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Animals of all kinds develop strong bonds with humans. Dogs enjoy performing tricks, so do elephants. Having a job to do not only gives the animal security but it also benefits many of their wild cousins because of a connection we would not have otherwise. As a child my favorite times in school were when I could interact and learn about animals. To touch a snake's skin, to see how huge an elephant is and how big and floppy their ears are... to see animals in person that I would never be able to encounter except on tv or in a book.

I support the right to own animals with the responsibility to care for them.. regulations to insure good care as we have under SB6 2013 not banning them from our lives. What better way to reach children then direct interaction with animals from far away lands then these animal exhibitions? It would sure be a shame to ban them and have many generations miss out on this experience. It would be sad for our kids, sad for the domesticated exotic animals, and certainly bad for their wild counterparts. Please oppose this bill.