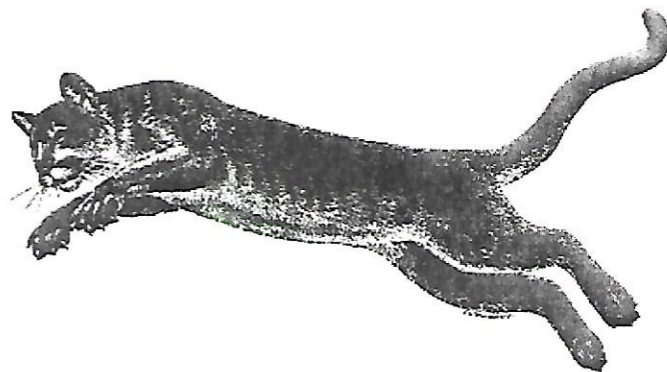


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TO : LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE
200 NORTH SPRING ST.
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012

RE: OPPOSING FILE # 16-1357

HELLO

PLEASE ENTER THIS LETTER TO TH PUBLIC RECORD.

Let me introduce myself, I Nicholas Toth , have been working with exotics animals my whole life (53 years). My father a Hungarian refugee who escaped Hungary in 1956 started Cougar Hill Ranch in October 1970, and when he passed away in August 1985, I took over the family business. I hold permits from the U.S.D.A , U. S. Fish and Wildlife, California Fish and Wild life, Los Angeles County Animal Control and Los Angeles City Animal Regulation, and I am in good standing with all these agencies and have helped them in the past when they asked for professional expertise when they needed it. I am also in good standing with the American Humane Association and the Animal Protection Agency who monitors my work while on a motion picture, television, and commercial sets. I also have done Education presentations for L.A. County Library system, Antelope Valley School district , Keppel Union School District and the Boy Scouts of America to name a few.

I strongly oppose 16-1357 the banning of exotics animals in Los Angeles. Your summary is not only misleading but does not apply to me. I, as a permit holder to Los Angeles city have a green book with what I can do legally and have always done so. I am not sure who wrote the summary , but it looks a lot like something a animal rights group would do. They don't like people like me. Why? because I can and do work, play , recues, and devotes my life to animals?

Please do not let the Animals Rights people fool you to believing that we hurt or treat our animals badly. It is a lie.

What I have done with animals has always been positive and enriching for they life's I have never abused any animal.

So please do not pass this misleading ban.

Thank you
Nicholas Toth
President and Head trainer
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