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## Exotic Animal Owners Under Attack.

Posted on April 11th, 2008

by REXANO in All News

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In the last few years, private owners and caretakers of exotic and wild animals have been repeatedly attacked over and over again.

The attacks, however, are not inflicted by the animals they love, cherish and deeply care for.

The attacks on exotic animal owners come from extreme animal rights (AR) groups and uninformed legislators attacking personal freedoms of private citizens to choose what kind of animals to own and love.

Private exotic animal owners are being discriminated against because the animals they choose to share their life with are not typical domestic animals.

Cases of exotic animal abuse or attacks on humans are extremely rare, but just like any very rare incident attract lots of negative media attention.

American public sees good examples of human parenting or domestic animal care everyday and therefore doesn't overreact to an isolated child or domestic animal abuse by asking for total bans on human reproduction or domestics' ownership.

The majority of US, or even world media, is only interested in sensationalized 'tiger or

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BloggerNews.net would like to thank and congratulate our Blogger of the Month for the month of April 2008 – [Hugh McNichol](#) for his story on '[The Seven "NEW" Deadly Sins!](#)'

Hugh McNichol is a freelance author, teacher and technologies consultant who has studied both theology and philosophy at Philadelphia's Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary.

His writings promote deeper understanding of the Catholic faith, while hoping to provide topics of good discussion among all Catholics.

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python attack' stories. The loving and caring side of the majority of exotic animal ownership is being mostly ignored.

Too often exotic animals are being surrendered not because the owners no longer want or love them. Too often owners have to move and the new locality doesn't allow exotics.

Too frequently their cherished pets are being banned in their current location, with no grandfather clause, or the cost of complying with new insurance requirement is so extremely high, that only very few can afford it.

Federal government already passed [\*\*Captive wildlife safety act\*\*](#), that became a law in September 2007, that bans big cat pet owners from taking their cherished pets with them across state lines for any reason, be it household move or veterinary care.

Currently, a federal bill that would affect the monkeys, [\*\*Captive primate safety act\*\*](#) is being considered in the US House and Senate.

Just like with the big cat version, US Fish and Wildlife, the very agency that would be implementing it, is opposing it.

Benito Perez, Chief of the U.S.Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Office of [\*\*Law Enforcement\*\*](#) testified on March 11, 2008:

*Prohibiting the  
interstate transport  
of legally owned non-  
human primates would  
also have several  
negative consequences.  
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 April 2008	<i>use trained nonhuman primates as service animals. H.R. 2964</i>
 March 2008	<i>would prohibit these individuals from traveling out of state with their service animals.</i>
 February 2008	<i>Additionally, should individuals who legally own nonhuman primates as pets move out of state, they would be required to leave the animals behind, potentially increasing the number of non-human primates being set free,</i>
 January 2008	<i>needing to be placed in appropriate homes, or ending up in the custody of humane shelters and sanctuaries.</i>
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Why is our government passing these un-American bills,

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listening to extreme animal rights, AR, groups with no hands on animal experience, instead of listening to the experts in the field?

Many exotic animals live longer than their domestic counterparts, and it is not easy to plan 20 plus years ahead. Some of the laws being passed nowadays are so ridiculous, they would have been unthinkable and treated as a joke 20 years ago when many current owners acquired their pets. How do you plan, prepare for and envision laws and bans that are possibly unconstitutional?

Exotic animals get very attached to the people who raised them.

It is unfair for happy and loved exotic pets to be taken out of their homes not because they were abused, but simply because some bureaucrat fell for animal rights propaganda and passed another useless, unfair and tax money-wasting bill.

American public needs to stop this avalanche of legislation that is an attack on exotic animal owners and property rights. This legislation is also abusive to the very animals these bans pretend to protect. It is time to stop punishing loving owners and their animals by forcing them out of the arms of their caring owners. Captive wild and exotic animals are not a public safety issue.

**True love for the animals** doesn't discriminate against species or breeds.

Just SAY NO! to exotic animal bans.

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