

68A-6.0072 Identification of Non-Native Venomous Reptiles and Reptiles of Concern; Escape.

(1) Any person who keeps or possesses for personal use any live venomous reptile not indigenous to Florida or any live reptile of concern, in accordance with Section 372.86, F.S., ~~or any live reptile of concern, in accordance with Section 372.922, F.S.~~, must permanently identify such reptile.

(a) Live venomous reptiles not indigenous to Florida shall be permanently identified by photographic identification or with a unique passive integrated transponder (PIT tag).

(b) Live reptiles of concern shall be permanently identified with a unique passive integrated transponder (PIT tag).

(c) Records of identification including PIT tag number where applicable, along with information about the specimen being identified (species, specimen name or number, gender, and age) must be maintained in the possessors records for as long as the specimen is possessed.

(2) For photographic identification the photograph of the specimen must include sufficient distinguishing characteristics (marks, scars, and patterns, ect.) to enable that particular specimen to be distinguished from other specimens of the same species.

(3) Passive integrated transponder (PIT tag) identification shall consist of the implantation ~~implementation~~ of a unique PIT tag under the specimen's skin in a manner to maintain the PIT tag permanently in place.

(a) For snakes implantation ~~implementation~~ shall be in specimens with a two (2) inch or greater diameter. The PIT tag shall be implanted in the back one-third (1/3) of the snake, forward of the anal plate.

(b) For lizards implantation ~~implementation~~ shall be in the body cavity in close proximity to and forward of a rear leg or in a rear leg.

(c) The requirement pertaining to the location of the PIT tag implantation ~~implementation~~ shall not apply to specimens implanted prior to acquisition of the animal or prior to the effective date of this rule.

(4) Any person authorized to possess any venomous reptile not indigenous to Florida or reptile of concern must report any escapes to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement immediately upon discovery of escape.

(5) Effective Date: All permanent identification requirements in this rule shall not take effect until July 1, 2008, for any live venomous reptile not indigenous to Florida or any reptile of concern possessed prior to January 1, 2008.

Specific Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 372.86, 372.92, 372.921, ~~372.922~~ FS. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 372.86, 372.87, 372.88, ~~372.89, 372.90, 372.901, 372.91, 372.92, 372.921, ~~372.922~~~~ FS. History—New 1-1-08.