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Protect Your Pets



Perhaps your pets are too plentiful.

Or, they just can't get along.

Or, maybe, your aquarium plants are taking over your tank.



Whatever the issue...

DON'T RELEASE Aquarium Plants or Pets into the Wild!

Pets may not be able to survive outdoor temperatures.

Pets may starve or face predators and parasites.



Even worse, your pet could become an **INVASIVE SPECIES!**



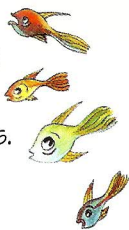
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If released into the wild, many exotic plants and animals can become pests and a major problem to people and native species.

When this happens they are often called **invaders** or **invasive species**.

Invasive species can...

Take over natural habitats and force out native species.



Deplete fisheries by eating juvenile fish and fish eggs.



Choke waters preventing swimming and boating.

Spread diseases that can harm humans and wildlife.



Don't Release Exotic Species

Instead of releasing your pet...

Donate your pet to a **PUBLIC PLACE**:
a nature museum, aquarium, school,
community center, or nursing
home.

Give your pet to **PEOPLE**:
your family, friends, neighbors, or
other hobbyists.

Contact your **PET STORE** for
advice:

some pet stores
may actually allow
you to return your
pet.

**And don't forget to
always...**

Put aquatic
plants in the trash
and pour aquarium
water down the toilet.

