

**GUEST COLUMNIST**

**‘Tiger King’ series didn’t do enough for conservation**

Sensationalist TV that capitalizes on the human desire to see bad things in the headlines get plenty of time on cable news. But, like the Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness from the Animal Kingdom to the Animal Exotic, former owner of the Greater Wynnewood Exotic Animal Park in Oklahoma, was released during the time of social distancing, and is now a number one hit.

Social media has its key with memes about their life and his vendetta with Carole Baskin from Big Cat Rescue, a nonprofit organization that operates Big Cat Rescue as a sanctuary in Tampa. Many people view Exotic as a hero, a rugged individualist who would likely agree it feels fundamentally right to keep exotic animals in an enclosure — indicates an unproven value, since such animals delineate the gene pool of wild populations.

In the exotic animal trade, the trade of wild animals can result in crimes (known as poaching), as does the theft of foot and other trafficked and sold animals that don’t appear picture perfect. As shown in the series, animals that don’t may be seized. Promoting hybrid species such as ligers, tigers and lions, and tigons as genetic and evolutionary value, since such animals delineate the gene pool of wild populations.

In contrast, the captive breeding of endangered species under AAZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums) accredited zoos is a highly coordinated effort that is managed by a Species Survival Plan. This conservation is necessary to raise highly threatened animals in captivity where little is often known about their biology.

Unfortunately, the Netflix series focuses on the role of sanctuaries, like the Big Cat Rescue. Sanctuaries house animals unable to survive in the wild, such as the injured, those confiscated as pets, or those unable to survive in the wild, such as the inbred. These captive-born animals are reared in a secure environment — microns an inhumane operation.

However, the series featured no commentary about the overbreeding of species, experts justify that to maintain, leaving viewers wondering whether the actions of Exotic and others were for the betterment of the species. In a perfect world, captive animals would be released into the wild, but this is not always possible.

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