

“Should Wild Animals Be Kept as Pets” Discussion Prompts

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Skim the essay’s title, footnotes, vocabulary definitions, and photographs. Based on these text features, what types of information do you think the essay will cover?

Reread lines 1-5. This passage identifies the position that will be developed in the essay.

~What position does the Human Society take on keeping wild animals as pets?

~What important information does the second sentence add to the statement of position?

~What is the major reason that the Humane Society opposes keeping wild animals as pets?

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Preview the article’s subheadings. Why do you think they have been included in the essay?

The following questions must be answered using the paragraph with the subheading “Caring for Wild Animals is Difficult or Impossible.”

~Do you agree or disagree with the ideas in the paragraph? Explain.

~Does the information in this paragraph appeal to readers’ emotions? If not, what does it appeal to?

~Are the reasons in this paragraph persuasive? Why or why not?

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According to the Humane Society, how likely is it that a person can tame a wild animal? Explain.

Page 905. Reread lines 47-60. This passage presents one final argument and then concludes the essay, restating the Human Society’s position.

~What is the life of most wild-caught animals like?

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~What negative effect does the global wild pet trade have on some species?

~What argument is restated in the final paragraph?
