

MASSACHUSETTS LEGAL PET
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All	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No known MDFW laws; Import - see Ag
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BATS

Brown, Little	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Indian	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Long-eared, Northern	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Small Footed	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Tricolored	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Requires Permit - No pets

BEARS

All	No			No		NA	Requires Permit - No pets
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BIRDS

IUCN Rarity Category	No			No		No	Requires Permit - No pets
IUCN Red List	No			No		No	Requires Permit - No pets
US Threatened/Endangered	No			No		No	Requires Permit - No pets
US/Canada Native	No			No		NA	Requires Permit - No pets
MBTA	No			No		NA	Requires Permit - No pets
Antpecker (rest) (<i>Fringillidae</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Bittern, American	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Bittern, Least	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Chicken, Domestic (from red junglefowl)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Coturnix, Common	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Dioch, Black-fronted	No			No		NA	Requires Permit - No pets
Dioch, Red-billed	No			No		NA	Requires Permit - No pets
Dioch, Sudan	No			No		NA	Requires Permit - No pets
Dove (rest) (<i>Columbidae</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag

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Duck, Domestic (from Mallards)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	This is only a guide of animals that MAY be legal in a state. Due to the extensive amount of laws involved that are constantly changing, UAPPEAL and contributors of these guides cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information. Users are responsible for checking all laws BEFORE getting an animal.
Eagle, Bald	No			No		No	
Emu	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Falcon, Peregrine	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets
<u>Finch (rest) (Estrildidae)</u>							Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Avadavet	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Threatened - No pets
Bluebill	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Cordon-bleu	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Crimsonwing	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Firetail	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Mannikin	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Munia	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Nigrita	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Oliveback	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Pytilia	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Seedcracker	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Silverbill	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Twinspot	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Waxbill	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
<u>Finch, True (rest) (Fringillidae)</u>							
Brambling	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Canary	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Chaffinch	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Chlorophonia	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Citril	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Euphonia	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Grosbeak	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Linnet	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Seedeater	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag

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Serin	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Siskin	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Twite	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Goose, Domestic (from Greylag, Swan or Egyptian Geese)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Grebe, Pied billed	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Guineafowl, Domestic (from Helmet Guineafowl)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Harrier, Northern	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets
Loon, Common	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Mallard (captive-bred)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Moorhen, Common	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Muscovy, Domestic	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Ostrich	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Owl, Barn	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Owl, Long eared	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Owl, Short eared	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Parakeets	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
<u>Parrots (rest) (Psittacidae)</u>							
Amazon	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Lorikeet	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Lory	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Macaw	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Parrotlet	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Parula, Northern	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets
Peafowl	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Pigeon, Common	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Pigeon (rest) (Columbidae)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Plover, Piping	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets

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Quail, Button	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag Threatened - No pets
Rail, King	No			No		No	
Rhea	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Sandpiper, Upland	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Sparrow, Grasshopper	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets
Sparrow, Vesper	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets
<u>Starling (rest) (Sturnidae)</u>							
Creepers	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Myna (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Starling, Pink	No			No		NA	Non-exempt - Need permit - No pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Storm Petrel, Leach's	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Tern, Arctic	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Tern, Common	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Tern, Least	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Tern, Roseate	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
<u>Toucan (rest) (Ramphastidae)</u>							
Araçari	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Toucanet	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Turkey, Domestic	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Warbler, Blackpoll	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Warbler, Golden winged	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Warbler, Mourning	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
<u>Weaver (rest) (Ploceidae)</u>							
Bishop	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Fody	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Malimbe	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Quelea	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Widowbird	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag

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Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Whip-poor-will	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Wren, Sedge	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Requires Permit - No pets
CANINES							
Hybrids	No			No		NA	Bans hybrids - grandfathers before 1/1/1994
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Requires Permit - No pets
ELEPHANTS							
All	No			No		NA	Requires Permit - No pets
FELINES							
Domestic Hybrids (F3 or later)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Must be TICA or other registry; Import - see Ag
Hybrids (rest)	No			No		NA	Bans hybrids - grandfathers before 1/1/1994
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Requires Permit - No pets
FISH							
Burbot	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Carp, Grass	No			No		No	Prohibited
Catfish, Walking	No			No		No	Prohibited
Chub, Lake	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Dace, Northern Redbelly	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Goldfish	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt aquarium trade fish - No MDFW permits needed; Import - Ag
Guppy	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt aquarium trade fish - No MDFW permits needed; Import - Ag
Koi	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt aquarium trade fish - No MDFW permits needed; Import - Ag
Lamprey, American Brook	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets

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Minnow, Bluntnose	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt aquarium trade fish - No MDFW permits needed; Import - Ag
Minnow, Eastern Silvery	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Minnow, Fathead	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt aquarium trade fish - No MDFW permits needed; Import - Ag
Piranha	No			No		No	Prohibited
Rudd	No			No		No	Prohibited
Shiner, Bridle	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Stickleback, Threespine	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets
Sturgeon, Atlantic	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Sturgeon, Shortnose	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Sucker, Longnose	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Tilapia	No			No		No	Prohibited
US Endangered/ Threatened	No			No		NA	Prohibited
IUCN Rare	No			No		NA	Prohibited
Aquarium Trade Fish (Unlisted)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Native (all)	No			No		No	Prohibited
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Requires Permit - No pets

HERPTILES

Caecilians

All	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
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Crocodilians

All	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
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Frogs

IUCN Red List	No			No		No	Prohibited
US Threatened/Endangered	No			No		NA	Prohibited
Bullfrog, American	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Take 12/day & possess 24 bullfrog & green; Import - see Ag

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Green	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Take 12/day & possess 24 bullfrog & green
Leopard, Northern	No			No		No	Protected - No pets
Pickereel	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Spring Peeper	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Treefrog, Gray	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Wood	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag

Lizards							
IUCN Red List	No			No		No	Prohibited
US Threatened/Endangered	No			No		NA	Prohibited
Alligator (rest) (<i>Gerrhonotus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed
Ameiva (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed
Anole (rest) (<i>Anolis</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Atlantic	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Basilisk (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Beaded	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
Bloodsucker (rest) (<i>Calotes</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Boettger's	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Bunchgrass (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Caiman, Northern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Caiman, Paraguay	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Chameleon (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Collared (rest) (<i>Crotaphytus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Ctenotus (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Dabb (rest) (<i>Uromastyx</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Diving (rest) (<i>Uranoscodon</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Dragon, Bearded (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Dragon, Water (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Dragon (rest) (<i>Amphibolurus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag

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Emerald, Balkan	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	This is only a guide of animals that MAY be legal in a state. Due to the extensive amount of laws involved that are constantly changing, UAPPEAL and contributors of these guides cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information. Users are responsible for checking all laws BEFORE getting an animal.
Emerald, Caucasus	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Emerald, Iberian	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Emerald, Pamphylian	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Flat (rest) (<i>Platysaurus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Forest (rest) (<i>Calotes</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Friilled-necked	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Fringe-fingered (rest) (<i>Acanthodactylus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Fringe-toed (rest) (<i>Acanthodactylus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Garden (rest) (<i>Calotes</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Gecko, Big Bend	No			No		NA	
Gecko (rest) (<i>Gekkonidae</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Giant, Gran Canaria	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Gila Monster	No			No		NA	
Girdled, Cape	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Girdled, Highveld	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Girdled (rest) (<i>Cordylus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Glass (rest) (<i>Ophisaurus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Grass (rest) (<i>Takydromus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Green, European	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Green, Western	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Green (rest) (<i>Lacerta</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Iguana, Common	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Iguana, Spinytail (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Iguana, Tree (rest) (<i>Liolaemus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
<i>Lacerta mostoufi</i>	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Legless, European	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Mastigure (rest) (<i>Uromastyx</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Monitor, False	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	

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Monitor, Spiny-tailed	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag Require Permit - No pets
Night, Utah	No			No		NA	
Night (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Plated (rest) (<i>Gerrhosaurus</i> & <i>Zonosaurus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Psammodromus (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Racerunner (rest) (<i>Eremias</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Sailfin (rest) (<i>Hydrosaurus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Sand (rest) (<i>Hydrosaurus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Skink, Florida Sand	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
Skink, Solomon Island Ground	No			No		NA	
Skink (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Slowworm (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Spiny (rest) (<i>Sceloporus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Spiny-tailed (rest) (<i>Uromastyx</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Tegu, Ecuador Desert	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
Tegu, Holmberg's Desert	No			No		NA	
Tegu, Peru Desert	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
Tegu (rest) (<i>Teiidae</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Tenerife/Western Canaries	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Three-lined	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Tree (rest) (<i>Urosaurus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Uromastyx (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Whiptail (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Zebra-tailed (rest) (<i>Callisaurus</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
Salamanders							
IUCN Red List	No			No		No	Prohibited
US Threatened/Endangered	No			No		NA	Prohibited

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Blue-spotted	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Dusky, Northern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Four-toed	No			No		No	Protected - No pets
Jefferson	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Marbled	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets
Mudpuppy	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Newt, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Red-backed, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Spotted	No			No		No	Protected - No pets
Spring	No			No		No	Protected - No pets
Two-lined, Northern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag

Snakes

IUCN Red List						NA	Prohibited
US Threatened/Endangered	No			No		NA	Prohibited
Aesculapian, Italian	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Anaconda, Beni	No			No		NA	Require permit - No pets
Anaconda, Dark Spotted	No			No		NA	Require permit - No pets
Anaconda, Green	No			No		NA	Require permit - No pets
Anaconda, Yellow	No			No		NA	Require permit - No pets
Blind, Dawn (rest) (<i>Anomalepidae</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Blind (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Boa, Emerald Tree	No			No		NA	Require permit - No pets
Boa (rest) (<i>Boidae</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Brown	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Brown, DeKay's	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Brown, Mexican	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Burrowing (rest) (<i>Uropeltidae</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Copperhead	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets

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Corn (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Deer (rest) (<i>Elaphe</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Diadem (rest) (<i>Spalerosophis</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Earth (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Four-lined (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Fox (rest) (<i>Pantherophis</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Garter, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Garter (rest) (<i>Thamnophis</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Glossy	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Glossy, Peninsular	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Gopher (rest) (<i>Pituophis</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Green, Rough	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Green, Smooth	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Ground, Common	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Ground, Jalisco-Zacatecas	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Ground, Mexican	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Ground, Michoacán	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Hognose, Eastern	No			No		No	Protected - No pets
Hognose, Western	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
House (rest) (<i>Boaedon</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Indigo, Texas	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Kingsnake (rest) (<i>Lampropeltis</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Ladder	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Leopard (rest) (<i>Elaphe</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Milk (native)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Milk (rest) (<i>Lampropeltis</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Mole	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Pine (rest) (<i>Pituophis</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Puffing (rest) (<i>Pseustes</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Puffing, Yellow-bellied	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag

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Python, African Rock	No			No		No	Non-exempt
Python, Green Tree	No			No		No	Non-exempt
Python, Reticulated	No			No		No	Non-exempt
Python (rest) (<i>Boidae</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Racer, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Racer, Sulawesi Black	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Rat, Baja California	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Rat, Black (regular coloration)	No			No		NA	Require permit - No pets
Rat, Eastern	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Rat, Trans-Pecos	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Rat, Yellow	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Rat (rest) (<i>Elaphe, Pantherophis, Ptyas & Zaoecys</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Rattlesnake, Timber	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Red-bellied (native)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Redbelly	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Ribbon, Eastern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Ribbon (rest) (<i>Thamnophis</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Shield Tail (rest) (<i>Uropeltidae</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Sunbeam (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Thorntail (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Thread (rest) (<i>Leptotyphlopidae</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Trinket (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Water, Northern	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Water (rest) (<i>Nerodia</i>)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Worm, Eastern	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets
Worm (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Venomous	No			No		No	Require permit - No pets
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Require permit - No pets

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Toads

IUCN Red List	No			No		No	Prohibited
US Threatened/Endangered	No			No		NA	Prohibited
American	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Fowler's	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Spadefoot, Eastern	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag

Tortoises

IUCN Red List	No			No		NA	Prohibited
US Threatened/Endangered	No			No		NA	Prohibited
Angulated	No			No		NA	US Endangered
Argentina	No			No		NA	Requires Permit - No pets
Desert, Mojave	No			No		No	Requires Permit - No pets
Desert, Sinaloa	No			No		No	Requires Permit - No pets
Desert, Sonoran	No			No		No	Requires Permit - No pets
Pancake	No			No		No	Requires Permit - No pets
Spotted	No			No		No	Requires Permit - No pets
Texas	No			No		No	Requires Permit - No pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag

Turtles

IUCN Red List	No			No		NA	Prohibited
US Threatened/Endangered	No			No		NA	Prohibited
Blanding's	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets
Bog	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Box, Eastern	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Cooter, Northern Red-bellied	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Painted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take & possess 2; Import - See - Ag
Sea, Green	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets

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Sea, Hawksbill	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Sea, Kemp's's Ridley	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Sea, Leatherback	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Sea, Loggerhead	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets
Snapping, Common	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Native - take 2/day - must be 12"; Import - see Ag
Spotted	No			No		No	Protected - No pets
Terrapin, Diamond-backed	No			No		No	Threatened - No pets
Wood	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Unlisted	Yes	No		Yes	No		Exempt - No MDFW permits needed - limit 100 all turtles

INSECTS

All	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No known MDFW laws; Import - see Ag
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INSECTIVORA/EULIPOTYPHLA (Gymnore, Hedgehog, Mole, Moonrat, Shrew)

Hedgehog, African Pygmy	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Shrew, Rock	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Shrew, Water	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets

INVERTEBRATES (Rest)

Clam

Native	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Take - see Fishing; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	No known MDFW laws; Import - see Ag

Crabs

Native	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Take - see Fishing; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	No known MDFW laws; Import - see Ag

Crayfish

Native	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Take - see Fishing; Import - see Ag
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Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	No known MDFW laws; Import - see Ag
Mussels							
Creeper	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Lampmussel, Yellow	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Mucket, Tidewater	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Pondmussel, Eastern	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Wedgemussel, Dwarf	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Wedgemussel, Swollen	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Native (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Take - see Fishing; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	No known MDFW laws; Import - see Ag
Shrimp							
Clam, Agassiz's	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Clam, American	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Fairy, Intricate	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Native (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Take - see Fishing; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	No known MDFW laws; Import - see Ag
Snails							
Marsh, Coastal	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Marstonia, Boreal	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Siltsnail, New England	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Turret, Boreal	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Walker, Slender	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Native (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Take - see Fishing; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	No known MDFW laws; Import - see Ag
Other							
Amphipod, Coastal Swamp	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets

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Amphipod, Northern Spring	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Amphipod, Piedmont Groundwater	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Amphipod, Taconic Cave	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Leech, New England Medicinal	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Sponge, Smooth Branched	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Native (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Take - see Fishing; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	No known MDFW laws; Import - see Ag

MARINE MAMMALS (Dolphin, Dugong, Manatee, Porpoise, Sea Lion, Seal, Walrus, Whale)

Whale, Blue	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Whale, Fin	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Whale, Humpback	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Whale, Northern Right	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Whale, Sei	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Whale, Sperm	No			No		No	Endangered - No pets
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets

MARSUPIALS

Sugar Glider	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets

MUSTELIDS

Ferret	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Must be vaccinated and fixed; Import - See Ag
Mink (captive-bred 2+ generations)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets

PRIMATES

All	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
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PROCYONIDS

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All	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
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RODENTS

Chinchilla (captive stock)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Degu	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Gerbil, Mongolian	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Guinea Pig	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Hamster, Golden	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Hamster, Striped	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Jerboa	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Lemming, Southern Bog	No			No		No	Special Concern - No pets
Mouse, Deer	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Mouse, Egyptian Spiny	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Mouse, House	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Mouse, White-footed	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Paca	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Rat, Lab (from Norway rat)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Rat, Norway	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Squirrel, Southern Flying	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets

UNGULATES

Artiodactyla

Bovidae (Wild cattle, goats, sheep)

Bison, American	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt - No MDFW permits needed; Import - see Ag
Buffalo, Domestic Water	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Cow, Domestic	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Goat, Domestic (and varieties)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Sheep, Domestic	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Yak, Domestic	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag

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Zebu	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	This is only a guide of animals that MAY be legal in a state. Due to the extensive amount of laws involved that are constantly changing, UAPPEAL and contributors of these guides cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information. Users are responsible for checking all laws BEFORE getting an animal. Domestic species - Import - see Ag Require Permit - No pets
Unlisted	No			No		NA	
Cervid (Deer family)							
All	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
Suidae (Wild pigs)							
Domestic (including domestic breeds)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Domestic species - Import - Ag Entrance Permit
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
Others							
Alpaca	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Domestic species - Import - Ag Entrance Permit
Camel, Dromedary	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Domestic species - Import - Ag Entrance Permit
Llama	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	NA	Domestic species - Import - Ag Entrance Permit
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
Perissodactyla							
Ass, Domestic	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Horse, Domestic	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag
Unlisted	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
VIVERRIDS							
All	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
XENARTHRA/EDENTATA (Anteater, Armadillo, Sloth)							
All	No			No		NA	Require Permit - No pets
OTHER MAMMALS							

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Rabbit, Domestic (all breed/strain from European Rabbit)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	NA	Domestic species - Import - see Ag Require Permit - No pets Require Permit - No pets
Rabbit, San Juan	No			No		NA	
Unlisted	No			No		NA	

SUMMARY: Massachusetts prohibits keeping species in any "rarity category" of the IUCN Red List and native endangered/threatened/special concern species. Any species not listed as domestic or exempt requires a permit, which is NOT issued for pets. Certain native herp may be collected from the wild.

Sources:

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| 1 Taking Reptiles/Amphibians | 321 CMR 3.05 |
| 2 Wild Animal Permits | 321 CMR 2.12 |
| 3 Exemption/Domestic Lists | 321 CMR 9.00 |
| 4 Native Endangered/Threatened | 321 CMR 10.90 |
| 5 Import | 330 CMR 04, 05, 11, 16 |

DISCLAIMERS:

* The laws listed above lists whether a species to legal to possess and import according to state laws and then any federally protected species with stricter regulations than the state. **Be sure to review all federal laws** as some ban certain species as pets or make it legal to possess a species but bans their interstate import in commerce or purchasing across state lines (you can still move with your animals across state lines).

*For states that do allow keeping wild-caught native species as pets, it is usually limited to game birds, game animals, furbearers, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates. Such taking usually requires some type of hunting or fishing license **in addition to any required captive wildlife permits**. All laws must be followed, including daily bag and possession limits, seasons, size limits and location specific regulations.

* These guides are usually based on state fish & game laws, state agriculture and health import laws, and marine resource laws except when otherwise noted. Check laws for all requirements. Additional state laws may apply, including general animal control and care, livestock, and other health laws.

* Species lists vary on each state page depending on each state's law. While we try to include as many native vertebrate species as possible, we cannot guarantee that all species are covered above.