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Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo

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Angie Richardson <takeaction@idausa.org>

Thu, Jun 15, 2017 at 5:32 PM

Reply-To: Angie Richardson <angiejr65@msn.com>

To: "Holly L. Wolcott" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

Jun 15, 2017

Ms. Holly L. Wolcott

Dear Ms. Wolcott,

As a Los Angeles constituent and a supporter of California-based In Defense of Animals that represents over 250,000 supporters, I urge you to support Councilman Koretz's motion to free Billy, the lone bull elephant at the Los Angeles Zoo, to an accredited GFAS (Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries) sanctuary as soon as possible. We also ask the same for the female elephants at the exhibit, Tina and Jewell.

Billy's plight at the LA Zoo has been a focus of In Defense of Animals for over 12 years. The inadequate conditions that he is forced to live in, despite costly renovations to the Elephants of Asia exhibit, continue to negatively impact his well-being.

Through the LA Zoo's breeding program, Billy has been forced to endure a highly invasive procedure to collect his semen for the purpose of artificially inseminating females at other zoos for breeding. According to zoo documents, Billy underwent "training" for the actual semen collection process at least 55 times between January 20, 2011 and November 14, 2014.

This procedure is inhumane and invasive. While this has been touted as a practice of "conservation," the data shows that it is nothing of the sort, with elephants in zoos dying in captivity faster than they can reproduce due to the unnaturally high mortality rates of elephants in captivity. The only real way conservation for elephants can occur is in the wild and a certified elephant sanctuary is the closest thing to a natural environment that we can give to Billy.

There is no science- or conservation-based justification for the LA Zoo to keep Billy or ANY of the elephants, including females Tina and Jewel - in captivity. The scientifically validated negative effects of captivity on elephants are irrefutable and well documented.

Los Angeles must seize this opportunity for leadership on humane animal welfare issues and policy. Therefore, we urge you to support the relocation of Billy to a GFAS-certified sanctuary to transfer elephants Tina and Jewel as well - end all elephant captivity and elephant breeding programs at the LA Zoo immediately. +

Sincerely,

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DISMISS the Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary

6 messages

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City of Los Angeles Mail - DISMISS the Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary

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Por favor, PLEASE

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Estimados señores,

Les ruego por favor que apoyen una resolución para liberar a Billy, el elefante confinado y explotado cruelmente en el zoológico de Los Ángeles hace casi 30 años, desde que se le secuestró siendo aún muy joven de su entorno natural en Malasia, a un santuario donde pueda vivir en compañía de sus semejantes y con la dignidad que merece.
Gracias

Dear Sirs,

Please, please support a resolution to release Billy, the elephant confined and cruelly exploited at the Los Angeles Zoo almost 30 years ago, since he was kidnapped while still young from his natural environment in Malaysia, to a sanctuary where Can live in the company of his fellow men and with the dignity he deserves.

Thank you

Flora Pino García
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"La grandeza de una nación y su progreso moral puede ser juzgado por la forma en que sus animales son tratados".
(Gandhi)

Adopta, no compres, no críes, no abandones... ¿Deseas que se acaben los abandonos?

Esterilización y Castración - Por la salud de tu perr@ o gat@



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Jasmine Figueroa <webmaster@lazoo.org>

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This motion breaks my heart.

As a fellow zookeeper, the other side of the world. I've dedicated my life to supporting and loving the animals in my care. Just like the keepers that look after him. We're not ignorant animal handlers, we're well educated, qualified people that want nothing but the best for our animals

Like LA zoo, the zoo I work in has done amazing things to preserve biodiversity and prevent animal extinctions. The amount of research that comes out of LA zoo is mind blowing.

Why on earth are you wanting to move him from such an amazing institution??.

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