

I'm a spider monkey. We're really cute, but we need a lot of space, attention, and care—more than most people can provide in their homes.



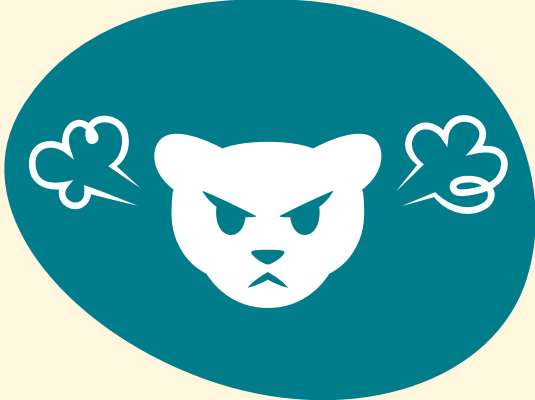
Thinking of getting an exotic pet? Think twice. We can be very high maintenance!

Many wild animals have specific needs that cannot be replicated in your home. Here are some of the reasons we don't make good pets.



Wild animals require **specialized diets**, which can be expensive or time consuming to prepare.

Wild animals have natural instincts that can inflict **serious injury** upon humans, or other pets in the home.



Wild animals can be **threatened by human interaction** and many do not like to be petted, cuddled, handled, or bathed.

Wild animals require **specialized medical care**, which can be difficult to find and very expensive.



Some wild animals can **live for a very long time**. You may be committing to care and expenses for decades, and your pet could even outlive you.

Instead of keeping me as a pet, leave wild animal care to the experts and visit me at your local **AZA-accredited zoo or aquarium:**

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