Permit Requirements

1. The venue organizer shall apply for a permit and notify the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) at least 30 days prior to the date on which the event is to be held.

2. Verify on the application that the applicant has contracted the services of an accredited veterinarian to be present during the event or will only allow restricted animals with a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) to be sold.

3. Include time, location, dates, full address and name of the location of the event.

4. NDA may deny an application if: the applicant does not meet the requirements; there are previous acts of noncompliance; or upon determination that the applicant is unable to meet the requirements.

5. No person shall conduct an exotic animal auction or exchange venue without a permit issued by NDA.
The Exotic Animal Auction or Exchange Venue Act requires that the venue organizer obtain a permit from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) before conducting an exotic animal auction or exchange venue and maintain auction or exchange records for animal disease tracking purposes. Exotic animals sold at an exotic auction or exchange venue are often foreign to the United States or to the State of Nebraska, so these exotic animals may carry dangerous, infectious, contagious, or otherwise transmissible diseases, including foreign animals diseases, which could pose a threat to Nebraska’s livestock health and the livestock industry.

**Venue Defined**
Exotic animal auction or exchange venue means any event or location, other than a livestock auction market or events by an animal welfare organization or at an animal welfare organization location, where:

1. Exotic animals are consigned or offered to be consigned, purchased, sold, traded, bartered, given away or otherwise ownership transferred;
2. An offer to purchase an exotic animal is made; and
3. Any other event or location where there is a change of ownership of an exotic animal.

**Organizer Defined**
Exotic animal auction or exchange venue organizer means a person in charge of organizing an exotic animal auction or exchange venue event, and may include any person who:

1. Arranges events for third parties to have private sales or trades of exotic animals;
2. Organizes or coordinates exotic animal auctions or exchange venues;
3. Leases out areas for exotic animal auctions or exchange venues;
4. Provides or coordinates other similar arrangements involving exotic animals at retail establishments such as feed and supply stores, farm implement stores, and farm or ranch stores, which allow such sales in or on the premises; and
5. Takes exotic animals for consignment on behalf of third parties.

**Restricted Animals Defined**
No bovine, camelid, caprine, ovine or porcine animal shall be, or be offered to be, consigned, purchased, sold, bartered, traded, given away or otherwise transferred at an exotic animal auction or exchange venue unless, prior to a change of ownership or other transfer of the animal, a completed certificate of veterinary inspection for such animal is presented to the exotic animal auction or exchange venue organizer. Such certificate of veterinary inspection shall be signed by an accredited veterinarian on the date of or no more than thirty days prior to the date the exotic animal auction or exchange venue is held.