

City Of Marshfield Policies and Procedures

Chapter 6: Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Zoo Operations - Animal Disposition

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Special Notes: This policy/procedure manual does not in any way constitute an employment contract and the City of Marshfield reserves the right to amend this manual at any time subject only to approval by the Common Council.

A. Wildwood Zoo Animal Disposition Policy

Disposition decisions will be made by the Zookeeper and Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor and approved by the Parks and Recreation Director. All animal disposition decisions should consider all education and conservation possibilities and enable Wildwood Zoo to manage animals in a consistent and humane manner. Wildwood Zoo does not condone or support the sale of exotics through public auction, the use of animals in shooting preserves, or the use of animals for invasive research, which does not have direct benefit to the conservation of the species.

Considerations for disposition of live animals will include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. Successful reproduction that produces surplus stock.
2. Removing related stock to maintain genetic diversity.
3. Space restrictions that are non-beneficial for the zoo or animal involved.
4. Incompatibility between animals or species warrants removal.
5. The evolution of our collection to be inline with our master plan and collection plan.

Disposition of live animals will be by sale, exchange, loan, or gift. All legal restrictions must be observed. Recipients will be approved in a case-by-case selection process. Decisions regarding recipients will be based on the following preferences:

1. Species Survival Plan (SSP) approval recipients for all SSP Animals (including their international counterparts).

2. AZA accredited zoological institutions or AZA registered animal suppliers.
3. Reputable zoological institutions or museums which are not members of AZA. These recipients must complete the profile survey and the department staff (Zookeeper, Supervisor, and Director) must be satisfied with the reference materials and competence of such recipients.
4. Reputable private animal breeders and owners. These recipients must complete the profile survey and the zoo specialist must be satisfied with the reference materials and competence of such recipients. See attached dealer profile form.
5. Research institutions if proposed research is of direct benefit to the individual animal or species.
6. Domestic animals to private individuals are subject to the recipient criteria above, and these animals may be sold or slaughtered in accordance with accepted farm practices.
7. Any loan agreement with a private individual or other recipient will be subject to periodic review of the animals' condition and care and these terms should be included in the loan agreement.
8. Euthanasia will be considered as means of elective disposition of an animal in accordance with the "Report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia" (202 (#2), pages 229-249, 1993) if other means of disposition are not feasible and it is determined to be absolutely necessary in an agreement signed by the Zookeeper, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor, and Parks and Recreation Director, and attending veterinarian. Reference attached Euthanasia Form.
9. Live specimens may be released within native ranges subject to relevant laws and regulations.

Animals parts, products, and remains will be used for research purposes that would directly benefit the species or for educational purposes whenever possible and be in compliance with any and all legal restrictions. Other remains should be disposed of by incineration or other suitable method.

This document incorporates "Guidelines for the Disposition of Wild Animals from Zoological Parks and Aquariums" as adopted in 1987 by the American Zoological Parks and Aquarium Association.

ANIMAL DEALER PROFILE

Date: _____

Company Name: _____

Individual's Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Function (Aviculturist, Dealer, etc.): _____

AZA Member: Yes _____ No _____ AZA inspected: Yes _____ No _____

Institutional ISIS # _____ Telephone: (____) _____

PERMITS HELD (INCLUDE COMPLETE COPIES) _____

References: Please provide name of organization, complete address and phone number. Use back of sheet if more space is needed.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

COMMENTS (Description of facilities, areas of expertise, interest, etc.): _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH COPIES OF LATEST USDA INSPECTION FORM AND APPLICATION PERMITS TO:

PARKS & RECREATION MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
P.O. Box 727
Marshfield, WI 54449
715-486-2049



WILDWOOD ZOO

We have determined and mutually agree that it is in the best interest of the
animal _____ that euthanasia is warranted.
Name & Identification

Date	Signatures
_____	_____ Parks & Recreation Director
_____	_____ Parks & Recreation Maint. Supervisor
_____	_____ Zookeeper
_____	_____ Attending Veterinarian

Date Euthanized _____

Veterinarian _____