



Office of Environment and Heritage

Licence to Catch and Release Reptiles

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Example licence conditions

1. The licence holder shall keep a true and accurate record in the Reptile Catch and Release Animal Record supplied, for each reptile caught, period held, where released, otherwise transferred and any other information requested by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH). The licence holder shall make each record immediately following each capture and release. The OEH Wildlife Team shall receive a copy of the record prior to renewal or termination of this licence.
2. Reptiles must not be held for longer than 3 days. Any reptile that needs to be held for longer than 3 days must be released according to licence conditions, be transferred to a wildlife carer group licensed by the OEH or be euthanised according to animal welfare guidelines.
3. Reptiles to be released into an area in which that species is endemic and not more than 20 kilometres from the original capture site.
4. The local Area Manager of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is to be consulted prior to the release of reptiles into any of the NPWS managed areas.
5. Where possible, reptiles are to be released out of sight of the public.
6. Venomous reptiles transported from the capture site and to the release site must at all times be contained in a locked escape-proof container.
7. The licensee must hold current public liability insurance.
8. The licensee must maintain a current first aid certificate and carry first aid snake bite equipment when operating under the terms of this licence.
9. The licensee must immediately notify the local office of the NPWS upon receiving knowledge of the location or the capture of a non-native reptile and follow any instructions from an officer of the OEH regarding that animal.
10. The licensee shall advise the City of Sydney council prior to the harming of any protected animals within the City of Sydney Local Government Area.
11. Any reptile harmed and temporarily held under this licence must be kept separate from any other reptile that may also be held by the licensee (e.g. those held under a Native Animal Keepers' Licence or authorisation issued by a licensed wildlife care organisation). The tank/bag/container etc in which the reptile is temporarily held under this licence must be marked with licence number [XXX].
12. The licensee shall advise in writing to the OEH Wildlife Team any change of address within 14 days of moving. The licensee must also re-apply and meet the requirements for a licence as detailed in the catch and release reptile application form.