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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I ask that instead of classifying Caracals as prohibited species, you classify them as an accepted pet. My reasoning is that Servals are already on the accepted pet list. A Serval and a Caracal are roughly the same size, come from the same part of the world, have similar diets and prey animals. The exact same precautions and living arrangements that are required for a Serval are required for a Caracal. I have people in my neighborhood that have Servals and Bobcats as pets. The statement by your Biologists that it is impossible to vaccinate them for Rabies is simply untrue and the responsible breeders I am looking to will ensure that the animals will not be able to breed.

Thank you.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I don't feel these should be considered a prohibited species.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: CA

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

In my opinion, logic does not dictate that the caracal cat should be classified as a prohibited species. Thank you.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I support to classify caracal cats as prohibited.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Should not be a prohibited species. This will allow them as pets and grow their population as well as improve the health and care of the species.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

The Caracal is a very similar in size and behaviors as at least two allowable and unrestricted cats; the Serval and the Bobcat. Banning the Caracal seems like a pointless restriction on freedom. It provides no protection to Caracals and no protection to native species or the people of Montana. Prohibiting Caracals has far reaching impact on Montana pet owners and business and only serves only to appease outside groups like Big Cat Rescue. Please oppose this liberal feel good amendment!

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I don't feel they need to be classified as a prohibited species. Thank you.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: Corvallis

State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

It is my opinion that these cats should

NOT be on a prohibited list.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Caracal Cats should not be listed as a prohibited species. They should be available for private ownership.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

This is no different than a bobcat. It should NOT be prohibited.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Do not place Caracals on the prohibited list

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: Hamilton

State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Please do not prohibit this species.

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information:

Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I feel it not necessary to put the caracal cat on the prohibited list. Other states allow them as domestic pets.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Please don't amend. These make great pets.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I see nothing wrong with owning Caracal. Whoever made the remark about these cats having rabies should have his mouth washed out with soap. These cats no different than any other feline can be vaccinated for rabies. If the fish and game pursues this that these animals cannot be a pet I will personally file an injunction and lawsuit against every fishing game member of the board and the biologist that made these statements.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Email Address: rthulse@gmail.com

Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

The caracal is not that different from the serval or bobcat which are approved species for ownership. I fully support classifying the caracal as an approved species for private ownership. I have seen nothing that would support a need to ban this species in Montana.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Caracal cat should not be placed on the prohibited species list.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

This should not be a prohibited species

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: Hamilton

State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I do not think this should be a prohibited species.

Caracal Cat ARM Rules

#20

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT

Email Address: hsabin1@gmail.com

Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Sean Ashby is asking for permission to get one f these cats. HE knows fully well the cost, labor and energy demands, the "risks" of having one including room for it to roam, and is willing to accept those requirements to obtain a permit. He is a responsible adult and should do well with the cat. Please permit him to get a permit for one. Thank you!

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Dave Befey

City/Town: Hamilton

State/Province: MT

Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I see no evidence that a caracal cat ought classified as a prohibited species. Please reject this action and instead permit ownership subject to an appropriate permit process.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Caracal cats should not be put on the prohibited species list.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

A caracal cat is not a pet and can't be domesticated. Individuals who want to own this animal need to comply with the same type of requirements as those who own other wild cats. If this animal were to escape, it would be a danger to small children, pets and potential the ecosystem because it's unknown what impact it may have on native Montana species.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

We are submitting this request to the FWP to deny allowing a Caracal cat to be held by a private person or persons in Montana, Where in Montana is this animal going to receive proper medical services?

These animals present a danger and a threat to Montana's natural species, and the human general population.

Thanks in advance,

Lou & Lynn Danes

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I agree to keep this animal as a prohibited species period!

COMPLETE

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I agree to keep this animal as a prohibited species!

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I support the amendment to add the Caracal Cat to the list of prohibited species in the state. Our wildlife species in Montana are extremely important to our quality of life and contributes to our economy. The potential threat to it's health and sustainability if an exotic animal held as a pet would escape from the owners home is just not worth it. I understand that this cat can get large and is capable of attacking humans and livestock. There are plenty of alternatives if you want a different kind of pet cat. It's just plain wrong to possess a wild cat from Africa as a pet in Montana. It requires a large enclosure and can be very costly to feed. If the owner doesn't plan for it, then the cat could end up being abused. It just doesn't make sense to allow these exotic cats to be owned as pets in Montana. If you allow this, what's next?

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I am requesting that the caracal cat be on the prohibited list.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Please do not declassify the caracal cat as a prohibited species. This animal is NOT a pet and should be restricted. If a prospective owner did not maintain the animal properly and if it were to get out it would be incredibly dangerous to small children, pets and native species. It's like a feline greyhound - fast, strong with a high prey drive.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

This animal is not a pet and should be restricted. If a prospective owner does not maintain the animal properly and it were to get out it would be incredible dangerous to small children, pets and native species.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Catlin Schneider

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State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

This animal is not a pet and should be restricted. If a prospective owner does not maintain the animal properly and if it were to get out it would be incredibly dangerous to small children pets and native species

Caracal Cat ARM Rules

#32

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on a rule classifying caracal cats as a prohibited species.

The Bitterroot Audubon Society Board feels strongly that these wild cats should be a prohibited species. Caracal cats are not native to Montana, the United States, or this entire continent; they are native to Central Africa, South Africa, West Africa, southwest Asia, and the Middle East. Males can weigh over 40 pounds. They are powerful predators, with strong opportunistic hunting instincts, fast and strong enough to take down prey two to three times their size and leap 10 feet in the air to catch birds. The cats become more aggressive upon reaching sexual maturity, at only a year. Caracal cats would pose a serious danger to native species, livestock, domestic pets, and even small children.

Despite good intentions by would-be caracal cat owners, the "pets" could escape their enclosures, as has happened all over the country with a variety of exotic animals. Even with an experienced handler, exotic animals, including caracal cats, can escape into communities, as happened last fall in Royal Oak, Michigan. A woman said she cannot imagine how her pet caracal cat escaped its "elaborate" enclosure. The cat was seen near an elementary school, causing alarm in the area.

In closing, the words of a member of our Bitterroot Audubon's Board seem appropriate: "My whole career was spent controlling introduced, non-native species. We have enough problems in our natural system without adding the potentially catastrophic impacts of non-native species." Please add caracal cats to the list of prohibited species.

Sincerely,

Micki Long, President, on behalf of the Bitterroot Audubon Board.

Sources:

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https://bigcatrescue.org/caracal-facts/

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I urge you to put/keep caracal cats on the prohibited species list. Non-native species, either flora or fauna, do great damage to our country, state and way of life. Caracal cats aren't even native to this hemisphere! And they pose a grave danger to both animals and people.

How many millions of dollars do we spend each year just here in MT attempting to mitigate the damage done by non-native species? And how much across the entire US? What about recovery and rehab when these people figure out they're just not equipped to care for such animals? Or when they just get tired of them?

Please, Please, Please stop Mr. Ashby and anyone else lame brained enough to think that having a caracal cat is a good idea.

Thank You. Mark.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I am a long-time animal lover & rescuer. This is a MAGNIFICENT animal, but like leopards & tigers, DO NOT BELONG IN A DOMESTIC HOME!...Whomever thinks differently needs serious mental health care! Please DO NOT EVEN CONSIDER this man's request!!

Annie McDonald 406-360-8020

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT

Email Address: linda@schmittleslie.com

Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Caracal cat should be a prohibited species. There is no good reason to allow it in Montana. It is dangerous to animals, birds and even humans. Its range is several miles; no individual owner can accommodate that range. It can would likely escape any containment. Just because someone "wants it" is not justification for disregarding sensible policy.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

This is absurd. Please do not allow YET ANOTHER non-native species be introduced in a state that is already suffocated by invasive plants and animals. This is not a wise choice for our state or our ecosystem. Please do not allow this animal to be here. Why is this even being debated??

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: David Leslie

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State/Province: MT

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Q2

Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I accept the CRC's recommendation that the caracal cat be classified as a prohibited species. It should be so ordered.

The petitioner has offered no acceptable rationale for owning such as animal. Personal interest in owning an exotic animal should not be the basis for overriding a larger community and environmental interest. One would lead to two, which would be to lead to more; and one or more would find its way into the wild, best of intentions accepted. And there is no going back from that point.

One person's wishes do not justify the larger risk.

Thank you.

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Q1

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Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

The trade of exotic species is not one we need in our state full of natural wildlife. The more people view wild animals as pets, the higher the risk of wildlife-human conflict amongst our native species. I support this amendment.

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Q1

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Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

No brainer... let's put an open season out there with no limits. I love our native species and these Cats are an absolute threat.

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Q1

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Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Why does it have to be prohibited? Are you going to kill all of the species off?

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Q1

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Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I am in favor of listing Caracal Cats as a prohibited species for ownership by private citizens.

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Q1

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Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Please don't allow an amendment to the current ARM. Exotic wildlife is a threat to our ecosystem and detrimental to neighbors and the animal itself.

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Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Caracal cats are a critically endangered species and should be classified as a prohibited species.

Humans have a direct impact on the Caracal cat loss of habitat. We should be focusing efforts of their reestablishment in the wild where they belong, not making them into pets fuels the wildlife trade.

It is the right thing to do for the species survival to list them as a prohibited species.

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Q1

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Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

As someone who's owned 5 American Bobcats, I think a prohibition on Caracals is unnecessary and overly restrictive. Cats are intelligent and highly adaptable. Their success in domestication lies in the imprinting process at birth. They actually make good pets and enjoy having "staff." If a person wants to make a life long commitment to proper housing and care of the animal, the state should not stand in the way.

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Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

Please accept the CRC's recommendation to classify caracal cats as prohibited.

The unintentional introduction of caracal cats to Ravalli County would be a serious detriment to the local wildlife, livestock and potentially to humans. These cats should not be permitted within Montana.

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Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

I want to express my complete shock that anyone would even ask! Maybe the last thing Montana's wildlife need is one of these things getting loose. There's plenty of pet choices. Exotics like a Caracal belong in their native habitat, period.

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Please provide comment on the amendment of ARM 12.6.2215 pertaining to the classification of caracal cat as a prohibited species

They should NOT be classified as prohibited. They are a small enough cat and have shown potential to be tamed.