



“Billy's new pet”

Your friend Billy invites you over after school to see his new pet. It is a bog turtle. He bought it at the pet shop. You decided to look up the species in your science books and on the Internet. You discover that the bog turtle is on the threatened species list. What do you do?

- Would you tell your friend about what you learned and let him handle it?

Some students may decide that it is not their place to interfere with their friend's pet.

- Would you report him without talking to him?

Some students (although probably not many) may choose this option.

- What law may Billy and/or the pet shop be violating?

The Endangered Species Act

- Which agency would be able to help you handle the situation?

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