



To Those Concerned For Elephants,

As someone who has spent over 30 years fighting for the conservation and welfare of elephants, I would like to ask your help for some elephants who have led very unfortunate lives, but who now have a chance to live out their lives in peace.

The enclosed letter from Carol Buckley, Director of the Elephant Sanctuary, will update you about an ongoing elephant emergency and tell you why we are writing to ask for your urgent and immediate help!

Recently, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) confiscated 16 elephants from John Cuneo's Hawthorn Corporation after a lawsuit in which Cuneo was charged with animal cruelty and neglect. The Elephant Sanctuary has been asked to take some or all of these elephants.

But such a request constitutes an enormous financial commitment. All of the elephants are old and many are in poor health. Two are suffering from tuberculosis. Before the Elephant Sanctuary can assume the burden of caring for these elephants, new barns must be built; staff must be trained; and diagnostic and treatment methods must be put in place.

That's why the Elephant Sanctuary needs your help. This is a precedent-setting case. Never before has there been an opportunity to rescue and rehabilitate such a large group of elephants, constituting nearly 20% of the U.S. captive Asian population. These elephants were wild-caught and have been circus performers for their entire lives, some as long as 55 years. Now they deserve rest, care and the security of knowing they have a permanent home where they will never again be used for commercial gain.

The Elephant Sanctuary WANTS to provide a home for the Hawthorn elephants. Please help them raise the necessary funds by making your contribution today. Together we can ensure that these elephants go "home" at last to a life of peace and freedom.

Sincerely,

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