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## Georgia Department of Agriculture

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Att: Non Resident Pet Dealers and Bird Dealers,

Effective November 8, 2015 non-resident Pet Dealers and Bird Dealers; that are only participating in Exhibition Events, are no longer required to obtain the \$400 non-resident license that is normally required to conduct business in Georgia.

The Georgia Animal Protection Act Rules and Regulations 40-13-13-.02 and Bird Dealer's licensing Act Rule 40-13-12-.02 (2)(A) have been amended to allow for the creation of an "Exhibition License". The fee for an Exhibition license for a Pet Dealer or Bird Dealer is \$200 annually. The Bird Dealer and Pet Dealer's Exhibition license allows for the sale of these animals at "Exhibition Events" only. An "Exhibition Event" is defined as: Reptile or Exotic bird shows/events that have been issued a special written permit by the Georgia State Veterinarian's office. The license must be obtained prior to attending the events.

To apply for the non-resident Exhibition license an applicant must submit a "consent for jurisdiction" form. This form can be obtained from the Animal Protection Website at: <a href="http://www.agr.georgia.gov/animalprotection.aspx">http://www.agr.georgia.gov/animalprotection.aspx</a> under "forms". The form can be mailed to Georgia Department of Agriculture, Companion Animal Section, Room 122, 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SW, Atlanta, Ga. 30334 or emailed to <a href="mailed to Tavarus.Morgan@agr.georgia.gov">Tavarus.Morgan@agr.georgia.gov</a>. The applicant can then apply for the license online at <a href="http://www.kellysolutions.com/ga/petdealers/">http://www.kellysolutions.com/ga/petdealers/</a>. When applying online under "license category" choose "non-resident exhibition license".

Bird Dealers should also be advised that all exotic or pet birds entering Georgia for sale, trade, or exchange for a fee or other type of compensation must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which has been issued within the previous 30 days and which records proof of the health requirements for each species.

Sincerely,

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