



Application for Large Snake Permit

State of Tennessee

County of Knox

Permit No. _____

Date Approved _____

Included Snakes are:

- (1) Reticulate Python
- (2) Burmese Python
- (3) African Rock Python
- (4) Common Boa
- (5) Green Anaconda

I hereby make application for a permit to keep a large snake over six (6) feet in length within the City of Knoxville under the provisions of City Animals Ordinance Chapter 5, Article I, Section 5-30 and base my application upon answers to the following questions:

Full Name of Applicant:

Last _____ First _____ MI _____

Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Emergency Contact: (local friend, relative, neighbor, etc.)

Name _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone_____Work Phone_____

Veterinarian Information:

Name_____

Office Address_____

Phone_____Emergency Phone_____

If applicant under 18 years of age, please provide guardian information:

Name_____

Address (if different from applicant's)_____

Phone_____Work Phone_____

Has the permittee:

Been denied any type of license by the City of Knoxville? Yes/No

Had any type of license revoked in the City of Knoxville? Yes/No

Been charged with a violation of any animal law or code? Yes/No

If the answer to any of the proceeding questions is Yes, please explain below using a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Snake Information:

Number of Snakes to be included on this Permit_____

Please submit the following information for *each* snake to be included on this permit. Use the back of the form for each additional snake.

Snake 1:

Species _____ Snake Name _____

Length _____ Expected Length _____

Description of snake (markings, coloring) _____

Please Attach a color photo of the snake, including the head and neck area.

List all locations where the snake might be kept other than at Applicant's address:

Read the following terms of the application for a large snake permit and, after carefully reading, understanding, and considering the following, sign and date signifying your accord and agreement with those terms.

I understand that, should my application be accepted, I am being granted a privilege, not a right. I acquire no vested interest in continuing to keep large snakes within the City of Knoxville beyond the stated terms of this permit. I understand that neither the City of Knoxville nor any of its instrumentalities, agents, or employees makes any representations as to continued rights to keep, sell, or maintain large snakes within the City of Knoxville or to extend the duration of the permit or grant additional permits in the future. I absolve the City of Knoxville of all liability flowing from any damage or harm that I or another granted authority under this permit might cause, by negligence or otherwise, in the enjoyment of the privileges granted therein. I

assert that I have read and understand the relevant provisions of the City Animals Ordinances in Chapter 5 of the City of Knoxville Code and agree to comply with all relevant provisions of those ordinances governing the treatment, sale, transport, and care of the animals in question and understand the criminal and civil consequences of violating those ordinances. I have read the attached guidelines of care and agree to comply with those terms to the best of my abilities. I further understand that, in the event of a public health emergency, I agree to immediate compliance with directions of public health officials and agree to allow those officials to enter, seize control, and/or close my operations if a situation threatening the public health develops or is discovered.

Applicant's Signature_____

Date_____

Signature of Witnessing Officer_____

Guardian Signature (If applicant is under 18 years of age):

I likewise agree to comply with the above agreement and provisions of the City of Knoxville animal code and will diligently supervise the minor applicant in the enjoyment of his or her privileges under this permit.

Guardian Signature_____

Please remit this form along with a \$25.00 application fee (make checks payable to City of Knoxville) to the following address:

City of Knoxville Police Department
Attn: Animal Control
800 Howard Baker Jr. Ave.
Knoxville, TN 37915

If you have questions relating to this application, please call the City of Knoxville Animal Control Department at 865-215-8640.

To Be Completed By City Animal Control

Inspection Performed? Yes _____ No _____

Date of Inspection _____

Permit Approved? Yes _____ No _____

Inspector Signature _____

Notes _____

To Be Completed By City Animal Control Board

Permit Approved? Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

Fee Remitted? Yes _____ No _____ Date _____ Amount _____

Chairperson Signature _____

Notes _____

Copies to be submitted to:

City Animal Control Board
City Animal Control
Knoxville Police Department
Applicant/Permitee

Care and Safety Sheet for Keeping Large Snakes

Proper Enclosure Sizes for Large Snakes:

These sizes are the *minimum* size you should have for the following types of species. (A good rule of thumb is that the snake's enclosure should be at *least* half of its body length.)

<u>Species</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Enclosure Size</u>
Anaconda	6'	5'x3' or larger
African Rock Python	8'	5'x3' or larger
Burmese Python	10'	6'x4'
Reticulated Python	16'	8'x5'
Boa Constrictor	6'	5'x3' or larger
	8'	6'x4' or larger

Enclosure Requirements:

- Clean
- Lockable or latchable
- Properly vented
- No full screen cages
- Visibility of snake: *at least* one side of enclosure should allow a clear view

- of the snake (eg. Tempered glass, plexiglass, or acrylic).
- Basking area on one side of cage. *Not the entire cage*. 82-86 degrees, by either heat mats, heat lamps, or both, which must not be immediately against the snake's enclosure. *No heat rocks*.
 - Enclosure substrate should contain *no cedar shavings*.
 - Clean, adequate water supply.

Snake Health:

The snake should appear outwardly healthy.

- No presence of mites.
- No presence of fresh burns, rodent bites, nasal discharge.
- Spine or ribs should not be visible.
- Snake should resemble a round shape with no resemblance to a triangle.

Veterinarians specializing in exotic animal care:

Veterinarians in Knox County area specializing in exotic animal care:

(This list is not exclusive, and other veterinarians in the area may care for large snakes.)

All Creatures Animal Hospital, 324 N. Washington Street, Maryville (681-8431)

Central Veterinary Hospital, 1212 W. Clinch Ave., Knoxville (525-1167)

Concord Veterinary Hospital, 11904 Kingston Pike, Knoxville (966-4135)

Emory Animal Hospital, 2311 Emory Road, Powell (947-0437)

Lenoir City Animal Clinic, 601 Highway 321 N., Lenoir City (986-5450)

UT Veterinary Hospital, Exotic Animal Appointments, Knoxville (974-5667)