

July 2, 2020

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Via email: president@una.edu

Dear Dr. Kitts,

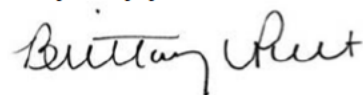
Please accept PETA's condolences for the loss of Una, the lion who died this week at the University of North Alabama (UNA). I'm writing on PETA's behalf to offer assistance in placing her surviving brother, Leo III, in an accredited sanctuary.

In the wake of Netflix's wildly popular series *Tiger King*, the public has never been more aware of and concerned about the issues surrounding big cats in captivity. Lions are the most social of the big cats and spend their days foraging and actively defending their large territory. Since he was brought to UNA as a cub, Leo III has never had that opportunity, and with Una's passing, he faces living the remainder of his life in solitary confinement.

Una and Leo III haven't been carted to loud, stressful football games in recent years, which is a step in the right direction, but even in the best conditions, a busy university campus is no place for a lion. By retiring Leo III, you could cement UNA's legacy of compassion and respect for lions, who have long represented the school's teams and traditions.

In memory of Una, will you please commit to ending the use of live animal mascots and allow Leo III to be transferred to an accredited sanctuary, where he'd have the opportunity to be integrated into a pride of other lions and roam in a large field for his remaining days? I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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