

Ohio governor not expected to stop expiration of statewide ban on buying, selling exotic pets

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — An order that banned buying and selling bears, crocodiles and other exotic animals in Ohio is set to expire without intervention by state officials.

Former Democratic Gov. Ted Strickland issued the 90-day emergency executive order Jan. 6 before leaving office. It banned new exotic pets and allowed existing pets to be kept only under tough new rules in one of the few states where wild pet ownership was largely unchecked.

It was part of a deal that help keep pet and livestock restrictions proposed by the Humane Society of the United States off the ballot.

The Columbus Dispatch reports Republican Gov. John Kasich's (KAY'-siks) administration has confirmed he won't renew the order. State natural resources officials are expected to release information this week about what happens when the order expires.

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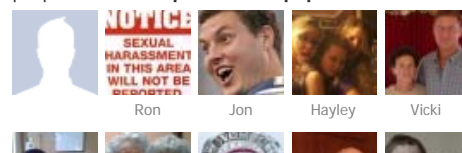
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