

SHOULD WILD ANIMALS BE KEPT AS PETS?

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Vocabulary Study

WORDS IN CONTEXT

**Directions:** As your teacher reads each item, listen for the boldfaced word. Discuss possible meanings of the word, and write on the chart what you think the word means. After reading “Should Wild Animals Be Kept as Pets?” confirm or adjust your definitions.

1. Living in **captivity** is not a natural state for wild animals that previously roamed and hunted in their native habitats.
2. It has taken centuries to **domesticate** the dog and accustom it to living with humans.
3. Often the **instinctive** reaction of a wild animal is to attack if it feels threatened.
4. A small cage or tiny backyard is obviously an **unsuitable** environment for an animal that is used to living in the wild.

Vocabulary Word	Predicted Meaning	Meaning in Selection
captivity		
domesticate		
instinctive		
unsuitable		