

Wild Pets

The super-rich of the United Arab Emirates enjoy displays of ostentatious wealth. Supercars and luxury brands seem almost commonplace, so those who want to stand out may have a leopard sleeping on an expensive rug or a lion laying on a sofa. Although raising wild animals can be dangerous, they can still be found in opulent homes in Dubai and other cities.

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Most dangerous pets, such as lions, tigers, and cheetahs, are stolen from the wild, then trained before being sold. They usually obey their owners, but they are not tame; they are giant cats, but they are not safe like domestic cats. Some are mistreated or kept in cages, but most of Dubai's billionaires can afford to build habitats for them – showing off their wealth is, after all, the point of owning a wild animal.

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However, in 2017, the UAE government issued a ban on capturing and domesticating wild animals. The penalty for violators is a fine of \$136,000 or imprisonment. This law was passed in response to great pressure from animal protection groups around the world.

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Can you tame a wild animal?

Can you go to jail for capturing a wild animal and keeping it as a pet?