

KENTUCKY LEGAL PET GUIDE



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ARACHNID, CENTIPEDE, MILLIPEDE

All	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
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BATS

Big Brown	Yes*	Yes	No	No			No	Nongame - Only allowed if from captive-born legal in-state source - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit
Big-eared, Rafinesque's	Yes*	Yes	No	No			No	Special Concern Nongame - Only allowed if from captive-born legal in-state source - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit
Big-eared, Virginia	No			No			No	Federal/State Endangered
Brazilian Free-tail	Yes*	Yes	No	No			No	Nongame - Only allowed if from captive-born legal in-state source - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit
Evening	Yes*	Yes	No	No			No	Special Concern Nongame - Only allowed if from captive-born legal in-state source - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit
Fruit	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Gray	No			No			No	Federal Endangered/State Threatened
Hoary	Yes*	Yes	No	No			No	Nongame - Only allowed if from captive-born legal in-state source - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit
Indiana	No			No			No	Federal/State Endangered
Little Brown	Yes*	Yes	No	No			No	Nongame - Only allowed if from captive-born legal in-state source - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit
Pipistrelle, Eastern	Yes*	Yes	No	No			No	Nongame - Only allowed if from captive-born legal in-state source - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit
Red, Eastern	Yes*	Yes	No	No			No	Nongame - Only allowed if from captive-born legal in-state source - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit
Seminole	Yes*	Yes	No	No			No	Nongame - Only allowed if from captive-born legal in-state source - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit
Silver-haired	Yes*	Yes	No	No			No	Nongame - Only allowed if from captive-born legal in-state source - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit
Small-footed, Eastern	No			No			No	Threatened
Southeastern	No			No			No	Endangered

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Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transportation permit & See Ag
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BEARS

Black	No			No			No	Game - prohibited
All	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets

BIRDS

Avocet, American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Wildlife Transportation Permit & See Ag
Bittern, American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Wildlife Transportation Permit & See Ag
Bittern, Least	No			No			No	Threatened
Blackbirds (nonnative)	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Blackbird, European	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Bobolink	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Special concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Brant	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Waterfowl - take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive wildlife permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Budgerigar	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Caique	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Canvasback	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Waterfowl - take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive wildlife permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Cassowary	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Ratite - Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - Ag Entry Permit
Cockatiel	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Cockatoo	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Coot, American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Waterfowl - take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive wildlife permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Cormorant, Double-crested	No			No			No	Threatened
Cowbird (nonnative)	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets

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Crane, Sandhill	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	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.
Creeper, Brown	No			No			No	
Crow, American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Crow, Fish	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Cuckoo (nonnative)	No			No			NA	
Dioch	No			No			NA	
Dove, Common Ground	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Dove, Eurasian Collared	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Dove, Inca	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Dove, Mourning	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Dove, Whitewinged	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Duck (domestic)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Duck, American Black	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Duck, Fulvous Whistling	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Duck, Harlequin	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Duck, Long-tailed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Duck, Masked	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	

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Duck, Mottled	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	<p>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.</p>	
Duck, Ring-necked	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		
Duck, Ruddy	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		
Duck, Tufted	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		
Duck, Wood	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		
Eagle, Bald	No			No			No		Threatened
Egret, Cattle	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		Special concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Egret, Great	No			No			No		Threatened
Egret, Snowy	No			No			No		Endangered
Emu	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA		Ratite - Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - Ag Entry Permit
Falcon, Peregrine	No			No			No		Endangered
Fieldfare	No			No			NA		Potentially injurious - no pets
Finch, Weaver	No			No			NA		Potentially injurious - no pets
Flycatcher, Acadean	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Wildlife Transportation Permit & See Ag
Flycatcher, Alder	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Wildlife Transportation Permit & See Ag
Flycatcher, Ash-throated	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Wildlife Transportation Permit & See Ag
Flycatcher, Least	No			No			No		Endangered
Gallinule, Common	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Game - Take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Gallinule, Purple	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Game - Take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag

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Goldfinch, American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	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.
Goose (domestic)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No		NA	
Goose, Cackling	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Goose, Canada	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Goose, Greater White-fronted	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Goose, Ross's	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Goose, Snow	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Grebe, Pie-billed	No			No			No	
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Grouse, Ruffed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Guineafowl, Helmeted	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Harrier, Northern	No			No			No	
Hawk, Sharp-shinned	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Heron, Little Blue	No			No			No	
Junco, Dark-eyed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Kestrel, American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Kite, Mississippi	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Kiwi	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Knot, Red	No			No			No	

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Lovebird	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	<p>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.</p>
Macaw	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Mallard	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Merganser, Common	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Merganser, Hooded	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Merganser, Red-breasted	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Myna, Indian Hill	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Myna (rest)	No			No			NA	
Night-Heron, Black-crowned	No			No			No	
Night-Heron, Yellow-crowned	No			No			No	
Nuthatch, Red-breasted	No			No			No	
Oriole, Baltimore	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Osprey	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Ostrich	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	
Owl, Barn	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		No	
Owl, Barred	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Owl, Long-eared	No			No			No	
Owl, Short-eared	No			No			No	
Parakeet, Monk	No			No			NA	
Parakeet (rest)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Parrot	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Parrotlet	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Peafowl, Common	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	

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Pelican, American White	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	<p>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.</p>
Petrel, Band-rumped Storm-	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Pigeon, Band-tailed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Pigeon, Domestic	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Pigeon, Rock	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Pintail, Northern	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Pipet, American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Plover, American Golden-	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Plover, Piping	No			No			No	
Quail, Northern Bobwhite	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Raven, Common	No			No			No	
Rail, King	No			No			No	
Rail, Sora	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Rail, Virginia	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Redhead	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Redstart, American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Rhea	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	
Rice, Hawaiian	No			No			NA	
Robin, American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	

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Sandpiper, Baird's	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	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.
Sandpiper, Spotted	No			No			No	
Scaup, Greater	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Scaup, Lesser	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Shearwater, Audubon's	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Shoveler, Northern	No			No			No	
Skylark, Eurasian	No			No			NA	
Snipe, Wilson's	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Sparrow, American Tree	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Sparrow, Bachman's	No			No			No	
Sparrow, Cape	No			No			NA	
Sparrow, Henslow's	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Sparrow, Java	No			No			NA	
Sparrow, Lark	No			No			No	
Sparrow, Savannah	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Sparrow, Vesper	No			No			No	
Starling	No			No			NA	
Stork, Wood	No			No			No	
Swallow, Bank	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Swallow, Barn	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Swan, Mute	No			No			NA	

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Teal, Blue-winged	No			No			No	Threatened
Teal, Cinnamon	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Waterfowl - take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive wildlife permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Teal, Green-winged	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Waterfowl - take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive wildlife permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Tern, Interior Least	No			No			No	Federal/State Endangered
Thrush, Mistle	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Thrush, Song	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Toucan	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Turkey, Wild (domestic)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Turkey, Wild	No			No			No	Game - prohibited
Vireo, Bell's	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Special concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Warbler, Bay-breasted	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Wildlife Transportation Permit & See Ag
Warbler, Blackburnian	No			No			No	Threatened
Warbler, Canada	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Special concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Warbler, Golden-winged	No			No			No	Threatened
Weaver, Baja	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Weaver, Madagascar	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
White-eyes	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Wigeon, American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Wildlife Transportation Permit & See Ag
Woodcock, American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Game - Take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Wren, Bewick's	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Special concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Wren, Sedge	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Special concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Yellowhammer	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets

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<u>Native (Unlisted)</u>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Wildlife Transportation Permit & See Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & See Ag

***NOTE: Birds on the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act must have any relevant federal permit and follow federal laws.**

CANINES

Coyote	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Furbearer - Take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Bans import
Dog, Raccoon	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Fox, Arctic	Yes	No	No	No			NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Bans import
Fox, Gray	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Furbearer - Take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Bans import
Fox, Red	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Furbearer - Take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Bans import
Fox (<i>Vulpes</i>) (rest)	Yes	No	No	No			NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Bans import
Wolf	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife/native prohibited - no pets
Wolf Hybrid (26%+ wolf)	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Domestic Hybrids (Unlisted)	Yes	No		Yes	No	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - See Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes*	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & possible Ag import permit

ELEPHANTS

All	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
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FELINES

Bobcat	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Furbearer - Take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Cheetah	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Clouded Leopard	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Cougar	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife/native prohibited - no pets

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Jaguar	No			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.
Leopard	No			No			NA	
Lion	No			No			NA	
Snow Leopard	No			No			NA	
Tiger	No			No			NA	
Hybrid of inherently dangerous	No			No			NA	
Domestic Hybrids	Yes	No		Yes	No	No	NA	
Nonnative (Unlisted)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes*	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & possible Ag import permit

FISH								
Bass, Coosa	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Bass, Hybrid Striped	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Bass, Kentucky Spotted	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Bass, Largemouth	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Bass, Rock	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Bass, Smallmouth	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Bass, Striped	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Bass, White Striped	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Bass, Yellow	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Buffalo, Black	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rough Special Concern - See fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transport/Fish Transport Permit/Ag

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Burbot	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	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.
Carp, Bighead	No			No			NA	
Carp, Grass	No			No			NA	
Carp, Silver	No			No			NA	
Cavefish, Northern	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Cavefish, Southern	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Chub, Blotched	No			No			No	
Chub, Flame	No			No			No	
Chub, Flathead	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Chub, Hornyhead	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Chub, Sicklefin	No			No			No	
Chub, Sturgeon	No			No			No	
Chubsucker, Lake	No			No			No	
Crappie, Black	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Crappie, White	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Dace, Blackside	No			No			No	
Darter, Brighteye	No			No			No	
Darter, Cumberland	No			No			No	
Darter, Cumberland Arrow	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Darter, Cypress	No			No			No	
Darter, Firebelly	No			No			No	
Darter, Goldstripe	No			No			No	

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Darter, Gulf	No			No			No	Endangered
Darter, Kentucky Arrow	No			No			No	Federal/State Threatened
Darter, Longhead	No			No			No	Endangered
Darter, Olive	No			No			No	Endangered
Darter, Redlips	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rough Special Concern - See fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transport/Fish Transport Permit/Ag
Darter, Relict	No			No			No	Federal/State Endangered
Darter, Shawnee	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rough Special Concern - See fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transport/Fish Transport Permit/Ag
Darter, Smallscale	No			No			No	Endangered
Darter, Spotted	No			No			No	Threatened
Darter, Swamp	No			No			No	Endangered
Darter, Tuxedo	No			No			No	Federal/State Endangered
Darter, Western Sand	No			No			No	Endangered
Gar, Alligator	No			No			No	Endangered
Goldeye	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rough - Bans take; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Herring, Blueback	No			No			NA	Banned
Lamprey, American Brook (Obion River)	No			No			No	Endangered
Lamprey, American Brook (Rest)	No			No			No	Threatened
Lamprey, Chestnut	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rough Special Concern - See fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transport/Fish Transport Permit/Ag
Lamprey, Least Brook	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rough Special Concern - See fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transport/Fish Transport Permit/Ag
Lamprey, Mountain Brook	No			No			No	Threatened
Lamprey, Northern Brook	No			No			No	Threatened
Lamprey, Ohio	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rough Special Concern - See fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transport/Fish Transport Permit/Ag
Lamprey, Silver	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rough Special Concern - See fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transport/Fish Transport Permit/Ag

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Madtom, Brown	No			No			No	Endangered
Madtom, Least	No			No			No	Endangered
Madtom, Northern	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rough Special Concern - See fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transport/Fish Transport Permit/Ag
Madtom, Slender	No			No			No	Endangered
Minnow, Cyprus	No			No			No	Endangered
Minnow, Plains	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rough Special Concern - See fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transport/Fish Transport Permit/Ag
Minnow, Stargazing	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rough Special Concern - See fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transport/Fish Transport Permit/Ag
Mooneye	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Rough - Bans take; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Mudminnow, Central	No			No			No	Threatened
Muskellunge	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Pickereel, Chain	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Pike, Northern	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Redhorse, Blacktail	No			No			No	Endangered
Sauger	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Saugeye	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Sport - Take see Fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation/Fish Transportation Permit/Ag
Shad, Alabama	No			No			No	Endangered
Shiner, Blacktail	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Rough - See fishing; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation/Fish Transport Permit/Ag
Shiner, Blunface	No			No			No	Endangered
Shiner, Palezone	No			No			No	Federal/State Endangered
Shiner, Pallid	No			No			No	Endangered
Shiner, Sawfin	No			No			No	Endangered

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Shiner, Spottail	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	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.
Shiner, Taillight	No			No			No	
Silverside, Mississippi	No			No			No	
Sturgeon, Lake	No			No			No	
Sturgeon, Pallid	No			No			No	
Sturgeon, Shovelnose	No			No			No	
Sucker, Blackfin	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Sunfish, Dollar	No			No			No	
Sunfish, Redear	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Sunfish, Redspotted	No			No			No	
Topminnow, Golden	No			No			No	
Topminnow, Starhead	No			No			No	
Trout, Brook	No			No			No	
Trout, Brown	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Trout, Rainbow	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Trout-perch	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Walleye	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
<u>Native (Unlisted)</u>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Nonnative (Unlisted)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes*	NA	

HERPTILES
 *NOTE: Reptiles with color morphology different from native ones do NOT need captive wildlife permit but would need Transportation Permit.

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Caecilians

All	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known LDWF laws; Import - See Ag
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Crocodilians

Alligator	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Caiman	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Crocodile	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Gavial	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets

Frogs

Bullfrog	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Take 15 & possess 30; Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Chorus, Mountain	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Chorus, Upland	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Chorus, Western	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Clawed, African	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Crawfish, Northern	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native Special Concern - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Cricket, Blanchard's	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Cricket Northern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Green	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Leopard, Northern	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native Special Concern - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag

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Leopard, Plains	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	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.
Leopard, Southern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Pickerel	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Spring Peeper, Northern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Treefrog, Barking	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Treefrog, Bird-voiced	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Treefrog, Cope's Gray	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Treefrog, Gray	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Treefrog, Green	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Wood	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Nonnative (Unlisted)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	

Lizards								
Beaded Dragon	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Fence	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Gila Monster	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Glass, Eastern Slender	No			No			No	Threatened
Komodo Dragon	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets

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Racerunner, Six-lined	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Skink, Broadhead	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Skink, Coal	No			No			No	Threatened
Skink, Five-lined	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Skink, Ground	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Skink, Southeastern Five-lined	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native Special Concern - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Nonnative (Unlisted)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & See Ag

Salamanders

Amphiuma, Three-toed	No			No			No	Endangered
Black Mountain	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Cave	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Cumberland Plateau	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Dusky, Alleghany Mountain	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 25 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Dusky, Northern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 25 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Dusky, Spotted	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 25 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Four-toed	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag

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Green	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	<p>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.</p>	
Hellbender, Eastern	No			No			No		Endangered
Jefferson	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Kentucky Spring	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Long-tailed	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Marbled	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Mole	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Mud, Midland	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Mudpuppy	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Newt, Eastern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Northern Ravine	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Ravine	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Red	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Redback	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native Special Concern - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Seal	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Siren, Western Lesser	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag

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Slimy	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Slimy, Mississippi	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Smallmouth	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Spotted	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Streamside	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Three-lined	No			No			No	Threatened
Tiger, Eastern	Yes	No*		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Two-lined, Southern	Yes	No*		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Wehrle's	No			No			No	Endangered
Zigzag, Northern	Yes	No*		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Zigzag, Southern	Yes	No*		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Nonnative (Unlisted)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & See Ag
Snakes								
<i>Atractaspididae</i> (exotic)	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Brown	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
<i>Colubridae</i> (venomous rear-fanged) (exotic)	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Copperhead	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag

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Cottonmouth, Western	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	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.
Corn, Eastern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Crowned, Southeastern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Earth, Smooth	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
<i>Elapidae</i> (exotic)	No			No			NA	
Garter, Eastern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Green, Rough	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Hognose, Eastern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
<i>Hydrophidae</i> (exotic)	No			No			NA	
Kingsnake, Black	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Kingsnake, Prairie	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Kingsnake, Scarlet	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Kirkland's	No			No			No	
Milk Snake	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Mud, Western	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Pine, Northern	No			No			No	
Queen Snake	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	

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Racer	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	<p>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.</p> <p>Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag</p> <p>Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag</p> <p>Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag</p> <p>Threatened</p> <p>Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag</p> <p>Native Special Concern - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag</p> <p>Threatened</p> <p>Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag</p> <p>Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets</p> <p>Endangered</p> <p>Native prohibited</p> <p>Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag</p> <p>Endangered</p> <p>Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag</p> <p>Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag</p> <p>Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag</p> <p>Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & See Ag</p>
Rat, Black	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Rattlesnake, Timber	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Rattlesnake, Western Pygmy	No			No			No	
Redbelly, Northern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Ribbon, Eastern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Ribbon, Western	No			No			No	
Ringneck	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Scarlet, Northern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
<i>Viperæ</i> (exotic)	No			No			NA	
Water, Broad-banded	No			No			No	
Water, Copperbelly	No			No			No	
Water, Diamondback	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Water, Green	No			No			No	
Water, Northern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Water, Plainbelly	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Worm Snake	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Nonnative (Unlisted)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	

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Toads

American	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Fowler's	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Giant	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Narrowmouth, Eastern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Spadefoot, Eastern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Nonnative (Unlisted)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & See Ag

Tortoises

All	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & See Ag
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Turtles

Box, Eastern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Cooter, River	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Map, Common	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Map, False	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Map, Mississippi	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Map, Ouachita	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag

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Mud, Eastern	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Musk, Common	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Painted, Southern	No			No			No	Threatened
Painted	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Slider, Red-eared	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Snapping, Alligator	No			No			No	Native prohibited
Snapping, Common	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Unlimited take; Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Softshell, Eastern Spiny	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Unlimited take; Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Softshell, Midland Smoother	Yes	No*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native Special Concern - Unlimited take; Up to 5 w/o Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Nonnative (Unlisted)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & See Ag
INSECTS								
Native	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes*	No	Yes	Native - May require noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation Permit/See Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & See Ag
INSECTIVORA/EULIPOTYPHILA (Gymnore, Hedgehog, Mole, Moonrat, Shrew)								
Mole, Eastern	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation Permit/See Ag
Mole, Hairy-tailed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation Permit/See Ag

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Shrew, Cinereus	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	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.
Shrew, Least	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Shrew, Long-tailed	No			No			No	
Shrew, Northern Short-tailed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Shrew, Pygmy	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Shrew, Smoky	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Shrew, Southeastern	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Shrew, Southern Short-tailed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	
INVERTEBRATES (Rest)								
Clam								
All	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transportation permit & See Ag
Crabs								
All	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transportation permit & See Ag
Crayfish								
Big Sandy	No			No			No	Federal Threatened/State Special Concern
Blood River	No			No			No	Threatened

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Bottlebrush	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Cave, Appalachian	No			No			No	Threatened
Cave, Cumberland Plateau	No			No			No	Threatened
Cave, Mammoth	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Crittenden	No			No			No	Threatened
Dwarf, Cajun	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Dwarf, Swamp	No			No			No	Endangered
Fork, Big South	No			No			No	Endangered
Ghost	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Gray-speckled	No			No			No	Endangered
Hairy	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Livingston							No	Threatened
Longclaw	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Louisville	No			No			No	Endangered
Mountain Midget	No			No			No	Threatened
Mud River	No			No			No	Threatened
Shrimp	No			No			No	Endangered
Vernal	No			No			No	Threatened

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Native (rest)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	~	Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transportation permit & See Ag

Mussels								
Bean, Cumberland	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Bleufer	No			No			No	Endangered
Catspaw	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Clubshell, Tennessee	No			No			No	Endangered
Clubshell	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Combshell, Cumberland	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Creekshell, Kentucky	No			No			N	Threatened
Creekshell, Mountain	No			No			N	Threatened
Elktoe, Cumberland	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Elktoe	No			No			N	Threatened
Fanshell	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Heelsplitter, Creek	No			No			No	Endangered
Kidneyshell, Fluted	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Lilliput, Purple	No			No			No	Endangered
Lilliput, Texas	No			No			No	Endangered
Mucket, Pink	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Ohio	No			No			No	Endangered
Oyster	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Papershell, Cumberland	No			No			No	Endangered
Pearlymussel, Dromedary	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Pearlymussel, Littlewing	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Pigtoe, Pyramid	No			No			No	Endangered
Pigtoe, Rough	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Pimpleback, Orangefoot	No							Federal/State endangered
Pocketbook, Fat	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered

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Pocketbook	No			No			No	Endangered
Rabbitsfoot	No			No			No	Federal/State Threatened
Riffleshell, Northern	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Riffleshell, Tan	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Ring Pink	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Salamander	No			No			N	Threatened
Sheepnose	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Snuffbox	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Spectaclecase, Little	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Spectaclecase	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Zebra	No			No			NA	Aquatic nuisance species - Banned
Native (Rest)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Native - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation Permit & See Ag; Take - see fishing
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transportation permit & See Ag
Shrimp								
Cave, Mammoth	No			No			No	Federal/State endangered
Native (Rest)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Native - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation Permit & See Ag; Take - see fishing
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transportation permit & See Ag
Snails								
Ancylid, Domed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing

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Bladetooth, Virginia	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	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.
Button, Wrinkled	No			No			No	
Cavesnail, Shaggy	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	
Coil, Punctate	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	
Covert, Clifty	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	
Crater, Queen	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	
Disc, Pine Mountain	No			No			No	
Glyph, Honey	No			No			No	
Glyph, Maryland	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No		
Glyph, Sculpted	No			No			No	
Grapeskin, Glassy	No			No			No	
Hornsnail, Rugged	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	
Hornsnail, Shortspire	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	
Lioplax, Furrowed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	

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Rabdotus, Whitewashed	No			No			No	Threatened
Rocksnaill, Armored	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Rocksnaill, Muddy	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Rocksnaill, Onyx	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Rocksnaill, Ornate	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Rocksnaill, Varicose	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Supercoil, Gem	No			No			No	Threatened
Terrestrial (<i>Helicodiscus notius specus</i>)	No			No			No	Threatened
Vertigo, Cupped	No			No			No	Endangered
Vertigo, Delicate	No			No			No	Endangered
Whitelip, Big-tooth	No			No			No	Threatened
Whitelip, Striped	No			No			No	Threatened
<u>Native (Rest)</u>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Native - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation Permit & See Ag; Take - see fishing
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transportation permit & See Ag
Other								
Amphipod, Bousfield's	No			No			No	Endangered
Amphipod (<i>Crangonyx caecus</i>)	No			No			No	Threatened

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Amphipod (Crangonyx castellanum)	No			No			No	Endangered
Amphipod (Crangonyx longidactylus)	No			No			No	Threatened
Amphipod (Crangonyx specus)	No			No			No	Endangered
Amphipod (Stygobromus vitreus)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	~	Special Concern Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag; Take - see fishing
Amphipod, Lewis Cave	No			No			No	Threatened
Isopod, Clifton Cave	No			No			No	Endangered
Native (Rest)	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	~	Native - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation Permit & See Ag; Take - see fishing
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transportation permit & See Ag
MARINE MAMMALS (Dolphin, Dugong, Manatee, Porpoise, Sea Lion, Seal, Walrus, Whale)								
All	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & See Ag
MARSUPIALS								
Opossum, Virginia	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Furbearer - Take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Nonnative	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & See Ag
MUSTELIDS								
Badger, American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Native - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Badger, Old World	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Ferret	Yes	Yes*	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Ferret permit if wild-caught, captive-born exempt from KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Honey Badger	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets

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Mink, American (domestic 1.15kg+ or distinguishable color)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Mink, American (rest)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Furbearer - Take see Hunting Laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Otter, Northern River	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Furbearer - Take see Hunting Laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit
Weasel, Least	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Furbearer Special concern - Take see hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Weasel, Long-tailed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Furbearer - Take see Hunting Laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Wolverine	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Nonnative (Unlisted)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes*	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & possible Ag import permit

PRIMATES

Baboon	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Baboon, Gelada	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Chimpanzee	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Drill	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Gorilla	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Mandrill	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Orangutan	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Unlisted	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets

PROCYONIDS

Raccoon, Northern	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Furbearer - See Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Bans import
Raccoon (rest)	Yes	No	No	No			NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Bans Import
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag

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RODENTS

Beaver, American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Furbearer - Take see Hunting Laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit/See Ag
Chinchilla	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Chipmunk, Eastern	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - Transportation Permit & See Ag
Deermouse, Cloudland	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Deermouse, Prairie	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Gerbil, Mongolian	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Groundhog	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Native - Unlimited take; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Guinea Pig	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Hamster, Ciscaucasian	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Hamster, Golden	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Hamster, Romanian	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Hamster, Turkish	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Lemming, Southern Bog	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Mouse, Cotton	No			No			No	Threatened
Mouse, Eastern Harvest	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Mouse, Golden	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Mouse, House	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Mouse, Meadow Jumping	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Mouse, White-footed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag

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Mouse, Woodland Jumping	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	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.
Muskrat	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Nutria	No			No			NA	
Porcupine, North American	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Prairie Dog	No			No			NA	
Rat, Brown (domestic)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Rat, Gambian Giant Pouched	No			No			NA	
Rat, Hispid Cotton	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Rat, House (domestic)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No		NA	
Rat, Marsh Rice	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Rat, Multimmamate	No			No			NA	
Squirrel, Eastern Fox	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Squirrel, Eastern Gray	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Squirrel, Southern Flying	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Vole, Kentucky Red-backed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Vole, Meadow	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Vole, Prairie	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Vole, Woodland	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	

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Woodchuck	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	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.
Woodrat, Alleghany	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	

UNGULATES

Artiodactyla

Bovidae (Wild cattle, goats, sheep)

Bison, American	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes*	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - Possible Ag import permit Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets F&W permit-exempt; Import - Ag permit
Buffalo, African	No			No			NA	
Goat, Domestic (breeds and varieties)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	
Yak (domestic)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes*	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - Possible Ag import permit Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & possible Ag import permit
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes*	NA	

Cervid (Deer family)

Deer, Axis	No			No			No	Bans - grandfathers prior to 2002 Bans - grandfathers prior to 2002 Bans - grandfathers prior to 2002 Bans - grandfathers prior to 2002 Bans - grandfathers prior to 2002 Bans - grandfathers prior to 2002 Bans - grandfathers prior to 2002
Deer, European Roe	No			No			No	
Deer, Siberian Roe	No			No			No	
Deer, Red	No			No			No	
Deer, Sika	No			No			No	
Deer, Thorald's	No			No			No	
Deer, White-tailed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Elk, Rocky Mountain	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game - No take; Cervid Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & Ag Entry Permit
Elk (rest)	No			No			No	

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Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	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.
Suidae (Wild pigs)								
Nondomestic	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Others								
Alpaca	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - Ag permit
Camel, Bactrian	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - Ag permit
Camel, Dromedary	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - Ag permit
Hippo	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Hippo, Pygmy	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - Not regulated by KDFWR; Import: Transportation Permit & See Ag
Llama	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - Ag permit
Javalina	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Peccary	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes*	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & possible Ag import permit
Perissodactyla								
Rhino	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes*	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & possible Ag import permit
VIVERRIDS								
All	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
XENARTHRA/EDENTATA (Anteater, Armadillo, Sloth)								
Armadillo, Nine-banded	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Nongame - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag

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Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & See Ag
OTHER MAMMALS								
Aardwolf	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Exempt inherently dangerous wildlife; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Cottontail, Appalacian	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game - Bans take; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Cottontail, Eastern	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game - Bans take; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Hyena	No			No			NA	Inherently dangerous wildlife - no pets
Jack Rabbit	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Meerkat, Slender-tailed	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Rabbit, European (domestic)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Not regulated by KDFWR; Import - See Ag
Rabbit, San Juan	No			No			NA	Potentially injurious - no pets
Rabbit, Swamp	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Game - See Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Import - KDFWR Transportation Permit & See Ag
Skunk, Eastern Spotted	Yes	Yes	No	No			No	Special concern Nongame - Only allowed if from legal in-state captive-born source - Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Bans take & import
Skunk, Striped	Yes	Yes	No	No			Yes	Furbearer - Take see Hunting laws; Noncommercial Captive Wildlife Permit; Bans import
Skunk (rest)	Yes	No	No	No			NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Bans import
Unlisted	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known KDFWR laws; Import - KDFWR Transport permit & See Ag

SUMMARY: Kentucky bans inherently dangerous wildlife, prohibited exotics, various deer, and threatened and endangered species. For other native species, most need a noncommercial captive wildlife permit except for up to a certain limit per species of native herp. Any import requires a transport permit. Fish need a special fish transportation permit.

Sources:

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POSSESSION			IMPORT			TAKE	COMMENTS
Legal as Pets	KDFWR Permit	Register	Legal for Pets	KDFWR Permit	Ag Permit	Legal for Pets	
							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.

1 Inherently dangerous/Prohibited Exotics	Kentucky Rev. Statutes 65.877, 7/13/2005; 301 Kentucky Admin Regs 2:082 Sec. 3 (2)
2 Exotic (rest)	301 Kentucky Admin Regs 2:082 Sec. 3 (1)
3 Native	301 Kentucky Admin Regs. 2:081
4 Ferret	Kentucky Rev. Statutes 150.355
5 Import	301 Kentucky Admin Regs. 2:081 Sec. 5 (9); 2:082 Sec. 3 (5 and 6)

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.