

### Regional Jurisdictions and Exotic Animal Policies

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Ban on Venomous Snake Possession</b>	<b>Animals not permitted</b>	<b>Exceptions</b>
Arlington, VA	None	Bans possession of farm animals/livestock, foxes, skunks, raccoons	A wildlife rehabilitator licensed by the VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
Alexandria, VA*	None	None	N/A
District of Columbia	Yes	Bans possession of all animals except for a short list of domestic animals, including non-venomous snakes, dogs (excluding hybrids with wolves, coyotes, or jackals), cats (excluding hybrids with ocelots or margay), turtles, domesticated rodents and rabbits, captive-bred species of common cage birds, fish, and racing pigeons (in compliance with permit requirements)	Yes-zoos and educational institutions, licensed animal exhibitors
Fairfax County, VA	Yes	Bans possession of live monkeys and all “non-human” primates, raccoons, skunks, wolves, squirrels, foxes, leopards, panthers, tigers, lions, lynx or any other warm-blooded animal, tarantulas, crocodiles or alligators, which can normally be found in the wild state or any other member of the crocodylian, including but not limited to alligators, crocodiles, caimans and gavials	Certified service animals, zoological parks, traveling animal exhibitions, circuses or veterinary clinics that are properly licensed by the Commonwealth
Falls Church, VA	Yes	Bans possession of all living wild or exotic animals. Defined as any animal other than dogs, cats, hamsters, guinea pigs, ferrets, birds purchased at a pet store, non-poisonous snakes less than 8 feet in length, domestic rabbits, mice and rats bred in captivity and never living in the wild	Certified service animals, zoological parks, traveling animal exhibitions, circuses or veterinary clinics that are properly licensed by the Commonwealth
Prince George’s County, MD	Yes	Bans possession of pit bulls, ground hogs, skunks, raccoons, opossums, foxes, bears, wolves, other native wildlife, member of the cat family other than domestic cats	N/A
Prince William, VA	Yes	Same as Fairfax but makes a special note that ferrets, nonpoisonous snakes, rabbits and laboratory rats which have been bred in captivity and which never have known the wild shall be permitted	N/A

\*According to the Director of Animal Control in Alexandria, the city is in the information gathering/research stage of writing an exotic animal ordinance, in anticipation of drafting an addition to the city code.