



## State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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*Governor*

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July 6, 2009

Dear Wildlife Rehabilitation Program Apprentice,

Our records indicate that you are a registered apprentice in the wildlife rehabilitation program and you have exceeded the required minimum apprenticeship period of one year. You are now eligible to apply for your own license.

I therefore, invite you to apply for your rehabilitation license and increase the number of wildlife rehabilitators. I have enclosed an application and information package. The only thing you need to do is fill out the application and send it in with an attached letter of recommendation from your mentor and a letter of veterinary support. The Division will contact you to schedule an appointment so we may meet with you and confirm your facility's caging and capacity.

I remind you that licensed rehabilitators can range from individuals caring for a few animals a year in their home to fully staffed regional centers that handle thousands of injured and orphaned wildlife each year. You may choose to start out small, and remain so, or you may grow as you gain experience, later enlarging your facility by adding cages and capacity.

Your mentor's letter of recommendation should indicate what species you have been trained to handle and for what stages of their life cycle or situations (juveniles, adults, injured, etc). Because of your limitations in time and space, you may list which of these species and situations you wish to handle on your application. We will then limit our referrals to you accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding the application and/or instructions, please call Amy Wells at 609 292-2966.

I want to thank you for your interest and devotion to helping out wildlife in need, and urge you to step forward to help the wildlife and citizens in your area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Herrighty".

Larry Herrighty

Assistant Director of Operations