



Scholar's Secret Success-Finder

Topic: The Heart and Science of Keeping Wild Animals as Pets

As You Begin... "The Yearling" (Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, 1938) is the fictional tale of Jody Baxter and his pet fawn, Flag, in the Florida scrub in the late 1800s; the more recent "The Daily Coyote" (Shreve Stockton, 2008) is the very real story of a young woman and her orphaned coyote pup, Charlie. Both stories speak eloquently to the strength, even healing power, of the human-animal relationship. But when the animal is wild, is tragedy inevitable?

Start by Getting an Overview of Your Topic:

Caras, Roger A. A perfect harmony : the intertwining lives of animals and humans throughout history. New York : Simon & Schuster, 1996.

Leslie, Robert Franklin. Wild pets; firsthand accounts of wild animals as pets, guests, and visitors, with information about their feeding and care. New York : Crown, 1979.

Silverstein, Alvin. A pet or not? Brookfield, CN : Twenty-First Century Books, 1999.

Dig Deeper into Books – find them using the Library Catalog... try browsing these subjects in the catalog (or scanning ~599.74446, ~628, ~636, and ~639 on the shelf):

Human-animal relationships.
Orphaned animals.

Wild animals as pets.
Wildlife rescue.

Try these Keywords... (especially in combination) when searching the internet or library catalog:

wild (or exotic) animals
captive wild animals
orphaned animals

pets
domestication
taming (or keeping) wild animals

Read what Experts Say in Published Articles (search INSPIRE Indexes [inspire.in.gov] to find them)... try limiting your search by *keywords* (above, or specific animal) or *descriptors* (i.e. DE="wild animals as pets")

Academic Search Premier (EBSCOhost)
Science Resource Center (Gale Group)

Grzimek's Animal Life (Gale Group)
Student Resource Center (Gale Group)

Save Time by Exploring these Vetted Websites first...

Humane Society www.humanesociety.org

The Daily Coyote www.dailycoyote.net

Locate Experts, Find Statistics, or Review Research from Professional Organizations...

American Veterinary Medical Association www.amva.org

All Wild Things Exotic Animal Hospital (Indianapolis) www.allwildthingsexotic.com

Association of Zoos and Aquariums www.aza.org

National Alternative Pet Association www.altpet.net

Purdue University Department of Animal Sciences www.ansc.purdue.edu