

The Nature Conservancy



Protecting nature. Preserving life.™

(with a little help from our friends!)

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TNC's Mission Statement

To preserve plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.



You wouldn't buy a
REINDEER
for your child
at Christmas.

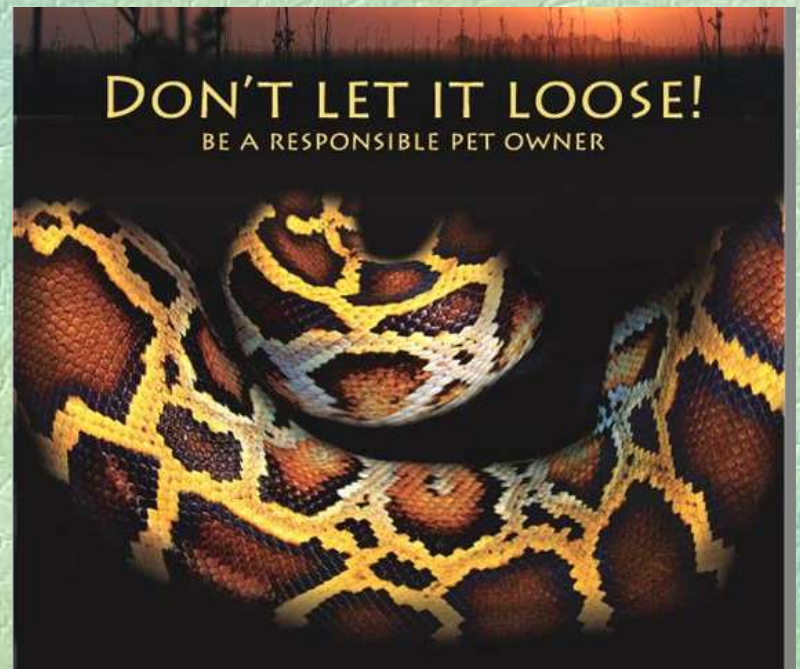


So why would you buy a
RABBIT
for your child
at Easter?

A rabbit is not a toy, she's a living, breathing 10 year commitment. Rabbits can be litter trained and make wonderful indoor companions, but they are not low maintenance and are not a good "starter" pet for a child. Learn what it takes to care for a bunny. Then, if a rabbit is right for your family, consider adoption first!

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DON'T LET IT LOOSE!
BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER



They
all
started
as
pets....



#7: 1/3/08



#2: 10/29/07

#5: 12/8/07

#4: 11/20/07

#1: 4/13/07

#6: 12/13/07

#8: 6/24/08

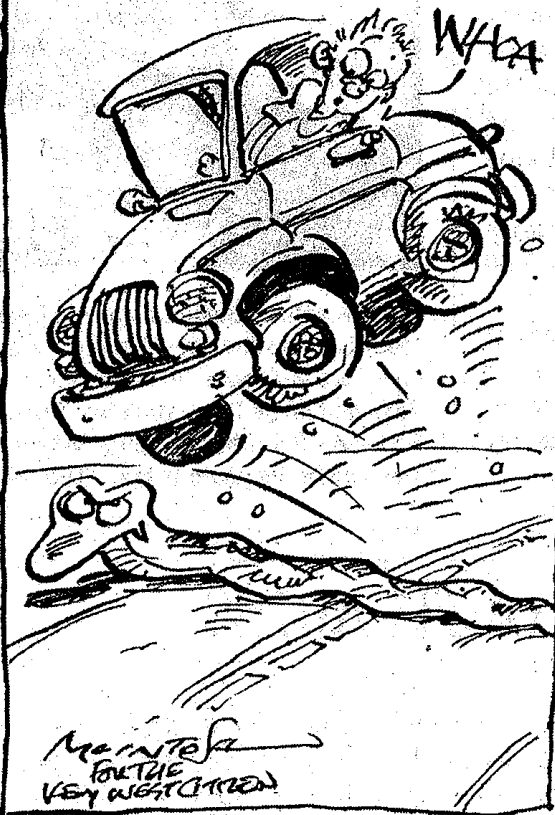
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MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT THE
PYTHONS IN THE KEYS... THEY COULD BE USEFUL...

SPEED BUMPS!



CHICKEN CONTROL!



NEW BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITIES!

CAPN BILLY'S
PYTHON SAFARI
& T-SHIRT SHOP



1/20/08

Early Detection: Issues



Who's Familiar with Local Wildlife?



Florida Keys Invasive Exotics Task Force
“Eyes and Ears Campaign”

1-888-IVE-GOT-1

**A number that can be used for reporting
an old sighting or reaching a live person
for on-the-ground response.**

Rapid Response: Issues

- **Speed**
- **Liability**
- **Public Perception**
- **Jurisdiction**
- **Tracking**
- **Training/Permitting**



planet
green 


everything hot, cool and green



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Workshop: Rapid Response Training

Concerns and Ideas..