

21—77.9(717F) Continued ownership—enclosure required.

77.9(1) The person who continues to own or possess a dangerous wild animal must confine the dangerous wild animal in a primary enclosure on the person's premises. The primary enclosure should be of sound construction and maintained in good repair to protect the animal from injury. Construction materials and maintenance shall allow the animal to be kept clean. The animal should be housed or caged in a manner that allows the animal to perform the normal behavior patterns of its species and prevents disease, liberation, or accidental injury to the animal and the public. The animal should have adequate food, shelter, ventilation, and lighting for its species. Appropriate sanitation measures must be taken. Food supplies and bedding materials must be adequate, appropriate, and sanitary. Equipment must be available for the removal and disposal of waste materials to minimize vermin infestation, odors, and disease hazards.

77.9(2) The person must not allow the dangerous wild animal outside of the primary enclosure unless the dangerous wild animal is moved pursuant to any of the following:

- a.* To receive veterinary care from a licensed veterinarian.
- b.* To comply with the directions of the department or an animal warden.
- c.* To transfer ownership and possession of the dangerous wild animal to a wildlife sanctuary or provide for its destruction by euthanasia according to the American Veterinary Medical Association Panel on Euthanasia Guidelines.

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