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FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Division of Habitat and Species Conservation, Wildlife Diversity Conservation Section
620 South Meridian Street, MS 2A, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600, (850) 921-5990

Permit Owner Name: Shy Wolf Sanctuary Education & Experience Center
Permit Number: LSSC-22-00004
Effective Date: 1/13/2022
Permit Owner Address: 1161 27th St SW
Expiration Date: 1/13/2025
NAPLES, FLORIDA
34117 UNITED STATES

IS AUTHORIZED TO:

1. Possess and display four (4) gopher tortoises for educational purposes in Florida, pursuant to Rules 68-1 and 68A-27, F.A.C., and in accordance with the Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines and the following provisions and conditions:

AUTHORIZED LOCATION(S): Above address as represented by Liz Harmon

Permittee Signature: Nancy Smith Date: 1-14-22
Not valid unless signed. By signature, confirms that all information provided to issue the permit is accurate and complete, and indicates acceptance and understanding of the provisions and conditions listed below. **Any false statements or misrepresentations when applying for this permit may result in felony charges and will result in revocation of this permit.**

Authorized By: Angela Williams Authorized for: Eric Sutton, Executive Director

Authorizing Signature: Angela Williams Date: 01/13/2022
Wildlife Diversity Conservation Section

PERMIT CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS:

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1. Up to (4) four gopher tortoises (*Gopherus polyphemus*) that are deemed non-releasable (waif) may be possessed and maintained in captivity at the above address. Such possession/captive maintenance is to be under sanitary and spacious conditions and otherwise in compliance with Rules 68A-6 F.A.C., and the enclosed Maintenance of Gopher Tortoises in Captivity Care sheet. The Permittee must clean and disinfect hands and equipment between receiving and handling individual tortoises, in accordance with the guidance provided in Appendix 6 of the FWC Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines, April 2008 -revised July 2020.
2. Wildlife possessed under this permit (per Provision/Condition 1 above) may be transported for use in educational programs. Such transportation is to be under sanitary and spacious conditions and otherwise in compliance with Rules 68A-6 F.A.C. This permit (or a copy) must be readily available during transport and while displaying the animal at the program(s).
3. The animal(s) affected by this permit may not be released to the wild, bred, bought or sold, but may be otherwise transferred to other individuals, facilities and organizations within Florida provided such recipients are in possession of appropriate state Permit(s) (from this office). Said transfer of custody must be coordinated through this office for updating or issuing of permits for both the donor and recipient parties.
4. The Permittee may temporarily loan the animal(s) to other entities, provided they are in possession of a letter

of authorization from the Permittee and a copy of this permit. The Permittee must maintain an inventory of who has possession of the animal and at what physical location.

5. This permit applies only to the animal(s) identified in the current application, the assurances of which are herein incorporated by reference. It does not authorize the taking of animals from the wild, the possession or transport of same, or the receipt/possession of animals illegally taken or possessed by other parties.

6. Any injury and/or mortality of the authorized animals must be reported to this office within 48 hours via email at WildlifePermits@myFWC.com and upload to the permit account in the [Online Permit System](#). Disposition of those specimens is subject to individual approval by the Commission.

7. The activities authorized under this Permit may be carried out by the Permittee or Authorized Agent (if applicable) and any employee or contractor under their control as Subpermittees/ Assistants. Accordingly, all such activities are the responsibility of the Permittee or Authorized Agent. The Permittee and Authorized Agent shall be as fully responsible for any such activities to the same extent as if they had themselves carried out those activities under this Permit. The Permittee or Authorized Agent must obtain a Registered Agent permit in the [Online Permit System](#). Then use the Manage Assistants tool on the Home Menu to submit the name and contact information of designated Subpermittees/Assistants, prior to that Subpermittee/ Assistant conducting any activities authorized under this permit. The FWC reserves the right to deny a Permittee's designation of an individual as its Subpermittee/Assistant for just cause. Contact the Protected Species Permit Coordinator at WildlifePermits@myFWC.com for additional information.

8. This Permit does not authorize access to any public or private properties. The Permittee (and his/her designee) must secure permission from the appropriate landowner or land manager prior to conducting any activity authorized under this permit.

9. This Permit is nontransferable and must be prominently posted on the Project site or carried on authorized individual's person for inspection by all authorized officials (including but not restricted to state, federal, local building and zoning, law enforcement) at all times while engaging in the permitted activities.

10. The Permittee by signature above confirms that representatives of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) have his/her permission as the Permittee, and that of the landowner(s) to enter on and inspect the property(ies) described in the application (herein incorporated by reference) and any documents associated with this permit for all reasonable purposes pertaining to applicable Commission rules. A signed copy of this permit must be returned to this office at by uploading it to the permit account in the [Online Permit System \(System\)](#) before conducting any authorized activities.

11. This Permit is a continuation of permit LSSC-15-00031A which expired on December 31, 2020.

12. A detailed report of all activities (p photographs of the specimen(s) and its enclosure(s), the number of events held, copy of educational materials (signage, brochures, handouts, videos, etc.) engaged in pursuant to this permit must be submitted within 45 days subsequent to permit expiration or upon application for permit renewal, whichever is precedent. Said reports should be directed to the Species Conservation Planning Section, by uploading it to the permit account in the [Online Permit System](#). Requests for permit renewal should be submitted at least 45 days prior to the time it is needed in the online permit system. All permit renewal (or amendment) requests must contain a copy of the above referenced report. Copies of any other reports or publications, which result from the work, must also be provided upon their availability.

13. This Permit can be suspended, revoked or not renewed for just cause, pursuant to 68-1.010, Florida Administrative Code and Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by FWC's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. A person seeking a hearing on FWC's action shall file a petition for hearing with the agency within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision. The petition must contain the information and otherwise comply with section 120.569, Florida Statutes, and the uniform rules of the Florida Division of Administration, chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code. If the FWC receives a petition, FWC will notify the Permittee. The attached Explanation of Rights statement provides additional information as to the rights of parties whose substantial interests are or may be affected by this action.