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Letters to the Editor

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Kukol a true friend of exotics

Kudos to you for your excellent article on wildlife ordinances vs. imaginary tigers. I am most pleased to read this.

I have been battling animal rights issues and fanatics for years as they migrate throughout our country, using any tactic essential to getting more ordinances. Their true intent is a future without any animals (exotic or domestic).

I personally have been involved in legislation here in California. There is an assembly bill (AB1634) that will be rearing its ugly head again with the new year. This punitive and intrusive attempt to mandate spay/neuter every dog and cat in our state needs to go away.

The bill has already been relegated to the doghouse once this year (July 2007 Senate Local Government Committee) and, hopefully, it will be permanently put to rest in January.

I am a friend of Zuzana Kukol and have also read her letter. Zuzana (or "Z" as we call her) is a highly respected woman, a superb writer and a true friend to the world of exotics (especially big cats).

Thanks again for your article. I will continue reading.

BRAT ZINSMASER

Fairfield, Calif.

Excellent piece on "tiger"

The "Phantom Tiger" piece was excellent. Thanks for writing it and understanding what exotic animal owners go through.

Too many swallow the animal rights propaganda hook, line and sinker -- seems like you saw for yourself.

I don't own cats but do own primates. They are all a target for legislative banning.

Maybe people will wake up when it's their dogs and cats being legislatively extinct by the same organizations and tactics.

Thanks again. Keep up the good (honest) words.

AMY RAUSCH

Findlay, Ohio

Thanks for the article on exotics

Mark, I want to thank you for the article on the exotics. Well done and well worth reading.

I have a serval male that is a big part of my family. He came to us at four days old and has no idea what he is. In my honest opinion, people fear what they don't know.

I would like to say the money and time spent trying to prevent responsible owners from having these special babies could be put to better use.

Why not put this much time and effort in preventing parents from abusing their children? They aren't sterilized and as far as I know are free to have another child so the abuse can repeat itself.

I again thank you and hope that you will find it in your heart to help the many private owners keep the right to own exotics.

Standing up and taking the time to get involved and see the truth behind the lies says much about you. We need more people like you.

Again, I thank you.

SHELBY SANFORD

Henderson, N.C.

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