognathus coronatus	S	Y*	
Cunningham's Skink	Egernia cunninghami	Α	N	Y
Desert Death Adder	Acanthophis pyrrhus	Α	Y*	
Dugite	Pseudonaja affinis	Α	Y*	

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Eastern Blue-Tongue	Tiliqua scincoides	S	Y	
Eastern Snake-Necked Turtle	Chelodina longicollis	А	N	Y
Flat-Shelled Tortoise	Chelodina steindachneri	S	Υ	
Fraser's Delma	Delma fraseri	S	Υ	
Freshwater Crocodile	Crocodylus johnstoni	А	Υ#	
Frill-Necked Lizard	Chlamydosaurus kingii	S	Υ	
Gwardar, Northern Brown Snake	Pseudonaja nuchalis	А	N	
Heath Goanna	Varanus rosenbergi	S	Υ	
King Skink	Egernia kingii	S	Υ	
Lake Cronin Snake	Paroplocephalus atriceps	S	Y*	
Loggerhead Turtle	Caretta caretta	А	N	
Long-Nosed Dragon	Gowidon longirostris	S	Υ	
Macquarie Turtle	Emydura macquarii	А	N	Y
Marbled Velvet Gecko	Oedura marmorata	S	Υ	
Merten's Water Monitor	Varanus mertensi	S	Y	
Mitchell's Water Monitor	Varanus mitchelli	S	Y	
Mulga Snake	Pseudechis australis	Α	Y*	
Northern Death Adder	Acanthophis praelongus	А	Υ*	
Northern Long-Necked Turtle	Chelodina burrungandjii	S	N	
Northern Red-Faced Turtle	Emydura victoriae	S	Υ	
Northern Red-Faced Turtle	Emydura victoriae	S	Y	
Northern Snapping Turtle	Elseya dentata	S	Υ	
Northern Spiny-Tailed Gecko	Strophurus ciliaris	S	Υ	

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Oblong Turtle, Northern Snake-Necked Turtle	Chelodina colliei, Chelodina oblonga	S	Y	
Olive Python	Liasis olivaceus	Α	Υ#	
Olive Seasnake	Aipysurus laevis	Α	N	
Ornate Crevice Dragon	Ctenophorus ornatus	S	Υ	
Perentie	Varanus giganteus	Α	Υ#	
Pilbara Death Adder	Acanthophis wellsi	Α	Y*	
Pygmy Python	Antaresia perthensis	S	Y	
Racehorse Goanna	Varanus tristis tristis	S	Υ	
Rough-Scaled Python	Morelia carinata	Α	N	
Saltwater Crocodile	Crocodylus porosus	Α	Υ#	
Shark Bay Sea Snake	Aipysurus pooleorum	Α	N	
Side-Barred Delma	Delma grayii	S	Υ	
Southern Death Adder	Acanthophis antarcticus	Α	Y*	
Soft Spiny-Tailed Gecko	Strophurus spinigerus	S	Υ	
Southern Barking Gecko	Underwoodisaurus milii	S	Y	
Southern Pygmy Spiny- Tailed Skink	Egernia depressa	S	Υ	
South-Western Crevice- Skink	Egernia napoleonis	S	Υ	
Spiny-Tailed Goanna	Varanus acanthurus	S	Y	7 77
Spotted Mulga Snake	Pseudechis butleri	Α	Y*	
Spotted Python	Antaresia maculosa	S	Y	
Stripe-Tailed Monitor	Varanus caudolineatus	x S	Y	
Stimson's Python	Antaresia stimsoni	S	Y	
Ta-Ta, Gilbert's Dragon	Lophognathus gilberti	S	Y	

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Tiger Snake	Notechis scutatus	А	Y*	
Water Python	Liasis mackloti	S	Υ	
Western Ring-Tailed Dragon	Ctenophorus caudicinctus	S	Υ	
Western Bearded Dragon	Pogona minor minor	S	Y	
Western Bluetongue	Tiliqua occipitalis	S	Y	
Western Netted Dragon	Ctenophorus reticulatus	S	Υ	
Woma	Aspidites ramsayi	Α	Y	
Yellow-Spotted Monitor	Varanus panoptes	Α	Υ#	
BIRDS				
Australian Bustard	Ardeotis australis	S	N	
Australian Hobby	Falco longipennis	Α	N*	
Australian Kestrel (Nankeen Kestrel)	Falco cenchroides	Α	N*	
Australian Magpie	Cracticus tibicen	S	N	
Australian Masked Owl (Masked Owl)	Tyto novaehollandiae	А	N	
Australian Pelican	Pelecanus conspicillatus	S	N	
Australian Ringneck	Platycercus zonarius	S	Υ	Ē
Australian Shelduck (Mountain Duck)	Tadorna tadornoides	S	N	
Australian Wood Duck (Wood Duck, Maned Duck)	Chenonetta jubata	S	N	Q
Banded Lapwing	Vanellus tricolor	S	N	
Barn Owl	Tyto alba	Α	N	
Barking Owl	Ninox connivens	Α	N	
Bar-Shouldered Dove	Geopelia humeralis	S	N	
Baudin's Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus baudinii	Α	Υ	

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Beach Stone-Curlew, Beach Thick-Knee	Esacus magnirostris	S	N	
Black-Breasted Buzzard	Hamirostra melanosternon	Α	N*	
Black-Faced Cuckoo- Shrike	Coracina novaehollandiae	S	N	
Black Falcon	Falco subniger	Α	- N*	
Black Kite	Milvus migrans	S	N*	
Black-Necked Stork	Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus	S	N	
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	S	N	
Black-Winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	Α	N	
Blue-Faced Honeyeater	Melithreptus cyanotis	S	N	
Blue-Winged Kookaburra	Dacelo leachii	S	N	
Bourke's Parrot	Neophema bourkii	S	Υ	
Brahminy Kite	Haliastur indus	Α	N*	
Brown Cuckoo-Dove	Macropygia amboinensis	Α	N	Y
Brown Falcon	Falco berigora	Α	N*	
Brown Goshawk	Accipiter fasciatus	Α	N*	
Brown Quail	Coturnix ypsilophora	S	N	
Brush Bronzewing	Phaps elegans	S	N	
Budgerigar	Melopsittacus undulatus	S	Y	
Buff-Banded Rail	Gallirallus philippensis	S	N	
Bush Stone-Curlew (Bush Thick-Knee)	Burhinus grallarius	S	N	
Butler's Corella	Cacatus pastinator butleri	S	Y	



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Carnaby's Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus latirostris	Α	Y	
Cattle Egret	Ardea ibis	S	N	
Chestnut-Breasted Mannikin	Lonchura castaneothorax	S	Υ	
Chestnut Teal	Anas castanea	S	N	
Cockatiel	Nymphicus hollandicus	S	Y	
Collared Sparrowhawk	Accipiter cirrocephalus	А	N*	
Common Bronzewing	Phaps chalcoptera	S	N	
Crested Pigeon	Ocyphaps lophotes	S	Y	
Crested Tern, Greater Crested Tern	Sterna bergii	А	N	
Crimson Finch	Neochmia phaeton	S	N	
Diamond Dove	Geopelia cuneata	S	N	
Double-Barred Finch	Taeniopygia bichenovii	S	Y	
Eastern Grass Owl	Tyto longimembris	Α	N	
Eastern Long-Billed Corella	Cacatua tenuirostris	S	Y	
Elegant Parrot	Neophema elegans	S	N	
Emerald Dove	Chalcophaps indica	S	N	
Emu	Dromaius novaehollandiae	S	N	
Flock Bronzewing (Flock Pigeon)	Phaps histrionica	S	N	
Forest Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo	Calyptorhynchus banksii naso	А	Y	
Galah	Cacatua roseicapilla	S	Υ	
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	S	N	
Gouldian Finch	Erythrura gouldiae	S	Y	
Grey Currawong	Strepera versicolor	S	N	

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Grey Goshawk, Variable Goshawk	Accipiter novaehollandiae	Α Α	N*	¥*
Grey Falcon	Falco hypoleucos	Α	N*	
Grey Teal	Anas gracilis	S	N	
Grey Butcherbird	Cracticus torquatus	S	N	
Hardhead	Aythya australis	S	N	
King Quail	Excalfactoria chinensis	S	N	
Laughing Kookaburra	Dacelo novaeguineae	S	N	
Little Corella	Cacatua sanguinea	S	Υ	
Little Eagle	Hieraaetus morphnoides	А	N*	
Little Penguin	Eudyptula minor	Α	N	
Long-Tailed Finch	Poephila acuticauda	S	N	
Magpie Goose, Pied Goose	Anseranas semipalmata	S	N	
Major Mitchell Cockatoo	Cacatua leadbeateri	Α	Υ	
Malleefowl	Leipoa ocellata	Α	N	
Masked Finch	Poephila personata	S	Y	
Masked Lapwing	Vanellus miles	S	N	
Muir's Corella	Cacatua pastinator pastinator	S	Υ	
Mulga Parrot	Platycercus varius	S	Y	
Musk Lorikeet	Glossopsitta concinna	Α	N	Y
Nankeen Night Heron	Nycticorax	Α	N	
(Rufous Night Heron)	caledonicus			
Naretha Blue Bonnet	Platycercus narethae	Α	N	
Northern Rosella	Platycercus venustus	S	Υ Υ	
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	Α	N	



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Pacific Black Duck	Anas superciliosa	S	N	
Painted Firetail	Emblema pictum	S	N	
Peaceful Dove	Geopelia striata placida	S	N	
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	Α	N*	
Pied Butcherbird	Cracticus nigrogularis	S	N	
Plumed Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna eytoni	S	N	
Princess Parrot	Polytelis alexandrae	S	Y	
Purple-Crowned Lorikeet	Parvipsitta porphyrocephala	S	Y	
Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio	S	N	
Recherche Cape Barren Goose	Cereopsis novaehollandiae grisea	А	N	
Radjah Shelduck (Raja Shelduck)	Tadorna radjah	S	N	
Rainbow Lorikeet	Trichoglossus moluccanus	S	N	
Red-Backed Fairy-Wren	Malurus melanocephalus	S	N	
Red-Browed Finch	Neochmia temporalis	S	N	
Red-Capped Parrot	Platycercus spurius	S	Υ	Ę.
Red-Collared Lorikeet	Trichoglossus rubritorquis	S	N	
Red-Eared Firetail	Stagonopleura oculata	S	Y	
Red-Winged Parrot	Aprosmictus erythropterus	S	Y	
Regent Parrot	Polytelis anthopeplus	S	Y	
Rose-Crowned Fruit-Dove	Ptilinopus regina	S	N	

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Sacred Kingfisher	Todiramphus sanctus	S	N	
Scarlet-Chested Parrot	Neophema splendida	S	Y	
Silver Gull	Larus novaehollandiae	S	N	
Southern Boobook	Ninox boobook boobook	Ą	N	
Splendid Fairy-Wren	Malurus splendens	S	N	
Spotted Harrier	Circus assimilis	Α	N*	-
Spinifex Pigeon	Geophaps plumifera	S	N	
Square-Tailed Kite	Hamirostra isura	Α	N*	
Star Finch	Neochmia ruficauda	S	N	
Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo	Cacatua galerita	S	Υ	
Tawny Frogmouth	Podargus strigoides	Α	N	
Torres Strait Pigeon, Torresian Imperial Pigeon	Ducula bicolor spilorrhoa	S	N	
Varied Lorikeet	Trichoglossus versicolour	S	Υ	
Wandering Whistling Duck (Chestnut Whistling Duck)	Dendrocygna arcuata	S	N	
Wedge-Tailed Eagle	Aquila audax	S	N*	
Western Rosella	Platycercus icterotis	S	Y	
Whistling Kite	Haliastur sphenurus	Α	N*	
White-Bellied Sea-Eagle	Haliaeetus leucogaster	Α	N	N. I
White-Browed Woodswallow	Artamus superciliosus	S	N	
White-Faced Heron	Ardea novaehollandiae	S	Y	
White-Winged Fairy-Wren	Malurus leucopterus	S	N	
Zebra Finch	Taeniopygia guttata	S	Υ	

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MAMMALS				
Agile Wallaby	Notamacropus agilis nigriscens	S	Υ#	
Antilopine Wallaroo	Osphranter antilopinus	S	Υ#	
Bilby, Dalgyte	Macrotis lagotis	Α	N*	
Black Flying-Fox	Pteropus alecto gouldii	А	N	
Black-Footed Tree-Rat	Mesembriomys gouldii gouldii	А	N	
Brush-Tailed Bettong, Woylie	Bettongia penicillata ogilbyi	А	Υ*	*
Burrowing Bettong, Boodie	Bettongia lesueur lesueur	А	Y*	9
Euro, Biggada	Osphranter robustus	S	Υ#	
Koomal	Trichosurus vulpecula hypoleucus	S	N*	
Little Red Flying-Fox	Pteropus scapulatus	А	N	
Northern Natiltail Wallaby, Karrabul	Onychogalea unguifera unguifera	Α	N*	
Northern Brushtail Possum	Trichosurus vulpecula arnhemensis	А	N	
Northern Quoll	Dasyurus hallucatus	Α	N	
Quenda	Isoodon fusciventer	S	Υ	
Quokka	Setonix brachyurus	Α	N*	
Red Kangaroo, Marlu	Osphranter rufus	S	Υ#	
Shark Bay Bandicoot, Little Marl	Perameles bougainville	А	Ň	
Short-Beaked Echidna	Tachyglossus aculeatus acanthion	S	Y	
Southern Hairy-Nosed Wombat	Lasiorhinus latifrons	А	÷Υ	

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Squirrel Glider	Petaurus norfolcensis	Α -	N	Y
Sugar Glider	Petaurus breviceps ariel	А	N*	
Tammar	Notamacropus eugenii derbianus	S	Υ#	
Western Grey Kangaroo	Macropus fuliginosus melanops	S	Υ#	
Western Pygmy-Possum, Mundarda	Cercartetus concinnus	А	Y*	
Western Ringtail Possum	Pseudocheirus occidentalis	А	N*	

^{*} species has special requirements / special conditions may be included on the licence # may only be displayed until the animal reaches a certain size; relevant conditions will be placed on the licence