AMERICAN IDEAS ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE THE MOST ADORABLE PET HAVE CHANGED.



OWNING A LIVE,

"PERFORMING"

CHAMELEON IN A TOY

CIRCUS USED TO BE

CONSIDERED CUTE, FUN

AND EDUCATIONAL.

TODAY, IT WOULD BE REGARDED BY MOST PET OWNERS AND ANIMAL RIGHTS ENTHUSIASTS AS CRUEL AND INSENSITIVE.





While American attitudes toward the treatment of pets has changed dramatically over the last 50 years, its ideas on dealing with wild animals remains rooted in fond memories of hearing or reading such stories as Bambi, Black Beauty, Tarzan and Dumbo.

Africans who live with and among wild animals are dealing with real problems of overcrowding and environmental destruction that require vastly different responses. They must be allowed to determine how best to manage their wildlife resources and to control their interaction with humans — free of Western interference based on different values and different imperatives.