



## Why Do People Get Exotic Pets?



Read the text and try to explain the words in bold.

When you think of a pet, what comes to mind? Most people picture a dog, a cat, or maybe a rabbit. But did you know some people have very **unusual** pets? Some own snakes, hedgehogs, or even tiny monkeys! Why do people choose these **exotic** pets instead of the usual ones? Let's find out!

What is the most unusual pet you have ever heard of?

Do you think having an unusual pet is more fun or more difficult? Why?









## A Pet from the Rainforest?



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Do you think it is fair to take an animal from the wild and keep them? Why or why not?



Imagine having a pet that swings from tree to tree! In some places, people keep exotic pets like sugar gliders or small monkeys. These animals come from the wild and need a special habitat to live in. If they don't get the right care, they can become sick or unhappy. That's why many people say wild animals should stay in the wild.

- 1. If you had a finger monkey, how would you take care of it?
- 2. Do you think it's expensive to keep an exotic pet? Why?

## Vocabulary



### Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

- exotic
- habitat
- affection
- license
- domestic
- wildlife

- 1. The natural home where an animal or plant lives.
- 2. A document that gives permission to do something.
- 3. Animals that live in nature, not with people.
- 4. A strong feeling of love or care for someone or something.
- 5. Something unusual, different, or from a faraway place.
- 6. An animal that has been raised by humans and can live with people.

### Dialogue 1: A Pet Snake?!



### Practice the dialogue and answer the question.

Liam: Guess what? My cousin just got a pet snake!

Emma: No way! Isn't that dangerous?

Liam: Nah, it's not venomous. He says it's really calm.

Emma: Still... I'd be scared to have a snake in my house!

Liam: He keeps it in a big terrarium with a heat lamp.

**Emma**: What does it eat?

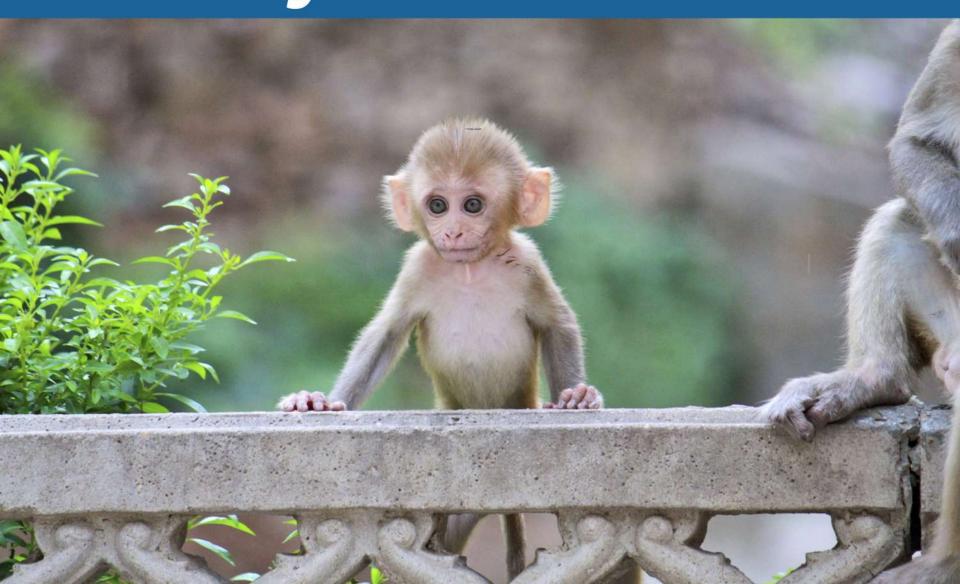
Liam: Small frozen mice! He feeds it once a week.

Emma: Okay... now I definitely don't want a snake!

Follow-up Question: Would you ever have a reptile as a pet? Why or why not?

# See you next time!







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