



### I Am Not Man's Best Friend

Ramsey, a Canada lynx, was purchased off the internet at just six weeks of age. After he was torn from his mother and all his claws removed, he was shipped across the country to live his life in an apartment – never seeing the outdoors. Ramsey urinated on the TV, destroyed the couch and challenged visitors. Eventually his owner contacted The Wildcat Sanctuary pleading for us to take Ramsey off his hands. Ramsey now lives with other lynx in a natural environment where he finally has a chance to be wild at heart.

Humane Society president Wayne Pacelle has stated, "Tens of thousands of private citizens keep wildlife as pets and they often have no idea what they are getting into. As the animals grow into adults, they often languish in backyards or basements, and inevitably these animals threaten their owners or the other people who live in the community."

### Hope is Not Extinct

The Wildcat Sanctuary (TWS) is a 501c3 non-profit, no-kill rescue facility located in Sandstone, MN. TWS provides a natural sanctuary to wild cats in need and inspires change to end the captive wildlife crisis. As a true sanctuary, we do not buy, breed, sell or exhibit animals.

The Sanctuary is a home for animals, not a zoo for people and therefore is not open to the public. Combining natural and spacious habitats with a life free of exhibition and exploitation, TWS allows all residents to live wild at heart. TWS advocates for No More Wild Pets in order to create a world where animal sanctuaries are no longer needed.



The Wildcat Sanctuary is the only accredited sanctuary in the Midwest. TWS has earned a national reputation for excellence in rescuing and housing captive wild cats while providing a unique service to animal control officers, local sheriff departments, humane societies, as well as the Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.



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NO MORE WILD PETS

## Keep the Wild in Your Heart Not in Your Home.



### Tigers: America's latest homeless "pet"

Experts estimate that there are at least 10,000 "pet" wild cats in the United States. Many are confined to makeshift backyard cages, tiny corncrib kennels or exploited for profit with lack of freedom or exercise. In their natural habitat, tigers live in thick forests and tall grasses. They roam territories of up to 400 square miles and love to swim in cool streams.

Most everyone has heard news stories of "Pet Tiger Kills Owner" or "Pet Cougar Escapes." Not many people think that wild animals as pets is a big deal or any concern of theirs, but the captive wildlife crisis is everyone's problem. Exotic pets are more common than you would think and many states are trying to eliminate this travesty. Everything from tigers, cougars, bobcats and lynx to bears, wolves, primates and other exotics are privately owned. This is not just rural problem as many exotic animals are kept in apartments in large cities. Wild animals are simply not meant to be kept as pets. They have natural instincts to survive and defend themselves. Whatever the intentions, good or bad, and whatever the circumstance, the animal always pays the price.

### Wild Animals are Not Appropriate Pets

Wild animals have wild instincts. Wild animals can be dangerous to the owner or the general public. Many people who buy exotic animals such as tigers, buy them as cute and cuddly cubs. What they don't realize is these cats grow up to become massive carnivores with the potential to kill. Keeping wild animals in a backyard cage or in a house, just for personal gain and satisfaction of owning something exotic, is a form of animal abuse. Cougars roam hundreds of miles in the wild, searching for food and a mate, so imagine one being kept in a 10 by 10 corncrib for its entire life. No matter how well the animal is treated or how large its enclosure is it will never replace its natural habitat.



### What We Do

The Wildcat Sanctuary is a 501c3 non-profit organization that rescues abused, neglected or unwanted privately owned wild cats. We are a forever home to over 120 wild cats. We do not buy, breed, sell or exhibit animals. We offer animals, who have never known freedom, a safe haven where they can be wild at heart. We provide natural, spacious habitats for our residents to stretch their wild side. Expert veterinary care and our on-site hospital ensures each resident receives the best care possible. Our staff works diligently to reverse some of the negative effects humans have had on them. It is not the animal's fault they are in captivity and they should not be punished as such.

Our facility attempts to match what nature would provide in the wild and we are committed to providing the best care possible for each animal and their needs.



### Adopt Appropriate Pets

As an advocate for wildlife, The Wildcat Sanctuary is committed to ending private ownership of wild animals. This is why we believe in adopting appropriate pets. Homeless pets are an epidemic in this country and you can help by adopting a domestic dog or cat in need. Instead of buying an exotic animal that belongs in the wild, visit a local shelter or rescue group and we guarantee you will find your lifelong companion.



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