901:1-2-01 **Dangerous Wild Animal Care, Housing, and Caging Standards.**

(A) "Animal" as used in this Chapter refers to any "dangerous wild animal" as defined by section 935.01(C) of the Revised Code and registered with the department pursuant to section 935.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) Animals are to be monitored regularly for evidence of disease, injury and parasites and corrective measures under veterinary guidance must be taken when such evidence is found.

(C) Food and water:

(1) Animals must receive food and water on a regular basis of sufficient quantity and quality to ensure maintenance of normal body condition and/or growth.

(2) Food and water receptacles must be kept clean and sanitary.

(3) Food provided shall be unspoiled and uncontaminated.

(D) Unless otherwise specificed, all enclousure must meet the following minimum requirements:

(1) Animal primary enclosures are those enclosures that directly house the animal, and in which the animals have direct contact with the enclosure material.

(2) The enclosure shall be sufficiently strong to prevent escape, to protect the contained animal from injury, and equipped with structural barriers to prevent any contact with the public.

(3) Cantilever fencing must be:

(a) Made of chain link with an electrified top wire, hot cables, or a combination;

(b) A minimum of three feet in width from the base of the cantilever to the top of the cantilever;

(c) Attached to the top of the enclosure at a forty-five degree angle into the enclosure; and,

(d) Made of the same material as the primary enclosure or an equivalent material.

(4) The enclosure shall be of sufficient size to allow the animal to engage in adequate movements, behavioral needs, and enrichment opportunities.

(5) The cage shall provide protection from harmful extremes of temperature, air

movement, moisture, light and other climatic conditions to ensure the proper health and well-being of the animal.

(6) Fecal and food waste shall be removed from the enclosure daily and stored or disposed of in a manner to protect the health and well-being of the animals, owners and staff.

(7) Enclosures, including perches, shelves, and any other materials in the enclosure shall be spot cleaned daily and disinfected a minimum of once weekly.

(8) Aggressive or incompatible animals shall be housed separately.

(9) Reptile enclosures shall include smooth walls or other materials which protect the reptiles from injury.

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