

# INFORMATION SHEET

## NON-INDIGENOUS SPECIES PERMIT APPLICATION

This application must include:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Health Certificate
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bill of Sale
- \_\_\_\_\_ Permit to Remove From Point of Origin Country

and where appropriate:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Endangered Species Permit
- \_\_\_\_\_ Migratory Bird Act Permit
- \_\_\_\_\_ C.I.T.E.S. Permit
- \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Animal Welfare Act Permit
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photograph

All Federal documents must accompany this application.

THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS ALL SECTIONS ARE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY.

The Virgin Islands Government reserves the right to attach special conditions to a permit which may include but are not limited to: neutering, importation limited to males only, de-clawing, de-fanging, hurricane proof fencing, and time-specific renewal.

Virgin Islands non-indigenous species permit or a legible copy must accompany the animal at all times.

Permits will NOT be issue for:

PEST PLANTS, PRIMATES, VENOMOUS SNAKES, VENOMOUS INVERTEBRATES, LARGE CARNIVORES, MARINE SPECIES, SPECIES KNOWN TO HAVE BECOME ~~PESTS~~, SPECIES KNOWN TO BE ECOLOGICALLY DAMAGING, POISONOUS SPECIES, SPECIES HARMFUL TO HUMANS, SPECIES WHICH MAY BE A DISEASE VECTOR.

The Virgin Islands will not be held liable for the injury or death of any animal in a recapture attempt.

The owner of any animal is responsible for capture costs, any damages done to person or property and is liable for any injury incurred in the handling of or inflicted by said animal.

Maintenance of a permitted animal must be in compliance with the Federal Animal Welfare Act and Territorial regulations. Failure to comply may result in revocation of permit. Revocation of permit may result in confiscation of animal.

# THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES



## VIRGIN ISLANDS EXOTIC IMPORTATION

The Virgin Islands Endangered and Indigenous species law prohibits the importation of non-native organisms without a permit. Non-native plants and animals will be called exotics in these regulations.

A native organism is defined as a wild organism which has been present in the Virgin Islands and naturally reproducing in the wild without the aid of man since 1917. Domestic plants and animals are not native organisms, but their importation may be regulated by the Department of Agriculture.

All exotics require a permit for importation. Due to the great potential for environmental damage, most exotics will not be issued an import permit. Some categories which will not be issued import permits include, but are not limited to: pest plants, primates, venomous snakes, venomous invertebrates, large carnivores and other species known to have become pests.

Ornamental plants, freshwater fish and certain birds and mammals commonly bred for the pet trade will be issued import permits with minimal formality. Importers may request that species of interest be added to the list of generally allowed importations. It will be the responsibility of the importer to show that habitat requirements of the proposed organisms will not allow them to survive in the wild in the Virgin Islands.

Developed by the Division of Fish and Wildlife

August 1996

**NON-INDIGENOUS SPECIES:**

- AMPHIBIAN     BIRD  
 MAMMAL     REPTILE  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

PERMIT #: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT**

- TO ENTER     ST. CROIX  
                   ST. THOMAS  
                   ST. JOHN  
 TO TRAVEL THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

**GOVERNMENT OF THE  
US VIRGIN ISLANDS**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Estate Lower Love, Kingshill  
St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00850  
Tel: 778-0997    Fax: 778-7977

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING &  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
#45 Mars Hill, Frederiksted  
St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00840  
Tel: 773-1082    Fax: 773-3343

DATE: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
FEE PAID: \_\_\_\_\_ REC'D BY: \_\_\_\_\_

- SLAUGHTER     PET  
 BREEDING     SALE  
 EXHIBIT\*     RESEARCH\*

EDUCATION\*  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

RENEWAL

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP  
\* Animals entering the USVI under these circumstances MUST provide explanation and documentation.

**SHIPPER – RECEIVER – OWNER INFORMATION**

**\*Owner assumes ALL responsibility for animal**

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER**    NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIPPER**    NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_  
ORIGIN OF ANIMAL \_\_\_\_\_  
(the wild, country of natal origin)

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**RECEIVER**    NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

DATE OF ARRIVAL \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_    TIME OF ARRIVAL \_\_\_\_\_     AIR     SEA     MAIL

CARRIER \_\_\_\_\_ FLT# \_\_\_\_\_    VESSEL \_\_\_\_\_

PORT OF ENTRY \_\_\_\_\_

**ANIMAL INFORMATION**

SCIENTIFIC NAME \_\_\_\_\_    COMMON NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
# OF ANIMAL(S) \_\_\_\_\_    SEX \_\_\_\_\_    AGE \_\_\_\_\_    SPAYED? \_\_\_\_\_    NEUTERED? \_\_\_\_\_  
COLOR \_\_\_\_\_    I.D. MARKS \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

HAS THIS ANIMAL BEEN BRED?    YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_    IS THIS ANIMAL PREGNANT?    YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

WILL THIS ANIMAL BE OFFERED FOR SALE?    YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_    IF YES, WHERE \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_    \*NEW OWNER MUST TRANSFER THIS PERMIT TO HIS/HER NAME

ADDRESS WHERE ANIMAL WILL BE HOUSED \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_    HEALTH CERTIFICATE \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER DOCUMENTATION \_\_\_\_\_

IF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE AVAILABLE, PLEASE ATTACH.

**THIS PERMIT IS NOT VALID UNLESS APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE VI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE VI DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & NATURAL RESOURCES AND EXPIRES TWO (2) MONTHS AFTER ISSUING.**

VIDOA STATE VETERINARIAN     Approved     Disapproved

COMMISSIONER, VIDO A    DATE

DIRECTOR, FISH & WILDLIFE     Approved     Disapproved

COMMISSIONER, VI DPNR    DATE



## REMARKS/RESTRICTIONS (Office Use Only)

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

APPLY FOR PERMITS/MAKE REPORTS TO:

ON ST. CROIX ...  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ESTATE LOWER LOVE, KINGSHILL  
ST. CROIX, VI 00850  
(809) 778-0779  
(809) 778-3101 - Fax

ON ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN...  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
7944 EST. DOROTHEA  
ST. THOMAS, VI 00802  
(809) 774-5182  
(809) 774-1823 - Fax

DEPT. OF PLANNING & NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE  
LAGOON STREET COMPLEX  
ST. CROIX, VI 00840  
(809) 772-1955  
(809) 772-3227

DEPT. OF PLANNING & NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE  
6291 EST. NAZARETH, 101  
ST. THOMAS, VI 00802  
(809) 775-6762  
(809) 775-3972

- TRANSFER: Permits are not transferable from one animal to another
- RESIDENCY: Permits are valid while the animal is in residence in the Virgin Islands. Removal from the Virgin Islands invalidates permits. Re-entry requires new permit.
- CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Notification must be made, within 48 hours, of any change of address where permitted animals resides.
- CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP/CUSTODY: Notification must be made, within 48 hours, of any change in ownership or custody, whether by sale, gift or any other means.
- LOST OR STOLEN ANIMAL: Any permitted animal found to be missing, must be reported within 24 hours.
- INSPECTIONS: The Commissioner of Agriculture, the Commissioner of Planning & Natural Resources or their designated agents, reserve the right to inspect any permitted animal(s) and the area in which it is maintained. Such inspections may be conducted at any time, without prior notice.
- REPORTING OFFSPRING: Any offspring of a permitted animal must be reported within 48 hours. Permit for said offspring is required as soon as viability is established or weaning occurs, whichever comes first.
- VIOLATION: Any violation of a lawful rule, regulation, order, request or law may be considered sufficient cause for the refusal of a permit, revocation of an existing permit and confiscation of said animal(s). VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW.

## FEES

COMMERCIAL: \$100.00 Renewable Annually  
NON-COMMERCIAL: \$25.00 per application. One application per species.

## REFERENCE

THE GATHERING OF INFORMATION ON THE IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION OF WILDLIFE, INCLUDING ANY WILD MAMMAL, BIRD, FISH, AMPHIBIAN, REPTILE, MOLLUSK OR CRUSTACEAN, IS AUTHORIZED BY THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973 (16.U.S.C. 1531-1543) AND TITLE 50, PART 14 AND 17 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

THE DISCLOSURE OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT WILDLIFE IMPORTS AND EXPORTS INCLUDING PRODUCTS AND PARTS, TO FACILITATE THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ACT AND CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FLORA AND FAUNA, C.I.T.E.S. THEN ANIMAL WELFARE ACT -

V.I. CODE, TITLE 19, CHAPTER 63, SEC. 2301, VETERINARY INSPECTION SERVICES

V.I. CODE, TITLE 14, CHAPTER 7, SEC. 187, IMPORTATION OF SNAKES

V.I. CODE, TITLE 14, CHAPTER 7, SEC. 181, CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

V.I. CODE, TITLE 12, CHAPTER 2, SEC. 105 (D), PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES