

Argumentative Writing Essay

More people die each day from car crashes than from people who own exotic pets. On average, 125 people die per day in car crashes, whereas only 3.25 die per year from owning exotic pets. People should be allowed to own exotic pets for the following reasons: it can eliminate pressure on wild animal populations and extinctions and ~~there is a low danger rate in owning them~~ properly trained owners can keep the animals safe.

To begin with, exotic animals should be allowed to be kept as pets because it helps to keep animal populations healthy. According to the text, "Let People Own Exotic Pets", it states, "captive breeding eliminates the pressure on wild populations, and also serves as back up in case animals go extinct." (line 13-14) To clarify, this proves that by letting people own exotic animals as pets, we can help keep the population strong. Zuzana Kukol explains, "these animals are born in captivity and not "stolen" from the wild." (line 11-12) This means that the animals were not taken from the wild to hurt their population, they were in fact bred in captivity to preserve them from extinction.

~~In addition, another reason exotic animals should be permitted to be kept as pets is because there is a low danger rate of owning them.~~

In addition, if owners take care of the exotic animal's welfare, then they should be permitted to keep them as pets. Based on the reading, "responsible private ownership of exotic animals should be legal if animal welfare is taken care of." (line 4-6) This shows that if owners were trained properly, then the animals would be safe as well as the environment around them. Kukol further explains that, "Terry Thompson didn't represent the typical responsible owner, he had a criminal record and animal abuse charges. What he did was insane and we can't regulate insanity." (lines 6-9) In other words, when we hear about a tragedy involving exotic animals, we shouldn't be quick to judge the actions of the owner, unless we

know the background. Good, trustworthy owners are trained to care for their exotic pets and ensure their safety and that of the public.

In conclusion, we should permit reliable people to become owners of exotic pets as it also gives us the opportunities to ensure animal longevity and health. If you disagree, think about the statistics again. You are thousands of times more likely to die in a car crash per day, than by an exotic animal per year.