

What happened after 'Tiger King'

Many questions rose out of the documentary series "Tiger King, " about Joseph Maldonado-Passage, better known as Joe Exotic, the former owner of a roadside zoo in Oklahoma, now in federal prison for, among other things, trying to hire a **hit man** to kill an animal-rights activist.

hit man 职业杀手

If you've watched the show, or just heard about it, you probably have more than a few questions. Here are answers to some of them.

Is the zoo still open?

It was, until this week. On Tuesday, Sheriff Jim Mullett of Garvin County, Oklahoma, said the zoo had closed in **compliance** with the governor's order to shut down nonessential business.

compliance 顺从

What about Big Cat Rescue?

Big Cat Rescue is a 69-acre nonprofit **sanctuary** in Florida run by activist Carole Baskin, whom Joe Exotic had frequently **feuded** with and was accused of trying to kill.

sanctuary 避难所;保护

feud 长期不和;争吵不休

In a blog post, Baskin said they participated in the making of the Netflix series because the directors had said they would expose abuses at roadside zoos. "The series not only does not do any of that, but has had the **sole** goal of being as **salacious** and sensational as possible to draw viewers, " Baskin wrote.

sole 唯一的;专有的

salacious 淫秽的;色情的

What, if anything, about keeping tigers is legal?

Some states **outright** ban the private ownership of big cats by anyone who is not federally licensed to keep them, while other states have looser restrictions or none at all. Animal-rights groups say this **patchwork** of regulations fails to protect wild animals and threatens public safety.

outright 彻底的;完全的

patchwork 拼接

Roadside zoos are problematic because they breed big cats for profit, said Kate Dylewsky of the Animal Welfare Institute. "These **cubs** are wild animals, " she added. "They're treated like props and objects instead of like animals."

cub 幼崽