

Dangerous Wild Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS

The Dangerous Wild Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 became law on the 28th December 2006.



Anyone wishing to own a dangerous wild animal, is required to hold a licence issued by the Department of Environment (DOE).



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WHY HAS THIS LEGISLATION BEEN INTRODUCED?

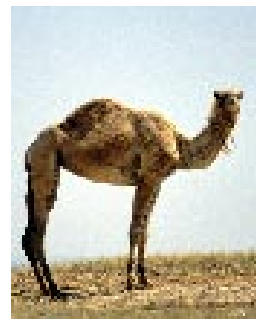
The Dangerous Wild Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 has been implemented, to regulate the keeping of dangerous wild animals (DWA) by private individuals in Northern Ireland, in order to safeguard the public, and to ensure that animals are properly cared for by their owners.

Any person wishing to acquire a DWA must obtain a licence from the DOE, prior to taking ownership of the animal.

LICENSING

A licence application, along with a fee of £80 must be submitted to the DOE. A further fee covering an inspection by a DOE approved vet must be paid, before a licence can be issued. Public liability insurance is required. A licence can cover more than one animal.

It is an offence to sell a DWA to an unlicensed keeper.



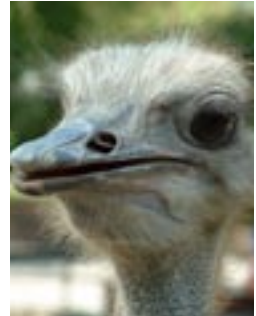
CONTACT DETAILS

For further information on The Dangerous Wild Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 and licence application forms, contact the Department of the Environment:

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