

In the State of Georgia, exotic or wild animals that are considered dangerous can be transferred, sold, transported, imported, possessed or purchased, according to state law, as long as the person responsible for the dangerous animal is in possession of the necessary permit or license. These Georgia Exotic Animal Laws or Codes plainly state who, what, how of permits and licenses required to be legal.

Georgia Code Annotated §27-5-4 is the Georgia Exotic Animal Law that is responsible for wild animal permits and licenses. This code states that it is illegal to transfer, import, sell, transport, possess or purchase without a license or permit the following wild or exotic animals: kangaroos, gibbons, chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans, siamangs, macaques, mandrills, baboons, drills and gelada baboons. It is also illegal to possess dingos, wolves, jackals, red dogs, maned wolves, African hunting dogs, bears, wolverines, hyenas, lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars, cheetah and cougar without the proper permits.

Elephants, rhinoceroses, warthog, hippopotamus, elands, nilgais, kouprey, African buffalo, sable, gemsbok, addax and hartebeests are also exotic animals that must be included on a permit to be possessed as are crocodiles, gavials, alligators, caimans, cobras, coral snakes, adders, vipers, pit vipers, Gila monsters, bearded lizards, tetra, piranha, parasitic catfish, rtilaginous fish, toads, bony fish, carp, catfish, snakeheads and fresh-water stingrays. People possessing opossum, wallabies, shrews, moles, flying lemurs, bats, monkeys, apes, sloths, armadillos, anteaters, rabbits, hares, rats and mice must also have permits for these animals. Whales, dolphins, weasels, ferrets, conies, manatees, dugong, as well as llamas, hawks, eagles, vultures, turkeys, monk parakeet, cuckoos, owls, larks, skylarks, bulbuls, thrushes, blackbirds, white eyes, buntings, sparrows, weavers, finches, quelas, weavers, grackles, orioles, waxbills, munias, ricebirds, starlings, mynas, crows and ravens are also included in the list of animals that are required to have a permit to possess.

The State of Georgia makes and enforces wildlife or exotic animal laws for the protection of its citizens as well as for the protection of the animals of Georgia and of course, the wild or exotic animals themselves.