

## **Exotic Animal Resolution (A)**

Any person, within Braceville Township, owning, keeping, or harboring a wild or exotic animal, a vicious or dangerous domesticated animal, or any other animal or reptile of wild, vicious or dangerous propensities shall provide housing and containment that is adequate to prevent such wild or exotic animal, vicious or dangerous domesticated animal, or any other animal or reptile of wild, vicious or dangerous propensities from escaping or injuring the public.

Exotic animals purchased or adopted and housed on the subject property of this Zoning Resolution shall provide a bill of sale or notarized statement which verifies the sale date. The exotic animal shall be confined in a house, building, or other enclosure in such a way that human contact, other than with the owner(s), cannot occur.

No person shall be permitted to keep, maintain or have in his or her possession or under their control within Braceville Township any wild animal that has been declared to be protected or endangered by the U.S. Department of Interior and/or the Ohio Revised Code.

Exemption:

1. Licensed veterinarians and incorporated humane societies or animal shelters tending to injured or sick animals.
2. Animals in zoos, educational or medical institutions, museums or any other place where they are kept as live specimens for public view or for the purpose of instruction or study'
3. The keeping of such animal shall not exceed thirty days within a year, for exhibition to the public of such animals by a circus, carnival or other exhibit or show within Braceville Township.

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4. Animals for agricultural purposes such as Bovidae/cattle, sheep, goats, buffalo, horses, deer, alpacas, pigs, llamas or fowl; provided that they are kept in escape resistant fencing or enclosures and confirm to Section 519.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Exotic Animals shall be defined as any animal, amphibian, reptile, mammal, bird, or fowl which is carnivorous, venomous or possess other characteristics which may constitute a danger to human life and is not indigenous to the State of Ohio.

Wild Animal shall be defined as any animal, amphibian, reptile, mammal, bird or fowl which is carnivorous, venomous or possess other characteristics which may constitute a danger to human life and generally lives in its original, natural state and habitat and is not normally domesticated.

Vicious or Dangerous Animal shall be defined as any animal that has a propensity to attack, to cause injury to or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or other animals without provocation, or that has been so declared after a hearing before a Judge or Magistrate.