

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Memorializes the 2019 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will prevent private ownership of exotic pets weighing over one hundred pounds to ensure public and animal health and safety.

WHEREAS, Exotic pets can injure or kill people due to sexual maturity leading to aggression; and

WHEREAS, Exotic pets can injure or kill each other due to living together in small cages leading to aggression; and

WHEREAS, Exotic pets can injure or kill themselves due to boredom leading to mental issues leading to aggression; and

WHEREAS, Exotic pets can become ill or die due to poor living conditions and small, unclean, and unregulated cages and homes; and

WHEREAS, People can become ill or die due to zoonotic diseases transferrable, especially among primates and vice versa; and

WHEREAS, Exotic pets frequently escape or are released irresponsibly leading to invasive species that put a strain on the environment and can lead to the extinction of native species; and,

WHEREAS, Exotic pets are sent to zoos and sanctuaries at a faster rate that they can be responsibly taken in, leading to the euthanasia of many exotic pets; and

WHEREAS, Exotic pet owners take away business from zoos whose products include takes that allow for money to be given to the state; and

WHEREAS, New regulations will allow for exotic pet owners to continue to care for any currently owned animals and those currently in the womb or eggs of said pets until the animal's death, so long as the owner obtains a permit within 365 days after the passing of this legislation similar to an exotic animal permit of the state of Arizona but without restrictions to animal species; and

WHEREAS, All exotic mammals must be spayed or neutered after reaching sexual maturity; therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City on June 30, 2017 that the 2019 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation that will prevent private ownership of exotic pets over one hundred pounds.