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Retiring elephants

退休大象



Transcript 文字稿:

They're not the healthiest **specimens** of the ten thousand that live in Burma.

But thanks to the opening of this elephant **retirement home**, these animals do at least have a safe **refuge**.

The owners have brought in these healthy elephants **to boost** funding for food and medicine through tourism.

They say visitors should see them in their **natural habitat** and not as creatures of entertainment.

Vocabulary 词汇:

specimens	范例, 典型代表
retirement home	养老院
refuge	避难所
to boost	增加, 提高
natural habitat	自然生态环境

中文文字稿:

虽然和其他上万头生活在缅甸的大象相比, 这些大象看着并不是最健康的, 但刚刚落成的大象养老院为它们提供了安全的避难所。

开办这家避难所的主人引进了这些健康的大象, 希望通过旅游业来促进资金增长, 从而能购买更多的饲料和药品。

他们说游客们应该看到的是大象在自然的生态环境中生活, 而不是供人们娱乐的杂技动物。

Watch this video online: Retiring elephants <http://bbc.in/MMIdb2>

Exercise 练习:

以下练习中的语句全部选自于 BBC 其他网页。

请从下面的词汇表里选择答案来完成句子。

注意：你可能需要改变单词的时态来完成句子。

specimens / retirement home / refuge/ to boost/ natural habitat

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