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Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2021

General Licence GL02: to permit veterinary surgeons to keep disabled or injured protected species for up to 12 weeks for rehabilitation purposes by veterinary treatment.

OVERVIEW

This general licence permits Recognised Veterinary Surgeons to keep named disabled protected species for up to 12 weeks solely for rehabilitation purposes with a view to releasing it when it is no longer disabled.

Users must comply with the terms and conditions.

This licence does not permit the unlawful taking from the wild in Jersey of wild animals or wild birds.

Application There is no need to register to use this licence but there are data recording requirements

Recording There is a data recording requirement (see Conditions 12, 13 and 14 below)

LICENCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Legislation This licence is granted by the Minister for the Environment in accordance with Articles 36 and 37 of the Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2021 ('The Wildlife Law')

Valid for the period 1st April until 31st March (inclusive)

Area valid within Jersey (landward of the mean low water mark) except for Sites of Special ecological Interest (designated under the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002) or Areas of Special Protection (designated under the Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2021) where permission has not been granted.

Purpose(s) for
For this licence
is issued conserving wild animals or wild birds

What this licence Subject to the terms and conditions of this licence and solely for the

permits	<p>purpose(s) stated above, this licence permits Recognised Veterinary Surgeons to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) keep, or to have in his or her control or possession a disabled or injured live protected wild animal or protected wild bird for a maximum of 12 weeks from the date of possession of the said animal or bird; and b) To release permanently into the wild said protected wild animal or protected wild bird when it is no longer disabled or injured.
Who can use This licence	<p>This licence may only be used by Recognised Veterinary Surgeons and their Accredited Agents and Assistants, except those convicted of a wildlife or animal welfare related offence.</p>
Definitions	<p>A 'Recognised Veterinary Surgeon' is a recognised veterinary surgeon according to the provisions of the Veterinary Surgeons (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 2012 or any revision thereof. The Veterinary Surgeon is responsible for all activities carried out under the licence.</p> <p>An 'Accredited Agent' is an employee of the Veterinary Surgeon who is authorised to act under the licence as being suitably trained and/or experienced to work under this licence without supervision, and who is in possession of a letter signed by the Veterinary Surgeon appointing the Accredited Agent by name for the purpose of this licence.</p> <p>An 'Assistant' is a person assisting a Veterinary Surgeon or Accredited Agent. An assistant is not permitted to work unsupervised under this licence at any time.</p>

Licence Conditions

1. This licence only applies to Recognised Veterinary Surgeons and Accredited Agents in the course of their duties so long as for each disabled animal or bird kept under this licence:
 - a) the reporting and recording requirements given in Conditions 12 and 13 are adhered to, and
 - b) It is receiving professional veterinary treatment
2. The Veterinary Surgeon is responsible for ensuring that all activities carried out under this licence comply with the terms and conditions of this licence.
3. Any person holding or caring for a wild animal or wild bird under this licence must be appropriately trained and competent to hold the species concerned.
4. Whilst engaged in work permitted by this licence all users should have access to a copy of this licence.

5. The photography of animals or birds held in possession under this licence is permitted as an incidental part of the licensed work provided that no additional disturbance is caused thereby.

Welfare and Releasing

6. All licensed activities must be carried out in accordance with all wildlife and animal welfare related legislation, good practice and protocols, including biosecurity protocols, relevant to the actions undertaken and to the species held.
7. The premises in which protected species are kept under this licence must be maintained in accordance with the provisions of the Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004, in particular the requirement to hold an animal sanctuary licence and to adhere to the Jersey Code of Practice for Welfare of Animals kept in Sanctuaries.
8. Within 12 weeks of a disabled wild animal or bird first coming into care, unless it was necessary humanely to kill the animal or bird within the circumstances set out in Article 7(5) of the Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2021, either:
 - a) the animal or bird shall be released permanently into the wild, or
 - b) the Licensing Authority should be informed of the need to continue to keep the animal or bird for rehabilitation purposes. In such a case the Licensing Authority may require confirmation from an independent qualified veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner that the animal or bird is not fit to return permanently to the wild because of its injuries or illness. Based on this advice a decision will be made by the Licensing Authority on the long term outcome for the animal or bird, and which may require an application to be made for the long term possession of the animal or bird.
9. Every effort must be made to ensure that any wild animal or wild bird in possession does not become imprinted or otherwise rendered unfit, as a consequence of being in captivity, for subsequent release back into the wild.
10. Prior to release of any animal or bird under this licence the veterinary surgeon must be satisfied that the animal or bird is in a healthy and disease-free state and fit for release into the wild.
11. Animals or birds must be released at or as close as possible to the location from which they were taken, or if this is not possible for safety other reasons, selecting a similar habitat from which the animal or bird originated.

Reporting and recording requirements

12. Within 48 hours of taking into possession an individual of the following species, being those listed in Schedule 7, Part 2 of the Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2021, the Licensing Authority must be notified in writing:
 - Horseshoe bat (all species) *Rhinolophidae*

- Vesper bat (all species) *Vespertilionidae*
 - Agile frog *Rana dalmatina*
 - Grass snake *Natrix Helvetica*
13. For each animal or bird taken into possession a record of treatment and subsequent release must be made. The record of treatment shall be retained for a period of 24 months from the date the animal or bird came into possession and shall be produced to the licensing authority on being given reasonable notice in writing.
14. The record required to be kept under condition 13 shall contain the following information:
- i. the species and the date it was taken into possession or control
 - ii. the name and address of the person from whom the animal or bird was received (if applicable or available)
 - iii. the injuries sustained by the animal or bird at the time that it was taken into possession or control;
 - iv. the cause of those injuries (if known)
 - v. the date and place that the animal or bird was released back into the wild (if applicable) or disposed by whatever means, and
 - vi. the name of the person to whom the animal or bird has been passed to (if applicable)
15. If the animal or bird is transferred to another person, a copy of the record shall be transferred with the animal or bird.

Licence Renewals

Ordinarily, licences will be reissued on 1 April each year. Please note, that this licence can be modified or revoked at any time by the Licensing Authority, but this will not be done unless there are good reasons for doing so. It is the responsibility of the licence user to check the terms and conditions of a licence prior to first use of it each year in case of amendments.

Important

This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2021. Failure to comply with its terms and conditions:

- i. may mean that the licence cannot be relied upon and an offence could therefore be committed, and
- ii. may mean that you are not able to rely on this licence as a defence in respect to the within the Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004.

The Licensing Authority will check compliance with licences and the attached conditions. Where breaches are identified, these may be subject to enforcement action.

If the activity that you wish to undertake is not covered by this licence, or if you are unable to comply with any of the terms and conditions which apply to the use of this licence, then you will need to contact the Licensing Authority concerning an alternative licence.

This licence does not permit actions prohibited under any other legislation, nor does it confer any right of entry upon land.

Contact the Department of the Environment for licensing enquiries:

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