

# off the fence.

## Not A Pet Series

### EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

#### 1. Cheetahs

Every year hundreds of cheetah cubs are stolen from the wild, decimating the dwindling population of Africa's most endangered big cat. For every five cubs that are taken, only one survives. They are then smuggled into the Middle East to be sold as an exotic pet.

#### 2. Primates

Even today, primates are under threat from the illegal pet trade. Often stolen from the wild as babies, with their family groups killed, these animals are trafficked around the world for sale in Asia and The Middle East.

#### 3. Tigers

Tigers might be the most endangered big cat in the world, but they are a common sight in captivity, often exploited for petting opportunities, circuses, or kept as exotic pets to flaunt as status symbols.

#### 4. Reptiles & Amphibians

Live reptiles and amphibians are hugely popular amongst collectors; the rarer the species, the more valuable it is in the exotic pet trade. But many of the animals found in this trade have in fact come from the wild, causing many populations to be pushed towards extinction.

#### 5. Birds

The trade in of wild birds as pets occur right around the world, and some species, like the grey parrots of Africa, have been stolen from the wild in their millions.