AEC GUIDELINES
Research and teaching involving animals in the Northern Territory

Licence

- The Institution must hold a licence to use premises for teaching or research involving animals with the Animal Welfare Authority (through the Animal Welfare Unit).
- The licence covers field studies and private properties but it does **not** give the licence holder or a permit held by a person doing work under the project permission to enter upon any land. It is the responsibility of the holder to obtain permission from the land holder.

For example:
If crown land or Parks and Reserves then a permit from Lands Branch (NT Gov or NRETAS)
  - Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport
  - Northern Territory Lands Group
Aboriginal land requires a permit from the NLC and or sacred sites authority.
  - Central Land Council
    http://www.clc.org.au/
  - Tiwi Islands
    http://www.tiwilandcouncil.net.au/
  - Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority Northern Territory
Pastoral properties and freehold land from the land owner.
  - Department Planning and Infrastructure to conduct research on road reserves.

Permits

- All **individuals** employed/engaged by the University of Sydney to conduct the teaching or research programs, involving the use of animals in the Northern Territory, must receive a permit from the **University of Sydney AEC**.
- Persons providing teaching or research assistance to a person who holds a permit do not need to have their own permit.
- Permit application must be lodged on the approved form to the University of Sydney AEC for review together with relevant document including a certified copy of a form of identification as outlined in the permit application. The certification can be from a NT Commissioner of Oaths or a Justice of the Peace.
- Permits must be issued by the USyd AEC on an approved form, subject to conditions and are valid for maximum of two years. **Procedure for permit applications undertaken by an ethics committee upon receipt of an application for a permit (see attached).**

Research involving wildlife

- Activities that require a permit to undertake scientific research include people wishing to observe, collect, survey or monitor wildlife in the wild for research purposes.
- On expiry of a permit to take or interfere with wildlife, applicants are required to submit data in a digital format.
Further information:
A link to the relevant page of the NT Animal Welfare Authority website:
http://www.animalwelfare.nt.gov.au/animal_research_and_teaching

Wildlife permits:
http://www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au/permits/permits#.UjulSz8S4op

NT Animal Welfare Act 2007:
http://notes.nt.gov.au/dcm/legislat/legislat.nsf/d989974724db65b1482561cf0017cbd2/d85e416a04509d0c692572a300029e84?OpenDocument