(I)   A RESEARCH FACILITY OR FEDERAL RESEARCH FACILITY LICENSED UNDER THE FEDERAL ANIMAL WELFARE ACT;

(II)   AN EXHIBITOR LICENSED UNDER THE FEDERAL ANIMAL WELFARE ACT THAT DISPLAYS THE ANIMALS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IN A PUBLIC SETTING AS THE EXHIBITOR'S PRIMARY FUNCTION;

(III)   A PERSON WHO POSSESSES A VALID LICENSE OR PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO IMPORT, SELL, TRADE, BARTER, POSSESS, BREED, OR EXCHANGE AN ANIMAL SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION;

(IV)   AN ANIMAL SANCTUARY THAT:

1.   IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION QUALIFIED UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE;

2.   OPERATES A PLACE OF REFUGE FOR ABUSED, NEGLECTED, IMPOUNDED, ABANDONED, ORPHANED, OR DISPLACED WILDLIFE;

3.   DOES NOT CONDUCT COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY WITH RESPECT TO ANY ANIMAL OF WHICH THE ORGANIZATION IS AN OWNER; AND

4.   DOES NOT BUY, SELL, TRADE, LEASE, OR BREED ANY ANIMAL EXCEPT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SPECIES SURVIVAL PLAN OF THE AMERICAN ZOO AND AQUARIUM ASSOCIATION;

(V)   AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY, A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ACTING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THIS SUBTITLE, OR A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OPERATIONS;

(VI)   A PERSON WHO HOLDS A VALID LICENSE TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE IN THE STATE AND TREATS THE ANIMAL SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CUSTOMARY AND NORMAL VETERINARY PRACTICES; AND

(VII)   A PERSON WHO IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AND IS IN THE STATE FOR 10 DAYS OR LESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAVELING BETWEEN LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE STATE.

(2)   (I)   THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A PERSON WHO HAD LAWFUL POSSESSION OF AN ANIMAL SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE MAY 31, 2006, FROM CONTINUING TO POSSESS THAT ANIMAL IF THE PERSON PROVIDES WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2006.

(II)   THE NOTIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE:

1.   THE PERSON'S NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER;