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spcaLA Commends West Hollywood Exotic Animal Ban

Los Angeles, CA – The Los Angeles Times reported yesterday that the West Hollywood City Council voted to ban commercial displays and performances involving wild and exotic animals. The ordinance is "intended to protect wild and exotic animals from cruel and inhumane treatment." Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA) commends their effort.

"This is a great step forward for the humane treatment of animals and I encourage other cities to follow suit," said Madeline Bernstein. "Animals should not be used as entertainment."

spcaLA does not advocate the use of live animals for entertainment. Instead, Angelinos are urged to engage in activities that do not exploit animals or contribute to their mistreatment.

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About spcaLA

spcaLA is an independent, nonprofit animal welfare organization serving Southern California since 1877. There is no national SPCA, parent organization, or umbrella group that provides financial support to spcaLA. Donations run programs and services including Cruelty Investigation, Disaster Animal Response Team, Humane Education, and a variety of shelter services.

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