

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES  
**APPLICATION TO PROPAGATE AND SELL CERTAIN RAPTORS IN VIRGINIA**

(Under Authority of §§ 29.1-412, 521, and 542 of the Code of Virginia and 4 VAC 15-30-60)

**Non-refundable Application Fee: \$37.50 for a three year term**

Check One:  New  Renewal Previous VDGIF Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

County \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Facility Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

County \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of facility if different from above, where raptor(s) will be propagated:

\_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Falconry Permit Number: State: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a copy of your current Federal Raptor Propagation Permit and note the permit number in this space: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Applicant must list all individual birds to be propagated on the back in the space provided.**

Have you ever been convicted of violating any federal or state wildlife laws or wildlife-related regulations?  
Yes  No  If "yes," year and nature of offense \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Via my signature above, I hereby certify that all entries made on this application are true and complete, that I have read and understand the permit conditions that I have been provided and that I will conduct my raptor propagation activities as specified in the conditions, and I agree and understand that any falsification of information herein, regardless of time of discovery, may result in denial or revocation of my permit.

Make checks payable to: **Treasurer of Virginia** and return to:  
Permit Section, VDGIF, P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23230-1104

**OVER – COMPLETE THE BACK**



## PERMIT REQUIREMENTS TO PROPAGATE AND SELL CERTAIN RAPTORS IN VIRGINIA

### PERMIT INFORMATION

Pursuant to 4 VAC 15-30-10 it shall be unlawful to import, export, buy, sell, offer for sale, or liberate within the Commonwealth any wild animal unless otherwise specifically permitted by law or regulation. Under authority of § 29.1-103 (11) and § 29.1-412 of the Code of Virginia, the **Propagate and Sell Permit** shall authorize the holder to buy, possess, propagate, and sell certain wildlife.

A state raptor propagation permit shall be required before any person may take, possess, transport, import, purchase, barter, or offer to sell, purchase, or barter **any native or naturalized raptor, raptor egg, or raptor semen for propagation purposes**. An applicant must hold a current Federal Raptor Propagation Permit.

An applicant for a permit to propagate raptors required pursuant to §§ 29.1-412, 521, and 542 of the Code of Virginia, under regulations developed under authority § 29.1-413, for a fee authorized pursuant to § 29.1-417 and established in 4 VAC 15-20-200, and under penalties prescribed in § 29.1-505 and 4 VAC 15-290-130, shall submit to the Department a completed Propagation Permit application form and shall conduct their propagation activities in accordance with these permit conditions established under the authority of the Director as granted in 4 VAC 15-30-5.

1. **Application:** Application for a permit and an application fee shall be submitted to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Permit Section, P. O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23230-1104. (All checks made payable to the "Treasurer of Virginia.")
2. **Term of Permit:** Permits issued under the provisions of this section shall be issued on a calendar basis beginning January 1 and expiring December 31 for a three-year term. At \$12.50 per year, the non-refundable permit application fee is \$37.50 for the three-year term. All permits, regardless of issuance date, will expire December 31st. It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to initiate any and all renewals.
3. **Reports:** Permittees shall remit a copy of their U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Raptor Propagation Permit Annual Report to the Department by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

### PERMIT CONDITIONS

A. No native or naturalized raptors, raptor eggs, or raptor semen may be taken from the wild unless authorized in writing by the Department. If authorized, the raptors taken or hatched must be marked with permanent non-reusable, numbered bands issued by the USFWS. A permittee may not purchase, sell or barter any raptor eggs, any raptors taken from the wild, any raptor semen collected from the wild, or any raptors hatched from eggs taken from the wild. No raptors may be intentionally released to the wild without written authorization by the Department.

B. Raptors listed as "endangered" or "threatened" per 4 VAC 15-20-130 may only be possessed for raptor propagation purposes if the raptors are captive-bred and banded with a seamless numbered band or if they are pre-act birds identified with markers supplied by the USFWS.

C. No bird banded with a standard Federal migratory bird band may be taken from the wild for propagation

purposes.

D. Prior to issuance of a new raptor propagation permit, the applicant's raptor propagation facilities must be inspected and approved by a representative of the Department. Facilities must be open to inspection at any reasonable time by an authorized representative of the Department. Permittee will inform the Permit Section in writing within thirty days if the raptor propagation facilities are relocated.

E. The permittee shall submit the blue copy of the 3-186A - Migratory Bird Acquisition /Disposition Report to the Department within five (5) calendar days of any transfer.

F. If the permittee wishes to add additional species to the list of species shown on their permit during the year, authorization is required from the Department's Permit Section prior to acquisition. The Permit Section telephone number is (804) 367-9588; the FAX number is (804) 367-1128.

G. A Permit To Exhibit Wild Animals in Virginia is not required for an authorized falconer or raptor propagator to exhibit a bird held under his/her valid falconry or raptor propagation permit(s) for noncommercial, conservation education purposes, except eagles.

H. Regulation 4 VAC 15-290-130 states that a permit holder shall comply with all terms and conditions of any permit issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries pursuant to Title 29.1 of the Code of Virginia and the regulations of the board pertaining to hunting, fishing, trapping, attempting to take, possession, sale, offering for sale, transporting or causing to be transported, importing or exporting, propagating, exhibiting, and rehabilitating of any wild bird, wild animal or fish. The penalty for violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor unless another penalty is specified. The Department may revoke, or suspend a permit for failure to comply with the conditions of this permit.

I. This permit does not absolve the permittee of any responsibilities or conditions of any other federal, state, or local laws and regulations, including those that apply to Threatened or Endangered Species.

J. Regulation 4 VAC 15-30-7 states that provided that the issuance of a permit renewal has been delayed past the expiration date of the permittee's previous permit at no fault of the applicant, the permittee may continue the specific activities authorized by the expired permit until the Department has acted on such person's application for renewal. To qualify for this allowance, applicants must submit a completed renewal application to the Department at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the permit. The Department may deny renewal of a permit to any applicant who fails to meet the issuance criteria set forth by the Department. Renewal applications will be mailed approximately two months in advance of the permit's expiration date.