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§19-34-2. Definitions.

As used in this article unless otherwise specified:

(1) "Board" means the Dangerous Wild Animal Board;

(2) "Dangerous wild animal" means a mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian or aquatic animal, including a hybrid, that is dangerous to humans, other animals or the environment due to its inherent nature and capability to do significant harm. "Wildlife", as defined by section two, article one, chapter twenty of this code, "livestock", as defined in section two, article ten-b, chapter nineteen of this code, and "domestic animals", as defined in this section, are excluded.

(3) "Domestic animal" means an animal which, through extremely long association with humans, has been bred to a degree which has resulted in genetic changes affecting the temperament, color, conformation or other attributes of the species to an extent that makes it unique and distinguishable from a wild individual of its species, and includes an animal that has been bred as a companion animal.

(4) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, organization, trade or professional association, firm, limited liability company, joint venture, association, trust, estate or other legal entity and an officer, member, shareholder, director, employee, agent or representative thereof.

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