

**02 NCAC 52B .0212      IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS: WILD ANIMALS**

(a) A person shall obtain a permit from the State Veterinarian before importing any of the following animals into this State:

- (1) Skunk;
- (2) Fox;
- (3) Raccoon;
- (4) Ringtail;
- (5) Bobcat (includes Lynx and other North and South American felines as cougars, jaguars, etc.);
- (6) Coyote;
- (7) Marten;
- (8) Brushtail Possum (*Trichosurus vulpecula*).

(b) Permits for the importation into this State of any of the animals listed in Paragraph (a) of this Rule shall be issued only if the animal(s) will be used in a research institute, or for exhibition by a USDA licensed exhibitor, or organized entertainment as in zoos or circuses.

(c) Camelids, bison, and other bovidae other than domestic cattle may be imported into the State if accompanied by an official health certificate issued by a licensed, accredited veterinarian, as defined in 02 NCAC 52B .0401, which states that:

- (1) all animals six months of age or older have tested negative for brucellosis within 30 days prior to importation; and
- (2) all animals six months of age or older have tested negative for tuberculosis within 60 days prior to importation; and
- (3) the herd of origin has had no brucellosis or tuberculosis diagnosed within the past 12 months.

The requirements of this Paragraph shall not apply to llamas, vicunas, alpacas, and guanacos from other states that are tuberculosis Accredited-Free and brucellosis Certified-Free, when accompanied by an official health certificate.

(d) Any species or hybrid of a mammal not otherwise covered in the Administrative Code that is found to exist in the wild or naturally occurs in the wild must be accompanied by a valid certificate of veterinary inspection.

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