WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §20-2D-2

§20-2D-2. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(1) “Applicant” means a person who applies for a West Virginia Division of Natural Resources wildlife rehabilitation permit.

(2) “Continuing education and training” means instruction, courses of instruction, study guides and other materials determined to be acceptable for use by wildlife rehabilitation permit holders to satisfy the requirements for renewal of permits upon expiration established by the Division of Natural Resources.

(3) “Facilities” means equipment, housing, or other shelter used in, or necessary for, the rehabilitation of wildlife.

(4) “Federal permit” means a permit for the rehabilitation of migratory birds issued by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(5)“In-facility assistant” means any person listed on an approved wildlife rehabilitation permit issued by the Division who is allowed to assist the permit holder with wildlife care within a wildlife rehabilitation facility.

(6) “Non-releasable wildlife” means rehabilitated wildlife that cannot be released due to a permanent injury or degenerative physical condition as a result of illness that would significantly reduce the ability to survive in the wild.

(7) “Permit” means a wildlife rehabilitation permit issued by the Division.

(8) “Permit holder” means a person who possesses a valid rehabilitation permit issued by the Division.

(9) “Public exhibition” means any display to the general public of wildlife undergoing rehabilitation, either on the permit holder’s premises or elsewhere.

(10) “Transport” means the act by a permit holder of causing or attempting to cause wildlife to be carried or moved in any way, except within the permit holder’s premises.

(11) “Wildlife rehabilitation” means the act or acts of receiving, temporarily confining, providing or arranging for veterinary care, releasing, and humanely dispatching orphaned, sick, or injured native wildlife.

(12) “Wildlife rehabilitator” means a person who holds a valid wildlife rehabilitation permit issued by the Division of Natural Resources.

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(13) All other terms have the meaning prescribed in §20-1-2 *et seq*.

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