

Keep Sugar Gliders From Being Sold Like Trinkets

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The Country Christmas Western Gift Expo is being held at the Las Vegas Sands Expo and Convention Center December 4 to 14. One exhibitor is selling sugar gliders and promoting them as great Christmas gifts. **Sugar gliders do not make good pets.**

These inquisitive marsupials live in colonies. They are extremely territorial and spend most of their time in trees. Sugar gliders are nocturnal, which means they get active right when you want to sleep. They are messy and fussy eaters who require a highly specialized diet. Many veterinarians have no expertise in this exotic species. It is illegal to own sugar gliders in California and Pennsylvania.

People who purchase sugar gliders on a whim often quickly tire of these high-maintenance pets. Many languish in tiny cages; others die in the shuffle from one owner to the next. Some are simply dumped and left to die.

Please use the form below to write a short note to the organizers of this event and the hosting facility asking them to eliminate any booths offering live animals for sale.

Also, please consider writing, calling, or faxing polite comments to:

Chris Woodruff, President
Group W Productions
6211 Southwest Blvd., Ste. 100
Fort Worth, TX 76132
817-566-8800
817-566-8806 (fax)

Sheldon Adelson, Chief Executive Officer
Sands Expo and Convention Center
201 Sands Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89169
702-733-5556
702-199-5568 (fax)

Personalized letters always work best. Feel free to use the following text, but your message will carry more weight if you write your own customized message and subject line.

Take Action on This Issue

(Please Edit Letter Below as Necessary)

SENDER'S MAILING ADDRESS HERE

SENDER'S NAME HERE
456 MAIN STREET
ANYTOWN, STATE ZIPCODE

INSERT TODAY'S DATE HERE December 13, 2008

INSERT RECIPIENT'S NAME HERE

RECIPIENT MAILING ADDRESS HERE
123 MAIN STREET
ANYTOWN, STATE ZIPCODE

Dear **INSERT RECIPIENT'S NAME HERE**,

Subject: Please Stop Selling Sugar Gliders

I was disappointed to learn that you are allowing the sale of sugar gliders at the Country Christmas Western Gift Expo. Sugar gliders do not make good pets.

They are messy and fussy eaters who require a highly specialized diet. Many veterinarians have no expertise in this exotic species. Sugar gliders are nocturnal, which means they get active right when most people want to sleep.

People who purchase sugar gliders on a whim often quickly tire of these high-maintenance pets. Many sugar gliders languish in tiny cages; others die in the shuffle from one owner to the next. Some are simply dumped and left to die.

By encouraging the casual acquisition of these animals, you are condemning countless sugar gliders to a grim fate. Please implement a policy of not allowing any exhibitors to sell live animals. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

INSERT YOUR NAME HERE