

Legislation Prohibiting or Restricting the Possession of Exotic, Native, and/or Dangerous Captive Wildlife

There are no federal laws in the U.S. governing the care of exotic animals kept by private individuals as “pets.” Many state and local governments have enacted laws to protect animals and the public. The following is a general guide to states, localities, and countries that have prohibited or restricted the possession of exotic, native, and/or dangerous captive wildlife. Some states and localities have enacted grandfather clauses permitting individuals who acquired animals before the date of the ordinance to retain custody of the animals. Please contact PETA if you would like more detailed information regarding these restrictions and bans.

States That Ban Possession by Private Individuals

Alaska	Georgia	Minnesota	Tennessee
California	Hawaii	New Hampshire	Utah
Colorado	Kentucky	New Mexico	Vermont
District of Columbia	Massachusetts	New York	Wyoming

States With Partial Bans

Arkansas	Florida	Maryland	Nebraska
Connecticut	Illinois	Michigan	Virginia

Localities That Ban Possession by Private Individuals

<u>Alabama</u> Homewood Mountain	Caddo Parish New Orleans Rayne Slidell Vivian	<u>Nevada</u> Elko	Clallam County Cleveland Dayton Dover
<u>Arkansas</u> Cleburne County Faulkner County Fayetteville Rogers	<u>Maryland</u> Howard County	<u>North Carolina</u> Buncombe County Cabarrus County Charlotte Chatham Cleveland County Cumberland County Davidson County Forsyth County Garner Havelock Haywood County Lee	Franklin County Island County (exotic felines) King County Kitsap County Snohomish Troy Warren (exotic felines and canines) Whatcom County Xenia
<u>Idaho</u> Bannock County	<u>Michigan</u> Battle Ground Kalamazoo	Mecklenburg County North Topsail Beach Randolph County Orange County Stokes County Surry County Sylva Wilkes County Yadkin County	<u>Oklahoma</u> Broken Arrow Midwest City Norman
<u>Indiana</u> Fort Wayne Lake Station St. John St. Joseph County Tipton	<u>Mississippi</u> Brandon Southaven	<u>Ohio</u> Austintown Township Cincinnati	<u>Oregon</u> Beaverton Multnomah County Portland Springfield County
<u>Kansas</u> Butler Douglas County Jefferson County Jackson County Johnson County Kansas City Manhattan Wichita	<u>Missouri</u> Arnold Jackson County Joplin Kansas City Maryland Heights North Kansas City St. Charles City Wyandotte	<u>Pennsylvania</u> Borough of Brownsville Erie Palmer Township	
<u>Louisiana</u> Baton Rouge East Baton Rouge Parish	<u>Montana</u> Billings		
	<u>Nebraska</u> Gretna Omaha		

Philadelphia
South Whitehall

Rhode Island
East Greenwich
North Kingstown

South Carolina
Aiken County
Beaufort
Greenville
Lexington County
North Myrtle
Spartanburg

South Dakota
Sioux Falls

Texas
Addison
Alvin
Austin
Bowie County
Brenham
Collin County
Corsicana
Dallas County
Denton County
Dickinson

Eagle Pass
Euless
Fort Worth
Franklin County
Grapevine
Haltom
Highland Village
Houston
Hurst
Katy
League City
Lee County
McAllen
McKinney
Mesquite
Midland
Missouri City
Navarro County
Palestine
Pampa
Paris
Pasadena
Pearland
Plano
Richardson
Rosenberg
San Antonio

Seabrook
Smith County
Southlake
Sugarland
Tarrant County
Victoria
Webster
Wise County
Yorktown

Virginia
Chesterfield
Fairfax County
Falls Church
Fredericksburg
Manassas
Newport News
Portsmouth
Spotsylvania
County
Stafford

Washington
Bainbridge Island
Battle Ground
Bellevue
Bellingham
Carnation

Centralia
Des Moines
Everett
Federal Way
King County
Lakewood
Puyallup
Redmond
Seattle
Spokane
Tacoma
Tukwila

Wisconsin
Brown Deer
Greenfield
Greenwood
Howard
King County
Mosinee
Muskego
Plover
Waukesha
Waunake
West Bend

Localities Outside the U.S. With Bans

Canada
Admaston-Bromley
Ajax
Barrie

Burnaby
Fort Erie
Kamloops
Moore
Peterborough

Southwold
Surrey
Italy
Nationwide

The Netherlands
Nationwide

States That Set Restrictions

Texas

Localities That Set Restrictions

Alabama
Tuscaloosa

Arizona
Tucson

Colorado
Apache Junction

Delaware
Wilmington

Kansas
Sedgwick

Maryland
Howard County

Michigan
Saginaw
Wright

Missouri
Union

New Mexico
Clayton County
Colfax County
Los Alamos County
Raton

New York
Fort Erie
Islip
Wallkill

North Carolina
Catawba County

Ohio
Akron
Union County

Oklahoma
Oklahoma City

South Carolina
North Augusta

Texas
Abilene
Angleton
Arlington
Baytown

Collin City
Grand Prairie
Gaudalupe County
Harris County
Manvel

Utah
Salt Lake County

Virginia
Arlington
Manassas Park
Prince William
County