**Section 700.40 Permits**

 a) Application Requirements

Permits to transport/possess wild swine may be issued by the Department of Natural Resources in accordance with Section 2.2a of the Wildlife Code for scientific purposes, under the following provisions:

1) Medical or research institutions wishing to transport/possess wild swine must make application to the Department in writing, on forms provided by the Department, at the following address:

 Illinois Department of Natural Resources

 Office of Resource Conservation

 Wildlife Division

 One Natural Resources Way

 Springfield IL 62702-1271

 2) Applications must contain the following minimum information:

 A) Name and address of medical or research institution;

 B) Name, address and position of person making application;

 C) Number of specimens for which permit is requested;

D) Explanation of the medical or research project necessitating need for permit;

E) A statement of the applicant's qualifications and previous experience in caring for and handling captive wildlife;

 F) Time period for which permit is requested;

G) Location and description of facilities in which species will be kept; and

H) Any other information as requested by the Department, e.g., purpose of research, supplier of animals, and disposition of animals.

 b) Issuance Criteria

The Department shall consider the following in determining whether to issue a permit to transport/possess wild swine for medical or scientific purposes:

 1) Whether the request is for a legitimate medical or research purpose;

2) Whether the facilities for holding the specimens have been inspected and approved by the Department prior to issuance of a permit. Facilities must be constructed and maintained to prevent escape of the specimens; and

3) Whether the applicant is aware of the potential dangers to public interest posed by the wild swine and who, by reason of his/her knowledge, experience and facilities, can be expected to provide adequate protection of the public interests.

 c) Permit Conditions

Permits issued for the transportation/possession of wild swine shall be subject to the following conditions:

1) All specimens and progeny of those specimens approved under the permit must be confined in the facilities and at the location approved on the permit.

2) Disposition of the specimens (including conditions under which they may be sold, traded, bartered or transferred to another permitted exhibition or institution) shall be as designated by the Department.

3) Permits issued under this Part shall be valid only for the time periods and under the provisions designated by the Department on the permit.

4) All permit holders shall file with the Department, no later than 30 days after the expiration of the permit, a report documenting disposition of all specimens.

5) In the event of escape or unintentional release of specimens or their progeny authorized under the permit, permittees shall notify the Department by telephone (1-877-236-7529, toll-free) or other expedient means within 24 hours following the escape, unless specifically exempted by the Department in writing.