**§3921-B. Prohibition on keeping a wolf hybrid; exception**

**1. Prohibition.**  Except as provided in subsection 2, a person may not keep a wolf hybrid in the State unless that person holds a valid permit to possess wildlife in captivity issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife under Title 12, section 12152.

[PL 2011, c. 100, §10 (NEW).]

**2. Exception.**  A person keeping a wolf hybrid as a pet and in compliance with all applicable provisions in this Part on June 1, 2011 may continue to keep that wolf hybrid as long as the following conditions are met:

A. The wolf hybrid has been spayed or neutered; and [PL 2011, c. 100, §10 (NEW).]

B. The owner continues to license the wolf hybrid in accordance with section 3922, subsection 3‑B. [PL 2011, c. 100, §10 (NEW).]

[PL 2011, c. 100, §10 (NEW).]

**3. Restrictions on transfer.**  A person keeping a wolf hybrid under subsection 2 may transfer ownership of the wolf hybrid to a person:

A. Holding a permit to possess wildlife under Title 12, section 12152 and authorized to accept wolf hybrids in compliance with rules adopted under Title 12, section 12160, subsection 2; [PL 2011, c. 100, §10 (NEW).]

B. Who operates an animal refuge in another state that is licensed to accept wolf hybrids; or [PL 2011, c. 100, §10 (NEW).]

C. Who has had direct contact with the wolf hybrid, is familiar with the wolf hybrid's behavior and has been advised of the reporting requirement under subsection 4 and licensing laws under section 3922. [PL 2011, c. 100, §10 (NEW).]

A person transferring ownership of a wolf hybrid under this subsection shall within 10 days of the transfer notify the department and provide the name and address of the person accepting the transfer.

[PL 2011, c. 100, §10 (NEW).]

**4. Duty to report death.**  The owner of a wolf hybrid kept under subsection 2 shall notify the department of the wolf hybrid's death on a form prescribed by the department within 30 days of the wolf hybrid's death.

[PL 2011, c. 100, §10 (NEW).]

**5. Violation.**  A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of $2,500 may be adjudged.

[PL 2011, c. 100, §10 (NEW).]

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PL 2011, c. 100, §10 (NEW).

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