

Dear Kanit Sermsirimongkol,

In these trying days, we are all experiencing the challenges of seclusion. I can't help but think about the animals in the Pata Zoo, who have experienced the same loneliness and isolation for years or even *decades*. In light of the recent fire that broke out at the zoo, I am writing to ask you to reflect honestly on what life is like for animals there and to come to the decision close it.

One can only imagine the helpless terror the animals experienced when they smelled the smoke and heard or saw the flames approach. But even beyond emergencies like this one, and even if provided the best of care, life in a department store is far removed from everything animals want and need. They are denied the ability to roam, swim, fly or climb. Their friendships and families are destroyed. Everything about their existence is unnatural.

As you surely know, the Pata Zoo has been called one of the saddest places in the world. By making the decision to close the zoo and send the animals to reputable sanctuaries with the help of my friends at PETA, you can end the growing controversy and show the world that animals deserve mercy.

May I hear that you'll take my suggestion to heart? Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Gillian Anderson