

Joan Jett

Dear Mayor Mandel and Ms. Prefontaine:

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm looking forward to performing in Alberta this weekend. I visit Alberta quite regularly. Alberta has so much to offer, with its natural beauty and rich culture.

But there's one thing that's giving the province a bad reputation all over: the Edmonton Valley Zoo's refusal to release its lone elephant, Lucy, to a sanctuary. I've learned from my friends at PETA that Lucy is very ill, suffers from severe psychological distress from being left alone without other elephant companions, and would thrive in a warmer climate.

This animal is basically being tortured. I urge you to release Lucy to a sanctuary before the unbearably cold Canadian winter weather returns this year.

Lucy's many health problems—including obesity and painful arthritis—are very serious for an elephant who should have decades, not days, left to live. Elephants are social, intelligent, active animals who need to be with others of their own kind and have a vast area to roam. There are sanctuaries in the U.S. that can give Lucy all these things that the zoo cannot, while also tending to her ailments.

Please give Lucy the chance that she deserves. I look forward to your decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joan Jett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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