



GUIDE FOR POTENTIAL DONORS ON HOW TO DISTINGUISH HONEST, NON HYPOCRITICAL, SANCTUARIES FROM PSEUDO-SANCTUARIES, ALSO KNOWN AS SCAM OR SCUMTUARIES\$

A true exotic animal sanctuary provides a Zen-like atmosphere of peace and tranquility. It should be a clean, sweet and mellow place of peace, love & harmony and have NO VISITORS, or ever changing barrage of untrained amateur volunteers and interns with poop shovels.

Top 10 warning signs you are NOT dealing with a true exotic animal sanctuary from the caged exotic animals' point of view

1. They spend a lot of time and effort pushing for legislation and bans on others, while exempting their own "pseudo-sanctuary type" facility, in order to have less competition for paying visitors, and therefore solicit more donation money to enrich themselves.
2. They promote that they are "ACCREDITED" by some fancy sounding association, which is a well known JOKE, as these association have NO means of enforcing standards that are not adhered to, and the accreditation entity is really just a private friends club of these 'sanctuary' owners accrediting themselves.
3. They badmouth any competition (zoos, circuses, educators, shows, etc...) for exhibiting animals, but are doing the same activity with the same type of animals themselves: showing their caged 'sanctuary' animals to paying public, wedding parties, photo shoots, overnight cabins, *feed the wild one*, or *be a keeper for a day* expensive packages for paying public (sanctuaries that claim they have no visitors often do by engaging in dim-witted semantics, calling them 'volunteers' or 'members').
4. They say that most people shouldn't own these types of animals, and that exotics do not belong in cages, but they hypocritically keep getting and hoarding more animals in their caged possession, and keep asking for more donations enriching themselves.
5. They receive 6-7 figure, millions of dollars in donations annually, with their unethical fundraising, and divert large amounts of much needed money away from honest rescues and grassroots wild conservation projects, where the funds would make a real difference. Their potentially fraudulent behavior disparages and damages the credibility of everyone else in the exotic animal community who is engaging in honest business and legal private ownership. The donors are being deceived out of their money. They are conned into believing they are helping to fund actual conservation projects.
6. They breed their pets by lying the 'rescued' parents were pregnant when they arrived.
7. They 'rescue' (or import from other countries) older high media profile animals that will bring lot of donations, but will not live long.
8. They selectively 'rescue' animal species that are missing from their collection.
9. They own small exotic cats or other animal species, or cubs; they are expensive and are usually bought from a breeder or bred on the premises, NOT rescued. A sanctuary that 'rescues' cute small exotics or babies are defrauding donors into paying for their 'pet'.
10. They often lie about their past of being a breeder or failed entertainer. If all the sanctuaries and rescues got honest, the artificial problem of abused exotics would pretty much disappear.