



Sample Press Pamphlet for Exhibitors of Potentially Dangerous Exotic and Wild Animals.

Many circus performers, stunt men, athletes, and other professionals have a unique talent for making some potentially dangerous feats look easy. The same goes for raising and training exotic animals such as big cats, bears, elephants, apes or even some reptiles. What you will see at our exhibit or show may look easy, but it is anything but.

As professional animal trainers/handlers/owners, our relationship with our big cats, apes, elephants, bears, reptiles, etc. comes from many years of hard work, experience and specialized training. Not all owners of these exotic and wild animals will ever achieve the level of trust and understanding necessary to successfully train, exhibit and house them safely. To form that special bond, not only does it take an experienced trainer, but a very good animal as well!

As with humans, exotic animals have very different personalities and dispositions. While they may seem cute and cuddly as babies, not all exotics will grow up to enjoy this type of bond with humans. As professional animal caregivers, we have a responsibility to protect the animals as well as the public, and this includes educating people about responsible animal ownership.

We do not support banning the private ownership of exotic animals. We definitely DO support legal and responsible exotic animal ownership based on proper education and training BEFORE acquiring the animals.

Before you acquire **any** animal, domestic or exotic, please check the federal regulations, as well as city, county and state laws. Educate yourself about the needs of the animal you wish to own, and learn from the experts.

Animal ownership should never be a spur-of-the moment decision. Many exotic animals live a long life, and a life-long commitment is an essential part of responsible animal ownership.

For more information visit REXANO (Responsible Exotic Animal Ownership), www.REXANO.org