



It's time for lawmakers to act.

Gov. John Kasich and Ohio's opinion leaders say **"enough is enough"** when it comes to private ownership of dangerous captive wildlife.

"Unless they are a sanctuary, unless they're connected to a zoo, unless they're an official breeder and they are registered, there is no reason for them to have these animals."
—Gov. John Kasich

"If you found someone who had a bomb in their basement, you'd take it away, wouldn't you? If a child got killed by a tiger, how long do you think it would take to pass this legislation?"
—Jack Hanna

"I never imagined that I would lose my oldest son to a vicious mauling by a bear before he had the opportunity to raise his own family here in Ohio. Ohio has the weakest laws in our nation for exotic animal ownership which seems to make headlines two years in a row."
—Deirdre J. Herbert, whose son, Brent, was killed by a captive bear in Lorain County in 2010.

"It is AZA's position that the goal of any future law or regulation on this issue should be to eliminate the ownership of dangerous, exotic animals by private individuals."
—Association of Zoos and Aquariums

"Ohio has among the most-lax regulations in the country governing the ownership of exotic animals, and that must change—and soon. ... Owning such animals, many of which are out of their natural climate and habitat, is cruel to the creatures and dangerous to the owners and their neighbors."
—Columbus Dispatch

"Kasich has made it clear that he now believes that no one should own animals such as bears or primates, and has called for a ban on auctions where exotic wild animals are sold. The General Assembly should move swiftly on legislation..."
—Youngstown Vindicator

"It's time for the Legislature to get a bill approved—preferably this month."
—Newark Advocate

"Ohio has courted disaster too many times because of its excessively tolerant attitude toward private ownership of dangerous animals. The state needs sensible and effective rules, and it cannot waste time in enacting them."
—Toledo Blade

"Large, wild animals don't belong in private preserves in populated areas."
—Akron Beacon Journal

"Not only does this put the animals at risk of mistreatment and pose a danger to neighbors, it also puts law enforcement officers in jeopardy."
—Canton Repository

"Ohio needs to enter the modern age in regulating exotic pets."
—Cleveland Plain Dealer

"There are just too many downsides to the live animal mascot, not the least of which is the chance—however remote—that a maturing Obie could somehow escape his keepers and attack someone or something."
—Massillon Independent

Senate Bill 310 is a good start. But it must be strengthened to be an effective response to the scale of Ohio's problem.

Call your state legislators at (614) 466-2000. Tell them to toughen up Senate Bill 310, and crack down on the private ownership of dangerous captive wildlife.

