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Assembly Bill 333

PLEASE SUPPORT Legislation to Regulate the Possession of Certain Wild Animals

Wisconsin Federated Humane Societies Board of Directors and the humane societies and animal shelters we represent respectfully request your support of regulation of the possession of certain wild / exotic species in Wisconsin.

- Wisconsin is one of the few states in the country that does not regulate or require licensing for the possession of certain wild animals.
- These animals have very specific needs for food, housing, exercise and veterinary care that few citizens can adequately provide. This lack of proper care inflicts suffering on the animals.
- Wild animals can be dangerous. They are not pets.
- While adorable and appealing when young, these species grow to be unmanageable for most people and often end up abandoned, released or “warehoused” in substandard facilities.
- Keeping these animals in our Wisconsin communities poses a significant threat to public health and safety.
- The release or escape of wild animals is a danger and burden on law enforcement, fire fighters first responders, and to humane organizations.
- Humane societies and animal shelters in Wisconsin do not have the resources to care for these types of animals when they become homeless, abandoned or escape.

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