



Serious incident notification requirements

Exhibited Animals Act 2015

Overview

The following information will assist authority holders granted an authority under the *Exhibited Animals Act 2015* (Act) meet mandatory obligations to notify the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries of a serious incident.


Serious incident criteria

The following are identified as serious incidents under Section 80 of the Act:

- a) The death of, or serious injury or illness to or of, a person caused by or originating from an authorised animal.
- b) The escape, or unauthorised release or removal, of a **special risk** animal from an authorised enclosure, whether into a controlled area or elsewhere.
 - **Special risk animal** means:
 - an authorised Category C animal
 - a venomous animal
 - an estuarine crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*), or
 - a freshwater crocodile (*Crocodylus johnstoni*).
- c) The escape, or unauthorised release or removal, of any authorised animal from a controlled area.
- d) A responsible person for an authorised animal not having immediate control of the animal while it is outside an authorised enclosure and a controlled area.
- e) The death of an authorised animal if:
 - i. animals of that species have been kept under the exhibited animal authority for less than 6 months and have an average life expectancy of at least 6 months, and
 - ii. the animal lived for less than the average life expectancy.
- f) The death of an authorised animal caused, or contributed to, by the act or omission of a person, other than euthanasia of the animal authorised by the authority holder.
- g) An unexplained or abnormally high mortality rate or morbidity of authorised animals.
- h) Damage to an authorised enclosure or an adjacent structure that is not repaired immediately and is reasonably likely to:
 - i. adversely affect the suitability of the enclosure for accommodating an authorised animal, or
 - ii. increase a relevant risk or relevant adverse effect associated with exhibiting or dealing with an authorised animal.
- i) Unauthorised entry to an authorised enclosure or controlled area.

How to notify the department

The Department must be notified about all serious incidents immediately after the authority holder becomes aware of the incident unless the holder has a reasonable excuse. Notification must be forwarded via telephone or notice (email), whichever is quickest. If forwarding detail via telephone and



it is not possible for an authority holder to provide details of the serious incident, the authority holder must provide the detail via notice (email) as soon as practicable.

The department may ask you to complete a serious incident notification form in response to your serious incident notification.

You may notify the Exhibited Animals unit by contacting the department on 13 25 23 or by emailing Exhibited Animal Enquiry at exhibitedanimalenquiry@daf.qld.gov.au

Further information

For further information about licence requirements under the Act please visit the Exhibited Animals website www.daf.qld.gov.au.

