

Conn. lawmakers won't take up wild animal ban

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HARTFORD, Conn. --Connecticut lawmakers say they won't take up a bill this session banning a long list of wild and potentially dangerous animals as pets.

Rep. Richard Roy, co-chairman of the legislature's Environment Committee, tells the Connecticut Post the bill is being abandoned because some lawmakers want to protect a family-owned elephant farm in Goshen.

The bill stems from the February attack on a Stamford resident, Charla Nash, by a 200-pound chimpanzee. Nash lost her hands, nose, lips and eyelids in the assault. She is now blind and faces years of surgical procedures.

Many politicians voiced outraged that such animals were allowed as pets after learning of the attack.

Roy says the bill would have stopped Commerford Farm from bringing in any new elephants. ■