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To whom it may concern,

It is regretful that a Moroccan TV company has chosen to make a series focusing on a young boy and a wild animal, the Barbary macaque which is an Endangered species. This romantic depiction of the relationship between the boy and his macaque will only serve to encourage demand from the Moroccan public for a Barbary macaque as a pet. Infant macaques suffer serious psychological trauma as well as malnutrition if they are taken when very young. Many die. They are very cute when small but when they become adult they become aggressive and can cause serious injury to their owners and others. Despite what many people believe, macaques that have spent their lives in captivity are unable to survive if their owners “free” them in the forest. Instead they are attacked by wild macaques and often starve to death or are killed by local people because they are dangerous.

The Barbary macaque is an Endangered species because every year hundreds of infants are taken from their families to be sold as pets – this is illegal. Please put a message on your website and social media pages warning people that purchasing a Barbary macaque is illegal and please think again if you wish to make transmit other programmes exploiting the endangered wildlife of Morocco.

Your sincerely,

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President