

ORDINANCE NO. 4 of 2023

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 11, HEALTH AND SAFETY, PART 8, REGULATING
AND PROHIBITING OF CERTAIN EXOTIC ANIMALS, SECTION 801, DEFINITIONS
AND SECTION 802, WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMALS PROHIBITED

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Black Creek Township Board of Supervisors, of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same, that Chapter 11, entitled Health and Safety, Part 8, Regulating and Prohibiting of Certain Exotic and Wild Animals, is amended as follows:

§801. Definitions.

(a) **Wild or Exotic Animal** means any animal of a species prohibited by Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, or otherwise controlled by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The terms include any animal, which is wild, fierce, dangerous, noxious, or naturally inclined to do harm. Wild animals, although domesticated, shall also include but not be limited to:

Amphibians: All Venomous frogs, toads, turtles, etc.;

Bear (Ursidae): All bears, including grizzly bears, brown bears, black bears, etc.;

Cat Family (Felidae): All except commonly accepted domestic cats – including lions, pumas, panthers, mountain lions, leopards, jaguars, ocelots, margays, tigers, bobcats, wild cats, etc.;

Crocodylians: All alligators, caimans, crocodiles, gavials, etc.;

Dog Family (Canidae): All except domesticated dogs – including wolf, fox, coyote, dingo or other offspring of domesticated dogs bred with a wolf, fox, coyote, dingo, and any dog which bites, inflicts injury, assaults or otherwise attacks a human being without provocation, or any dog deemed a dangerous dog under Pennsylvania Law, etc;

Porcupine (Erethizontidae): All porcupines, skunks, etc.;

Primates (Hominidae): All sub-human primates, etc.;

Reptiles: All venomous and constricting snakes (boa constrictors, pythons etc.),
venomous lizards, etc.;

Venomous Invertebrates: All venomous spiders, scorpions etc.;

Weasels (Mustelidae): All including weasels, martens, mink, wolverine, badgers, otters, ermine, mongoose, etc., excluding domesticated ferrets, in accordance with Section 802(a)(1) below.

§802. Keeping of Certain Animals Prohibited

(a) Wild or Exotic Animals Prohibited. No person shall keep a wild or exotic animal in any place except a zoological park, veterinary hospital (not boarded) or clinic, humane society, or circus, sideshow, amusement show or facility used for educational or scientific purposes, which provides proper cages, fences and other protective devices adequate to prevent such animals from escaping or injuring the public, or causing a health hazard due to fecal matter, or otherwise.

(b) Exceptions

- i. Domesticated Ferrets** are permitted as house pets.
- ii. Vietnamese Potbellied Pigs** are permitted as house pets.

This Amendment shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The remaining sections of the Ordinance, as amended, shall remain the same unchanged, except as otherwise provided herein.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Black Creek Township Board of Supervisors on this the 4 day of May, 2023.

BLACK CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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Secretary



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