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The use of presenting exotic animals for educational purposes plays the up most importance in connecting people to wildlife and nature who do not have access to zoo's and aquariums. There are probably less than a handful of people who have seen animals like owls and African serval's who live in cities and densely populated areas, and can say they did due to outreach facilities who educate the public. And these outreach facilities do not do this for profit. working with animals is one of the lowest paying professions and dedicated people in the career wouldn't be working everyday, around the clock, to take care of animals for profit. By banning the ability for outreach facilities to educate the public using animal embassadores will result in people not really caring for nature and animals as much as they should because they weren't able to make a connection by meeting the species itself that is threatened in the wild. Having a personal experience by watching an animal presentation at a travel convention or county fair has changed my life completely. For six years after watching the presentation I have devoted my life to the study of animal care and husbandry. I'm positive that those educators have reached many more people the same way they did with me, creating a community that cares for animals and wildlife enough to dedicate their career choice to care for them just might safe many species in the wild in the long run.

- Tatiana Orozco.