# Post Exoticism In Ten Lessons: Lesson Eleven

In this eleventh lesson of our series on post exoticism, we will explore the concept of "exoticism" and how it has been used to justify the exploitation of animals. We will also discuss the ways in which we can challenge exoticism and create a more compassionate world for all animals.

#### What is Exoticism?

Exoticism is the practice of viewing something as foreign, strange, or different. It often involves a sense of wonder and fascination, as well as a desire to possess or control the object of exoticism.



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Exoticism has been used to justify the exploitation of animals for centuries. Animals that are seen as exotic are often seen as less valuable than domestic animals, and are therefore more likely to be subjected to abuse and neglect.

#### The Problems with Exoticism

There are many problems with exoticism. First, it is based on the idea that some animals are inherently more valuable than others. This is a false and harmful belief that has no basis in science.

Second, exoticism often leads to the exploitation of animals. Animals that are seen as exotic are often taken from their natural habitats and forced to live in captivity. They may be subjected to abuse and neglect, and may even be killed for their fur, skin, or other body parts.

Third, exoticism can create a false sense of security. People who keep exotic animals as pets may believe that they are providing a good home for the animal. However, the reality is that most exotic animals do not make good pets. They require specialized care and attention, and they can be dangerous to humans.

### **Challenging Exoticism**

We can challenge exoticism by educating ourselves about the problems with it. We can also support organizations that are working to protect animals from exploitation.

Here are some specific things you can do to challenge exoticism:

Never buy or sell an exotic animal.

- Do not visit zoos or other facilities that keep exotic animals in captivity.
- Support organizations that are working to protect animals from exploitation.
- Educate yourself about the problems with exoticism and share your knowledge with others.

Exoticism is a harmful practice that has no place in a compassionate world. We can challenge exoticism by educating ourselves about the problems with it, supporting organizations that are working to protect animals from exploitation, and making choices that are consistent with our values.

## **Image Descriptions**

\*\*Image 1:\*\* A photo of a tiger being held on a leash by a man. The tiger looks scared and uncomfortable. \*\*Alt text:\*\* A tiger being held captive.

\*\*Image 2:\*\* A photo of a group of tourists taking pictures of a group of elephants. The elephants look bored and tired. \*\*Alt text:\*\* Tourists taking pictures of captive elephants.

\*\*Image 3:\*\* A photo of a woman holding a baby orangutan. The orangutan looks scared and confused. \*\*Alt text:\*\* A woman holding a captive baby orangutan.



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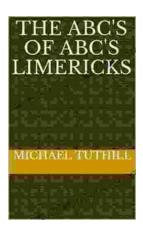
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