In addition to completing and submitting the “Application for Amphibian and Reptile Rehabilitation Permit” document, first time applicants are required to submit and comply with the following conditions:

- Submit a letter from a sponsoring, permitted Amphibian and Reptile Rehabilitator or licensed Veterinarian located in Pennsylvania. Include the rehabilitator’s Pennsylvania permit number or Veterinarian’s license number. Every two years, either a permitted rehabber or veterinarian must sign the application form to renew your permit.
- Certification that possession of amphibians and reptiles in no way violates local ordinances, or rental / real estate agreements at the proposed facility. Include full name of proposed facility and the full address (including street, township/borough, and county).
- Detailed description of educational background and experience with amphibian and reptile care. Please provide a transcript of courses taken, if applicable.
- Detailed description and equipment used to rehabilitate amphibians and reptiles. Please provide photographs of the facility and equipment.
- A current list of assistants and relevant information should be available upon request at all times as part of the permit conditions. An assistant form listing the required information has been provided.
- Successful first time applicants must resubmit the application form as well as an annual report before expiration. Failure to do so will result in noncompliance with permit regulations and prevent you from receiving a permit that calendar year. Should you elect not to renew your two year permit by the expiration date, you will not be granted a permit for the following year.
- All applicants and their assistants temporarily holding and conducting rehabilitation on amphibians and reptiles need to be in possession of a valid Pennsylvania Fishing License. If you do not possess a current PA fishing license, you may purchase one through the PA Fish and Boat Commission’s website (www.fish.state.pa.us and click on the Outdoor Shop: https://www.theoutdoorshop.state.pa.us/fbg/fish_secured/FishOutdoorShop.asp) or from a fishing license issuing agent.
- The Rehabilitation Permit is not a Scientific Collector’s Permit and only allows for temporary holding and rehabilitation of herpetofauna.
- All state and federally listed threatened and endangered species must be reported to the Natural Diversity Section (814-359-5147) within 72 hours of admittance.