

**65.877 Local governments' authority to regulate holding of inherently dangerous wildlife -- List of inherently dangerous wildlife.**

- (1) A county, city, urban-county, or charter county government may regulate or prohibit the holding of wildlife that have been identified by the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources as inherently dangerous to human health and safety.
- (2) The department has declared the following species of wildlife to be inherently dangerous to human health and safety and shall establish procedures for denying or issuing a transportation permit for said wildlife:
  - (a) African buffalo (*Syncerus caffer*);
  - (b) Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibius*);
  - (c) Hyenas (family *Hyaenidae*), all species except aardwolves (*Proteles cristatus*);
  - (d) Old world badger (*Meles meles*);
  - (e) Lions, jaguars, leopards, or tigers (genus *Panthera*);
  - (f) Clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*);
  - (g) Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*);
  - (h) Elephants (family *Elephantidae*);
  - (i) Rhinoceroses (family *Rhinocerotidae*);
  - (j) Gorillas (family *Pongidae*);
  - (k) Baboons, drills, or mandrills (genus *Papio*);
  - (l) Gelada baboon (*Theropithecus gelada*);
  - (m) Gavials (family *Gavialidae*);
  - (n) Crocodiles (family *Crocodylidae*);
  - (o) Alligators or caimans (family *Alligatoridae*);
  - (p) Sea snakes (family *Hydrophidae*);
  - (q) Cobras or coral snakes (family *Elapidae*);
  - (r) Adders or vipers (family *Viperidae*);
  - (s) Venomous rear-fanged species (family *Colubridae*);
  - (t) Gila monsters or beaded lizards (family *Helodermatidae*);
  - (u) Komodo dragon (*Varanus komodoensis*);
  - (v) Wolverine (*Gulo gulo*);
  - (w) Bears (family *Ursidae*);
  - (x) Wolf or wolf hybrids of over twenty-five percent (25%) wolf; or
  - (y) Cougar or mountain lion (*Felis concolor*).

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