



HSUS NEVADA POLL RESULTS

625 registered Nevada voters interviewed statewide by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Washington, D.C. from March 27 through March 28, 2013. Margin for error is plus or minus 4%.

QUESTION: Nevada is one of six states with no law on the keeping of exotic and dangerous wild animals as pets. People keep lions, tigers, bears, chimpanzees, monkeys, and venomous snakes with no state oversight. Keeping these wild animals as pets endangers the community, as evidenced by the recent incident of escaped chimpanzees running loose through a Las Vegas neighborhood.

Which of the following best describes your view about keeping exotic and dangerous wild animals as pets: (ORDER ROTATED)

- These animals pose a public safety risk and should not be kept in private possession. Only accredited facilities with knowledgeable and experienced staff should be allowed to own these animals.
- It is my constitutional right to own these animals. The state should not be regulating what type of animal I can own.

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SAFETY RISK	78%	72%	83%	81%	75%	76%	74%	86%	86%
RIGHT TO OWN	13%	18%	8%	11%	13%	15%	15%	6%	11%
NOT SURE	9%	10%	9%	8%	12%	9%	11%	8%	3%

QUESTION: The Nevada legislature is now considering a law - Senate Bill 245 - that would ban private citizens from acquiring exotic and dangerous wild animals, such as bears, wolves, crocodiles, lions, tigers, and primates. Do you support or oppose this proposal that would make it illegal for private citizens to possess exotic and dangerous wild animals?

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SUPPORT	72%	61%	83%	79%	67%	66%	72%	69%	76%
OPPOSE	23%	34%	12%	18%	27%	25%	23%	22%	21%
UNDECIDED	5%	5%	5%	3%	6%	9%	5%	9%	3%

QUESTION: If the legislature passed Senate Bill 245 which would prohibit people from acquiring exotic and dangerous wild animals, would you support or oppose Governor Brian Sandoval signing the bill into law?

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SUPPORT	74%	65%	84%	79%	68%	76%	73%	72%	85%
OPPOSE	21%	31%	10%	16%	27%	20%	21%	23%	13%
UNDECIDED	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	2%

QUESTION: Would you view your state legislators more favorably or less favorably if they voted for Senate Bill 245 that would prohibit people from acquiring exotic and dangerous wild animals?

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MORE	58%	46%	70%	65%	50%	58%	55%	56%	77%
LESS	24%	37%	11%	20%	26%	27%	23%	31%	15%
NO DIFFERENCE	18%	17%	19%	15%	24%	15%	22%	13%	8%

QUESTION: The current legislation specifically prohibits private citizens from acquiring primates such as chimpanzees, baboons, capuchins and other monkeys as pets. Primates kept as pets can inflict serious injuries and can transmit deadly diseases to people.

Do you think that the ban should apply to all primates or do you think that private citizens should be allowed to keep some monkeys as pets?

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BAN	64%	53%	75%	69%	52%	71%	61%	74%	62%
ALLOW	26%	37%	15%	22%	34%	22%	27%	18%	30%
NOT SURE	10%	10%	10%	9%	14%	7%	12%	8%	8%