



**APPLICATION FOR HERPTILE CODE PERMITS**  
**Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Organization/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Associates or Agents **working under direction of the permittee** (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Herptile permit(s) for which you are applying:

- Scientific and Research Collecting (HSRC)- no charge
- Resident Herpetoculture for IL Native Taxa (HRHN) - \$50 annual
- Resident Special Use Herptile (Venomous/ Crocodilians/ Komodo dragons or crocodile monitor lizards) (HSUR) - \$250 annual
- Limited Entry Non-resident Herpetoculture for IL Native Taxa (HLEH) - \$25 (for 15 days)
- Limited Entry Non-resident Special Use Herptile (Venomous/ Crocodilians/ Komodo dragons or crocodile monitor lizards) (HSUL) - \$25 (for 15 days)

Is this application for a renewal of a permit? Yes No

Is this application for an amendment to an existing permit? Yes No  
(there is no charge for amendments)

\*If this is a renewal or amendment, and the required application materials (see following sections) are on file with IDNR, then those materials do not need to be re-submitted unless changes have occurred since the last permit was issued or requested by IDNR. If you are unsure the materials are on file, please re-submit them to [DNR.HerpPermit@illinois.gov](mailto:DNR.HerpPermit@illinois.gov)

**All Permit Applicants:**

Please list below all herptiles or herptile products that you requesting for the permit (attach additional pages of documentation if necessary):

Species	Type of Item	Quantity male	Quantity female	Sex unknown	Locality/ Lineage	Permit type

**Facilities**

Where will the permitted herptiles be held?

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary facility contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary facility contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are the holding facilities structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the herptiles from damage by unauthorized causes? Yes No

Are the holding facilities adequate to ensure that the herptiles will not escape or be released unintentionally? Yes No

Is the temperature in indoor facilities regulated by heating or cooling to assure simulation of conditions in the species' natural environment? Yes No N/A

Does the indoor facility have lighting, by natural or artificial means or both, of quality, intensity, color, temperature, distribution, and duration needed for the herptiles? Yes No N/A

Are outdoor facilities constructed to simulate the natural environment of the herptiles with regard to all factors necessary for the survival and growth? Yes No N/A

Will the enclosures be kept clean and the herptiles be supplied clean water and fed regularly?

Yes      No

Will the facilities be made available at any reasonable hour for the purpose of inspections?

Yes      No

### HERPTILE SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH COLLECTING PERMIT

**Scientific and Research Collecting Permits are required for conducting research on herptiles that are native, not endangered or threatened, and exempts the researcher from their native Illinois herptile possession limits. It also allows salvage of roadkill specimens for deposition into a research collection and also for rehabilitation of injured herptiles. Researchers must be affiliated with an institution or be conducting bonafide scientific research.**

#### Applicant's Qualifications

Degree	Institution Attended	Year Degree Received

#### Summary of Most Relevant Work Experience

Position Title	Institution/Agency	Dates	Species Handled

Other experience, training, or professional activities that qualifies the applicant to conduct the proposed research:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

List relevant publications to the proposed work that have been authored/co-authored by the applicant.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Attach a research proposal including justification, methods, and benefits to the species from the research. The proposal can be sent to: [DNR.HerpPermit@illinois.gov](mailto:DNR.HerpPermit@illinois.gov)

Verify and initial that any encounter of endangered/threatened herptiles (state or federally listed) will be reported to IDNR via email address on last page of this application within 24 hours of encounter. \_\_\_\_\_

If you are proposing to conduct research on properties owned or managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, you may need additional permits. Please check this box if this applies to you. Yes

If you are proposing to conduct research on any Nature Preserve or Land and Water Reserve, you will need additional permits. You can apply for that permit by emailing [Kelly.Neal@illinois.gov](mailto:Kelly.Neal@illinois.gov)

It is YOUR responsibility to apply for any of these additional permits. You cannot receive this permit until you provide proof of the other required permits. Provide the other required permit numbers here: \_\_\_\_\_

### HERPETOCULTURE PERMIT

**Herpetoculture Permits are required for anyone requesting an exemption from their native herptile possession limits, or attempting to breed, hatch, sell, or offer for sale any native Illinois herptiles that did not originate from the wild of Illinois and that are not endangered or threatened. No wild-caught Illinois herptiles may be bred or commercialized, nor any offspring resulting from wild-caught Illinois herptiles. No herptiles may be released (intentionally or accidentally) into the wild of Illinois without written consent from IDNR.**

Verify and initial that any native Illinois herptiles will be obtained legally with documentation of their origin and not originating from the wild of Illinois or any Illinois lineage/origin. \_\_\_\_\_

### SPECIAL USE HERPTILE PERMIT

**Special Use Herptile Permits are required for anyone who wants to acquire, possess, raise, and maintain crocodylians, venomous reptiles, and Komodo dragons or crocodile monitor lizards. Residents may obtain venomous specimens from the approved species list only. Any E/T herptiles that are crocodylians, venomous reptiles, and Komodo dragons or crocodile monitor lizards will be permitted solely under this category unless exempted and then the E/T herptiles must be permitted under the E/T permits. No E&T venomous native herptiles may be collected from the wild of Illinois. No breeding of Special Use Herptiles is permitted unless the breeding is part of an IDNR approved recovery effort, and any sales/transfers of Special Use Herptiles must be pre-approved with written consent of the IDNR.**

Verify and initial that the applicant has first communicated with both county animal control and municipality animal control that there are not any more restrictive home rule ordinances regarding possession of Special Use Herptiles existing in either the county or municipality the applicant resides in. \_\_\_\_\_

Verify and initial that the applicant will maintain the required liability insurance for the duration of the permit. \_\_\_\_\_

Verify and initial that the applicant will provide a minimum of six educational programs each calendar year that are documented on the recipient's letterhead for Special Use Herptiles permitted. All programs must include information on the Special Use Herptile displayed and an explanation of its legal acquisition. \_\_\_\_\_

Verify and initial that the applicant will allow for a pre-inspection prior to issuance of any Special Use Herptile permit and allow for any inspections during any reasonable hour by IDNR once permitted. \_\_\_\_\_

Verify and initial that any Special Use Herptiles will be obtained legally with documentation of their origin after the Permit is issued. \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a statement that documents the required 250 hours experience with venomous reptiles. The documentation can be sent to: [DNR.HerpPermit@illinois.gov](mailto:DNR.HerpPermit@illinois.gov)

Prior to issuance of a Special Use Herptile permit, a pre-inspection of the facility will be conducted by IDNR. After approval of the facility, proof of required liability insurance will be required before issuance of the Special Use Herptile permit.

Payment of the annual fee for the Special Use Herptile permit will be accepted after pre-inspection of the facility and proof of required liability insurance.

### **CERTIFICATION**

**1).** Pursuant to 5 ILCS 100/10-65(c), IDNR must require license applicants to certify as follows: "I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury," that (please check only one):

I am not subject to a child support order.

I am not more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order.

I am more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order.

Disclosure of applicant's Social Security Number is mandatory pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 666(a)(13) and 5 ILCS 100/10-65 for use under the State's child support enforcement program.

Applicant Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

**2).** "I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the regulations outlined in the Illinois Herptile Code (510 ILCS 68) and administrative rule 17-885 for any permits issued for amphibians and reptiles, and that there are annual and immediate reporting requirements. Failure to comply with the Illinois Herptile Code or any of its administrative rules may result in the revocation of an issued permit and confiscation of any specimens under that permit".

**3).** "I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge".

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please send questions and completed application to: [DNR.HerpPermit@illinois.gov](mailto:DNR.HerpPermit@illinois.gov)

Please allow up to 60 days for review and issuance of permits. Electronic correspondence and submittal preferred. If other arrangements are necessary please call: **(618) 694-3398**. **This application is NOT a permit.**