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To keep a dangerous wild animal you need a licence from us. The keeping of a Dangerous Wild Animal are regulated by the [Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1976/38) (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1976/38>) as amended and licence holders must ensure they comply with legislation. [Animals which are classified as dangerous wild animals](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2007/2465/pdfs/uksi_20072465_en.pdf) (http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2007/2465/pdfs/uksi_20072465_en.pdf) are outlined within the Act.

We shall not grant a licence under the Act unless a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner authorised by the authority to do so has inspected the premises where any animal will normally be held and considered a report by the vet.

In addition to powers of inspection, the Act also gives us powers to seize any animal being kept on premises which are unlicensed. Zoos, pet shops and circuses are exempt from the provisions of the Act as these premises are subject to separate licensing requirements.

Application for dangerous animals licence

To apply, please download and return the attached application form.

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Qualifying criteria

An applicant must be over 18 years of age and not disqualified by being convicted of any offence at any time under the:

- > [Protection of Animals Act 1911](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Geo5/1-2/27) (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Geo5/1-2/27>)
- > [Protection of Animals \(Scotland\) Act 1912](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Geo5/2-3/14/contents) (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Geo5/2-3/14/contents>)
- > [Protection of Animals Act 1934](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Geo5/24-25/21/contents) (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Geo5/24-25/21/contents>)
- > [Pet Animals Act 1951](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Geo6/14-15/35) (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Geo6/14-15/35>)
- > [Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1963/43) (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1963/43>)
- > [Riding Establishments Act 1964](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1964/70) (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1964/70>)
- > [Riding Establishments Act 1970](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1970/32) (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1970/32>)
- > [Breeding of Dogs Act 1973](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1973/60) (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1973/60>)

The [Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1976/38) (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1976/38>) aims to ensure that where private individuals keep dangerous wild animals, they do so in circumstances which create no risk to the public and which safeguard the welfare of the animals. [Animals which are classified as dangerous wild animals](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2007/2465/pdfs/uksi_20072465_en.pdf) (http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2007/2465/pdfs/uksi_20072465_en.pdf).