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## Letters to the Editor

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### Weighing in on 'exotics'

I'd like to weigh in on the exotic animal forum.

First, all animals were wild once. And actually, this is where PETA, and the rest of those cultists want to go: All animals should be outlawed from human contact.

But what defines an exotic to one person is not necessarily so to another. As a child, a purebred dog was "exotic." Yet, due to my health problems, I can only live with a purebred now.

Second, let's look at the stats. Nationwide, I believe more people were killed by lightning than lions, tigers or bears kept in a domestic environment. There were certainly more children killed by their caregivers than any animal.

Third, why, in this time of national economic crisis, are our legislatures wasting their time on creating more laws that will necessitate larger government agencies and beauracracy to enforce?

I'm in the process of reading "Atlas Shrugged" and found a very interesting paragraph, page 436. It starts: "Did you really think that we want those laws to be observed?" said Dr. Ferris, "We want them broken ... " Wow, does this ever sound like what's happening or what? Guess the Arses are well-read.

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