

80-3-6-.23      Requirements For Wild Animals And Simi-Wild Animals Imported Into Alabama; And/Or For Intrastate Movement Or Transportation And Disease Control Of Certain Animals. Unless entry is prohibited otherwise by law enforced by the Department of Conservation or other game law, in order that wild animals, and semi-wild animals maintained in captivity (to include game-breeder's animals pursuant to Section 9-11-(30-31), Code of Ala. 1975,) may be imported into the state; and/or in order that such animals may be moved or transported intrastate from place to place, the number of animals involved shall be reported to the State Veterinarian of Alabama ten (10) days prior to such entry of movement or transportation, and immediate opportunity for examination afforded representatives or authorized agents to determine the health status of such animals. Specific entry, intrastate movement or transportation requirements for Camelids; and entry, intrastate movement or transportation and disease control requirements for live Cervidae and semi-wild animals are as follows:

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(a) All live captive Cervidae as prescribed by the State Veterinarian of Alabama, shall be made available to test for brucellosis, tuberculosis, and any known, or to be developed tests for chronic wasting disease (CWD). Accredited zoos, research or exhibition or treatment and rehabilitation facilities shall have an approved CWD monitoring program, provided that Cervids entering into the zoos and facilities must also originate from a herd that is under an approved CWD monitoring program; and those facilities in compliance with the provisions of Section 9-11-(30-31), Code of Ala. 1975, shall also have an approved CWD monitoring program to include provisions for notification of animals that have died from unknown causes.

(b) For the purpose of disease control, the State Veterinarian with assistance as needed from other state agencies and landowners, shall establish by survey, questionnaire, or by physical presence or appointed representatives a database for locating, registering, monitoring, and testing of Cervid herds maintained in captivity. From the development and maintenance of a monitoring program, the State Veterinarian shall establish guidelines for the diagnosis, prevention, and control of CWD and TB, and any other emerging animal diseases. All testing shall be as prescribed by the State Veterinarian. If a Cervid tests positive for CWD, or TB, or any other emerging animal disease, the test results shall be confirmed through another qualified testing facility. If a positive test is determined and confirmed, a herd plan shall be forthwith developed and executed.

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