

# Welcome to the APES CareBase

**APES CareBase** is the UK's comprehensive resource for the registration, welfare, and management of animals in human care. Developed by the **Association of Protecting Exotic Species CIC**, the platform supports responsible ownership, high welfare standards, conservation outcomes, and legislative compliance nationwide.

**APES CareBase was formerly known as APES NED (National Exotics Database).**

The name has been updated to reflect the expanded scope of the platform, which now holds and manages information beyond exotic species alone, encompassing a wider range of animals, care settings, and professional use cases.

**APES CareBase is a not-for-profit initiative.**

The platform is developed and maintained to support animal welfare, transparency, and informed decision-making across the UK.

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Whether you are a private owner, rescue centre, veterinary professional, or regulator, **APES CareBase** provides reliable tools and up-to-date information to help safeguard animal welfare and promote responsible care across the UK.

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## Key Features

- Searchable records for registered species and individual animals
  - Guidance on legal compliance and welfare standards
  - Resources for owners, adopters, and professionals
  - Tools for rescue organisations, sanctuaries, and animal shelters
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## About APES CareBase

### Our Mission

**APES CareBase** exists to promote responsible care, protection, and accountability for animals in human care within the UK. By centralising records, welfare guidance, and management tools, the platform enables informed decision-making and supports national efforts to reduce neglect, improve welfare outcomes, and address illegal or unethical trade.

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## Who Can Use APES CareBase?

- Animal owners and prospective adopters
  - Rescue, sanctuary, and rehabilitation organisations
  - Veterinary clinics and animal health professionals
  - Regulators, law enforcement, and local authorities
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## Why a National Care Database?

A centralised care database supports population monitoring, traceability, and continuity of care. It assists with enforcement of relevant legislation, improves information sharing, and helps ensure animals receive appropriate husbandry and veterinary attention throughout their lives.

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## Using the Database

### How to Register an Animal

Follow the step-by-step process to create or update an animal's record. Registration supports accurate record-keeping for welfare monitoring, public safety, and long-term care planning.

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### Searching the Database

Search by species, location, or registration number to access animal records, care guidance, and relevant documentation where available.

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### Reporting Concerns

Use the platform to report lost or found animals, suspected illegal activity, or welfare concerns. Reports may be reviewed and, where appropriate, shared with relevant authorities.

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# Legal & Welfare Resources

## Legal Requirements

Access current information on UK legislation relating to animal ownership, breeding, transport, sale, and trade.

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## Welfare Guidelines

Consult best-practice guidance informed by experienced professionals, covering housing, nutrition, enrichment, health monitoring, and veterinary care. Where evidence is limited or evolving, this is clearly indicated.

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## Support APES CareBase

### Donations directly support:

Ongoing development and maintenance of the APES CareBase platform

Expansion of species and care-related information beyond its original exotics focus

Data integrity, safeguarding, and responsible information governance

Welfare guidance development and professional collaboration

Long-term sustainability of a free-to-access, welfare-focused national resource

APES CareBase operates on a not-for-profit basis. Contributions are used solely to support charitable objectives and platform delivery.

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# Get Involved

## Support the Database

As a not-for-profit initiative, **APES CareBase** relies on support from individuals and organisations. You can contribute by submitting data, sharing professional expertise, volunteering, or providing financial support.

**To donate and support the continued development of APES CareBase, please visit:**

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