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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Wayne F. MacCallum, *Director*

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Jonathan G. Way, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Way:

I have personally reviewed the entire file concerning your request to possess and maintain two to three coyotes at your home and concur with the decision of Assistant Director Thomas O'Shea to deny your permit request in accordance with 321 CMR 2.12 (17). Assistant Director O'Shea's reasons for the denial are stated in his letter to you dated March 28, 2008.

In no situation will you be issued a permit to possess captive coyotes at your home. You could be issued a permit to conduct research on captive coyotes if they are kept in an appropriate zoological or research/educational institution as was the case in the permit issued to you in 2002. As noted in the March 28, 2008 letter we subsequently learned that these animals were kept at your home for approximately 2 months in violation of the permit conditions. If you decide that you would like to apply for another permit keeping captive coyotes at the Stone Zoo or similar facility you will need to specify that you understand that these animals are not to be kept any time outside the confines of the specified facility. Submittal of such a permit request should be made to Assistant Director O'Shea.

Very truly yours,

Wayne F. MacCallum,
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