

Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit

Order Date: **1/12/2026** Licensee Customer #: **1000919737** License Name: **CHRISTOPHER BENSON**
Effective Date: **1/1/2026** Expiration Date: **3/31/2031**
Special Information: **Species Name: Non-Migratory Birds, Deer, Small Mammals, Reptiles** **Certified for Rabies Prone Species: YES**
Responsible Person Name: Christopher Benson - Animal Institute **USFWS Permit On File?: NO**
Permitted Location Address(es): **SPECIAL PERMIT FACILITY 5180 BURNT HICKORY RD NW KENNESAW, GA 30152-3825**

Under authority of O.C.G.A 27-2-22, the named permittee on this document is hereby authorized to temporarily transport and possess only the wildlife indicated on this document which have become sick, injured or orphaned, for the purpose of rehabilitation and release back into the wild. All such wildlife will be released as soon as it is able to survive. Animals which die or fail to recover adequately for release must be destroyed by permittee. Holding or transferring non-releasable wildlife, and/or holding wildlife after it has reached the point of being able to survive alone, is unlawful unless prior written approval has been obtained from DNR Wildlife Resources Division, Special Permit Unit. This permit does not authorize the holding of other wildlife other than individuals that are in the process of being rehabilitated for release.

Permittee must maintain records required by DNR Regulation 391-4-9-.03 and submit these in the form of an annual report showing species, date acquired, date released, and disposition by January 31 of each year. Permittee must comply with all other requirements of this Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and must have similar authorization from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for migratory birds. This permit is not valid for any rabies prone animal (bats, bobcats, coyotes, foxes, raccoons, skunks) unless specifically indicated below.

Ownership of all wildlife held under this permit and their offspring shall remain under the jurisdiction of the State of Georgia, and may not be sold, traded, bartered, exchanged, or displayed under the authority of this license unless specifically authorized in writing by the Special Permit Unit.

Signature of Licensee _____

Condition:**1.Migratory Birds – Medical Treatment Only with Federal Permit**

Medical treatment for migratory birds is only allowed when a permit is obtained from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Rehabilitation of migratory birds is not permitted.

After triage and stabilization, migratory birds must be transferred to a federally permitted migratory bird rehabilitator within 24 hours, unless the bird is euthanized.

2.Approved Facility Use Only

The permittee is authorized to rehabilitate only at the approved and inspected facility listed on this permit.

The rehabilitator is not authorized to take animals home or to any other location.

3.Non-Releasable Animals

When an animal is determined to be non-releasable, the rehabilitator must contact the Special Permit Unit (SPU) by email.

The email must explain why the animal cannot be returned to the wild.

The SPU maintains a list of facilities that may accept non-releasable animals or reptiles for educational purposes.

SEE PAGE 2

CHRISTOPHER BENSON
5180 BURNT HICKORY RD NW
KENNESAW, GA 30152

4. Annual Intake Tally Logs

Rehabilitation intake tally logs are due no later than January 15th each year.

Logs may be emailed (in PDF format) to jamie.hawkins@dnr.ga.gov or mailed via U.S. Mail to the Special Permit Unit.

When multiple rehabilitators work together at a facility, each rehabilitator must submit an individual intake log with their own name to receive credit.

These intake logs are filed in each individual's state file.

5. Education Program Restrictions

Licensed rehabilitators are not authorized to conduct wildlife education programs.

Animals under rehabilitation must always be handled in the manner best suited for their welfare.

6. Cervidae species

Fawns originating from a county within the Chronic Wasting Disease Management Area, currently Atkinson, Lanier and Berrien, Lowndes Counties, must be returned to the property of origin at weaning, or you must contact CWD@dnr.ga.gov to locate an appropriate release site.