



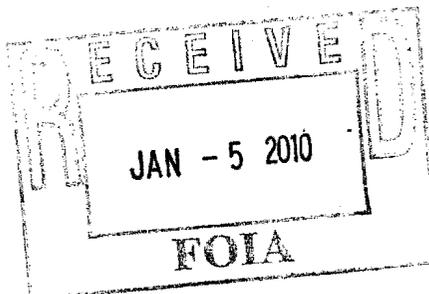
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Re: Freedom of Information Request

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Dear Ms. Woods,

Pursuant to the Freedom of information Act, I would like to request copies of the following information:

All documentation regarding US veterinarian, Dr. James Oosterhuis where he is treating captive elephants from January 1, 1985 to present.

This information should include, but not be limited to, correspondence (including e-mails, letters, memos, notes etc.); diagnosis information, treatment records, diagnostic testing, information from other vets regarding Dr. Oosterhuis, any complaints that have been filed regarding his veterinary care of elephants or other animals, information from enforcement agencies, etc.

We are aware that this vet consulted regarding the beating of an elephant named Dunda at the San Diego Zoo (abt. 1988), a number of neglect charges that have been brought forward against Hawthorne Circus and another lone elephant that was housed in Alaska for a number of years. This information should be included as part of the request, but I understand there are a number of other elephants who have been treated or consulted on by Dr. Oosterhuis and we wish to obtain that information as well.

The information requested is of significant public interest because the US veterinarian has been consulting about a lone elephant living in a zoo in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Given the extreme cold climate in Edmonton and the social isolation of this elephant after her companion was moved to a US zoo this issue has drawn significant attention from Americans, Canadians and people around the world. To my knowledge, this information is not available to the public through any other source. Zoocheck Canada is a small registered charity with limited funding. Given the fact that this is a public interest issue, the fact that the information is not available via any other source and our limited financial resources, we are requesting a fee waiver for this request for information.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me at your convenience or e-mail me at [REDACTED]@zoocheck.com

Yours sincerely,

Julie Woodyer
Campaigns Director



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