



AMNESTY FROM PROSECUTION FOR THE REMOVAL OF LICENSED WILDLIFE AND RECORD BOOKS FROM SPECIFIED PREMISES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN AUTHORISED EVENTS

1. What is the purpose of the Amnesty?

The purpose of this Amnesty is to exempt certain holders of a wildlife licence issued under the *Wildlife Act 1975* for breaching licence conditions related to specified premises only while attending authorised events.

All individual participants of those events listed in section 3 of this amnesty will require a relevant wildlife licence issued under the *Wildlife Act 1975*.

All other requirements prescribed in the Wildlife Regulations 2013 and on the licence still apply.

2. To whom does this Amnesty apply?

The Amnesty applies to holders of a wildlife licence issued pursuant to section 22 of the *Wildlife Act 1975*. This includes holders of a Wildlife Basic or Wildlife Advanced licence, Wildlife Specimen licence, Wildlife Dealer licence and Wildlife Taxidermist licence.

3. What are the terms of the Amnesty?

A person to whom this Amnesty applies will not be subject to enforcement action in respect of the legislative provisions described below provided the person:

- A. Removes wildlife from the premises specified in their licence for the purpose of attending:
 - i. Bird sales as a registered participant with the Avicultural Society of Australia as follows:
 - Gippsland branch at Exhibition Hall, Warragul on 23 April 2017;
 - Swan Hill branch at the Italian Club, Swan Hill on 23 April 2017;
 - ASA at the I.W. Dole Reserve, Keon Park on 7 May 2017;
 - Bendigo branch at the Bendigo Showgrounds on 13 May 2017;
 - Goulburn Valley branch at the Shepparton Showgrounds on 21 May 2017
 - Mornington Peninsula branch at the State Dog Centre, Skye on 28 May 2017;
 - Western District branch at the Exhibition Hall, Hamilton Showgrounds on 4 June 2017;
 - Geelong branch at the Geelong Showgrounds on 11 June 2017;
 - Ararat branch at the Alexandra Hall, Ararat on 18 June 2017;
 - Latrobe Valley Aviculture Club at the Newborough Town Hall on 3 July 2017

- Centre West branch at the Civic Hall, Cobden on 8 July 2017;
 - Gippsland Cage Birds at the Exhibition Hall, Warragul on 23 July 2017;
 - Ballarat branch at the Ballarat showgrounds on 5 August 2017.
- ii. The Australian Association of Wildlife Artists' Taxidermy Exhibition and Wild Deer Expo at the York on Lilydale between 10 March 2017 and 12 March 2017 as a registered participant.
 - iii. The Victorian Herpetological Society's Reptile and Amphibian Expo at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds, Flemington on 4 March 2017 as a registered participant with the Victorian Herpetological Society.
- B. Removes their record book from the premises specified in their wildlife licence for the purpose/s only of attending those events listed in Section 3(A) of this Amnesty.

4. What is wildlife?

For the purpose of this Amnesty, 'wildlife' is the same as that defined under section 3 of the *Wildlife Act 1975* and which is held under a wildlife licence issued under section 22 of this Act.

5. What legislative provisions will not apply?

A person to whom the Amnesty applies, who complies with the terms of the Amnesty, will not face enforcement action in respect of a breach of the following regulations under the Wildlife Regulations 2013:

- i. Regulation 31 – Storage of record books and return forms
- ii. Regulation 39 – Wildlife to be bought, sold or disposed of only at specified premises
- iii. Regulation 62 – Specified premises

6. For how long does the Amnesty run?

This Amnesty applies only to the events and dates provided at Section 3(A) of this Amnesty, unless cancelled by the Secretary.



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Secretary

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