

Wild Obsession : Exotic Pets (April 2014) (Until picture of the deer Dillie)

• Glossary

- Backyards : Jardín trasero.
- Basement : Sótano.
- Owners : Dueños.
- Lucrative: Lucrativo.
- To draw criticism : Atraer críticos.
- Animal welfare : Bienestar del animal.
- Advocates : Abogados.
- Alike : Similar, igualmente.
- Captive-bred : Criado en cautividad.
- Rustling sound : Rumor o crujido de hojas.
- Yet the issue is far from being black and white: así el tema está lejos de ser blanco o negro.
- To whip: Azotar.
- To breed gypsy horses: Criar caballos gitanos.
- To house: Albergar.
- Barn: Granero.
- Wire enclosure : Recinto alambrado.
- Raccoon : Mapache.
- To leap freely: Saltar libremente.
- To root in the ground : Enraizarse en el terreno.
- Rack of antlers: Cornamenta.
- Rush weaves in & around : Entrando y saliendo.
- Ease : Facilidad.
- To dole: Repartir.
- To thrust : Lanzar .
- Humanlike : Similares a las humanas.
- Fistful: Puñado.

Aun

- Daintily: Delicadamente.
- To drool: Babear
- To gather : Reunir(se)
- Ring-tailed lemur: Lemur de cola anillada.
- Ruffed lemur :
- Brown lemur : Lemur rojo.
- Commitment: Compromiso.
- Coiled up on a pillow by her head: Enrollado sobre una almohada junto a su cabeza..
- Dawn : Alba.
- Dusk : Crepúsculo.
- To hop up: Saltar.
- Hind legs : Patas traseras.
- To sweep her hand: Pasa por...
- Menagerie: Casa de fieras.
- Snacking :
- To twirl: Remolinear alrededor.
- To chase: Perseguir.
- Reports : Denuncias.
- To display : Exhibir.
- Hint : Indirecta.
- No longer truly wild: Ya no verdaderamente salvaje.
- To be neutered :
- To raise kangaroos : Criar canguros.
- Diapers : Pañales.
- Sleek suede fur : Elegante pie de gamuza(animal)

• Say if these sentences are true or false . Quote the text to justify your answers :

1. The majority of the exotic pets in America live in zoos.



2. The main criticism to keeping exotic pets is that it is dangerous and cruel to the animals.

3. Leslie-Ann Rush used to breed gypsy horses when she was younger.

4. Now she has nine exotic pets living in her farm outside Orlando, Florida.

5. She considers that she's helping to preserve the ruffed lemur species because she has two of them.

6. Kangaroos are most active at noon because they need a long time to wake up.

7. Today Rush doesn't let the kangaroos come in the house but she used to when they were babies.

8. She doesn't like her animal to be photographed, filmed or exposed to cameras.

9. Rush's kangaroos don't show any aggressiveness mainly because they have grown up in captivity since they were born.

10. It can be very expensive to feed some animals, specially big ones or carnivores.

11. Rush dedicates a great part of her days to her animals because they feel them like her family.

12. For her, the animals are better than human beings because they have never disappointed her.

13. Private owning exotic animals is allowed in some states and forbidden in some others.

14. The text gives five examples of attacks or injuries from the animals to people.

15. The law is not very clear about the definition of "exotic pet" .

16. In 1960, buying endangered species abroad and taking them to the US was restricted.

17. According to Roberts, the reason for keeping exotic pets can be very different.

18. Tim Harrison worked for more than thirty years as a policeman in Oakwood.

19. His favorite pets used to be the lions.

20. His deep transformation about keeping exotic animals as pets happened after he travelled to South America, where he could see all those animals in the wild.

