

# GOOD PET CHOICES BEGIN WITH YOU

Where does the animal come from?

How **big** will it grow?

What will happen when you can no longer **care** for it?

Is it **poisonous** or **venomous**?

How **long** does it live?

Can you give it the **food** and **habitat** that it needs?



**THINK  
BEFORE  
YOU BUY**



Many of the pets sold on-line or in pet shops are illegal. They are captured in the wild and then sold.



The illegal trade in exotic pets causes the death of thousands of birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects, spiders and small mammals every year.



If you are caught with an illegal pet you may have to pay a very heavy fine.

## IF YOU HAVE AN EXOTIC PET, MAKE SURE:

- That you bought it from a **legal dealer** who gives you a **valid permit**.
- That your pet was **NOT** collected from the wild.
- That you can **take care** of your pet.



**YOUR SMART CHOICE CAN HELP WILDLIFE**