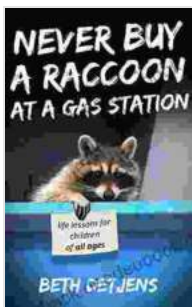


Never Buy a Raccoon at a Gas Station: A Cautionary Tale

Buying a raccoon at a gas station may seem like a good idea at the time, but it's important to think twice before you make this purchase. Raccoons can carry diseases, can be aggressive, and can be difficult to care for. Here are a few reasons why you should never buy a raccoon at a gas station.



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1. Raccoons Can Carry Diseases

Raccoons are known to carry a number of diseases that can be transmitted to humans, including rabies, roundworm, and leptospirosis. Rabies is a deadly virus that attacks the central nervous system, and it can be transmitted through the bite of an infected animal. Roundworm is a parasitic worm that can cause abdominal pain, nausea, and vomiting.

Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection that can cause flu-like symptoms, as well as liver and kidney damage.

2. Raccoons Can Be Aggressive

Raccoons can be aggressive, especially if they feel threatened. They have sharp teeth and claws, and they can inflict serious injuries. Raccoons are also known to carry rabies, which can make them even more aggressive.

3. Raccoons Are Difficult to Care For

Raccoons are not domesticated animals, and they can be difficult to care for. They require a specialized diet, and they need a large enclosure where they can exercise and play. Raccoons are also very social animals, and they need to be kept in pairs or groups. If you are not prepared to provide the proper care for a raccoon, it is best not to buy one.

4. Buying a Raccoon at a Gas Station Is Illegal

In most states, it is illegal to buy or sell a raccoon without a permit. This is because raccoons are considered to be wild animals, and they can pose a danger to public health and safety. If you are caught buying or selling a raccoon without a permit, you could face fines or even jail time.

5. There Are Better Ways to Get a Raccoon

If you are interested in getting a raccoon, there are better ways to do it than buying one at a gas station. You can adopt a raccoon from a rescue organization or wildlife rehabilitator. You can also trap a raccoon yourself, but you must have a permit to do so. Trapping a raccoon is not recommended for inexperienced people, as it can be dangerous.

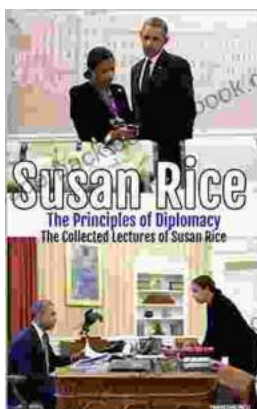
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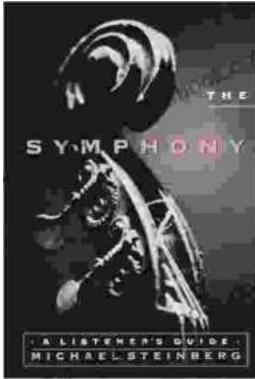
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