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CELEBRATING JUSTICE FOR ANIMALS

The Animal Legal Defense Fund celebrated 39 years of legal milestones with the Justice for Animals Gala in Los Angeles on September 8, 2018. The annual Gala featured a plant-based dinner, cocktails, music, a selfie station photo booth, and an animal-friendly silent auction for all to enjoy.

We were thrilled to honor award winners during our Justice for Animals Gala! The John Michael and Timi Sobrato family received the first ever Angel Award, recognizing individual philanthropy. Pro bono partners Alston & Bird, Dentons, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, Orrick, Perkins Coie LLP, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Winston & Strawn LLP, and Margaret Kwoka received awards for their tireless work on behalf of animals.

The Justice for Animals Gala was made possible thanks to our generous supporters:

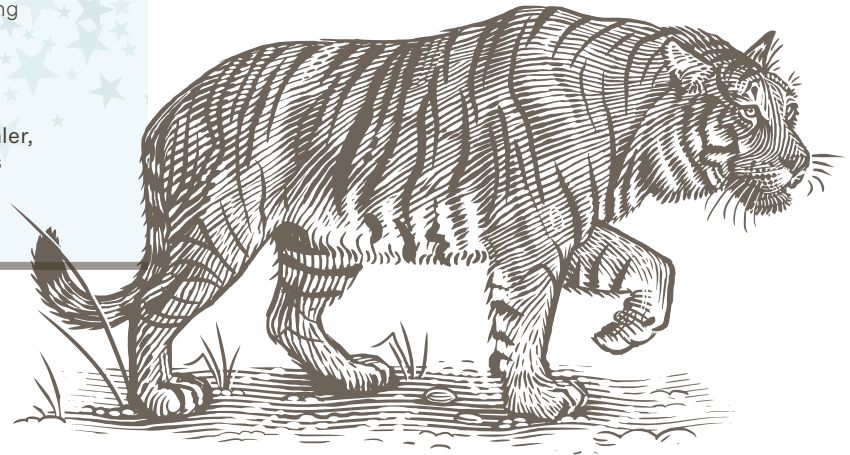
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Roadside zoos are found all across the United States – hundreds of them, in every corner of this country. The animals who are kept captive at these facilities often suffer from inadequate care, lack of exercise, and even outright cruelty. Roadside zoos exist because it is relatively easy to buy and sell exotic wildlife, and the laws that protect them are weak and are often virtually unenforced.

The Animal Legal Defense Fund is working hard for these animals. Our success in a lawsuit we brought in 2014 solidified the precedent that the federal Endangered Species Act applies to captive animals. We are building on that success by bringing more legal actions against additional roadside zoos for their poor treatment of animals listed as endangered or threatened by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. You can read about two of these actions, against one roadside zoo in Pennsylvania and another in Washington State, in this newsletter.

Animals trapped at roadside zoos can't fight for their own legal rights to be strengthened and upheld. That's why we fight for them with every tool we have, including high-impact, precedent-setting lawsuits.

Thank you for supporting the Animal Legal Defense Fund and making our lifesaving work possible.

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Fighting Roadside Zoos

Taking Legal Action in Pennsylvania and Washington


BY ARIN GREENWOOD | SENIOR WRITER

Queen Louise is a lemur who's kept alone in a small, filthy enclosure at a roadside zoo in Pennsylvania. It's not a good life for this highly social primate, and the Animal Legal Defense Fund intends to file a lawsuit to get her, and other animals, rehomed to bona fide sanctuaries where they will flourish.

You can find roadside zoos across the American landscape. There's no set definition of what constitutes a roadside zoo, but there are certain

things that you'll often find at these facilities, like animals living in filthy and inadequate cages, who are regularly denied access to veterinary care.

There's frequently not enough food, and what food exists is poor quality. Clean drinking water can be scarce. And the problems aren't just physical. Members of social species are often kept alone, left without companionship or other stimulation to keep them mentally and emotionally well.



The situation for many of these animals is dire — and illegal under state animal protection laws. It's also a violation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as well, for those animals belonging to species listed as threatened or endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service — such as Queen Louise, Russell, and a hyacinth macaw.

Know of a roadside zoo near you? Download our checklist worksheet to help in our fight to shut these cruel facilities down and free endangered and captive animals. aldf.org/roadsidezoos

Farmers Inn – Pennsylvania

These problems are evident at Farmers Inn, the roadside zoo in Sigel, Pennsylvania where Queen Louise is held captive. Other animals there include a gray wolf; Russell the black leopard, whose cage is too small for him to thrive; and Jack and Jill, two black bears who live in a cramped cage with concrete floors. Other of Farmers Inn's animals have been observed to be sick or injured. This includes a kinkajou — a small rainforest mammal — with an injured eye and an emaciated goat.

The ESA protects captive animals as well as those in the wild; the Animal Legal Defense Fund successfully brought a federal lawsuit against another roadside zoo in 2014 that further established this rule.

The Animal Legal Defense Fund has offered assistance in moving Farmers Inn's animals to reputable sanctuaries, where they will thrive instead of suffering. Farmers Inn thus far has not accepted our offer. In August, we sent a notice of intent to sue – a requirement under the ESA. If Farmers Inn fails to respond, we will sue them for violating state and federal law.



Two bears at Farmers Inn

DONOR STORY

Nancy Schloss cannot stand the fact that so many animals are at the mercy of human beings who do not realize that animals feel pain and need love and good medical care.

“They are not ‘things’ that you can ignore, abuse, and destroy.”



Having recently lost her dear Georgie, a 15-year-old black cat who Nancy adopted after it was love at first sight, she wrote a letter to all her friends who also shared a love for the cat – and never viewed Georgie as “property.”

Thoughts of Past and Present

I think about how silky your fur was, your luminous eyes, and your joy in playing, and trying to capture feathers that were waving back and forth in the air. My joy in looking over my bed, and seeing you there waiting for me. There are a hundred things to smile about. You were by my side always, interrupted only by your frequent naps.

How do I grieve for your loss, Georgie?

I think of all the illnesses you endured. The recent blindness, the lack of strength in your back legs, and the daily dose of medicine you had to put up with. You tolerated them all and found your way to where you wanted to be. Your powerful inner strength and determination to enjoy the diminished joys left to you was remarkable. You were never noisy, yet the apartment is just too quiet now, and the place you lay in, enjoying the afternoon sun is now empty. You gave me love I knew no human being could match, and filled my life with joy and comfort.

Nancy Schloss, New York

Nancy has been a member of our Partners in Protection monthly giving program since 2014. Join now at: aldf.org/partner

Olympic Game Farm – Washington

In September, we sent another notice of intent to sue to a squalid roadside zoo called Olympic Game Farm in Sequim, Washington. Olympic Game Farm is also violating state animal protection laws and the ESA with its treatment of lions, gray wolves, and tigers. Olympic Game Farm also refused our offers to help.

The animals kept in roadside zoos can't advocate on their own for their legal rights to be upheld. That's why we fight so hard for them, bringing precedent-setting lawsuits that make the next legal battle easier.



Tiger cage at Olympic Game Farm

Learn more at aldf.org/roadsidezoos



More tigers live in captivity in this country than exist in all the wild.

ANIMAL LAW: Continuing Education Across the Country

In September, the Animal Legal Defense Fund hosted a CLE (continuing legal education) event in the Sunshine State. During the Florida Animal Law Update, attorneys and law students heard from experts in the animal law community on topics including animal cruelty prosecutions, environmental law, and new animal protection legislative initiatives. Animal Legal Defense Fund attorneys spoke about our work to pass the Florida Orca Protection Act and our lawsuit against black market backyard slaughter operations.

In October, attorneys and advocates from across the country gathered in Chicago for the 26th annual Animal Law Conference to learn about the latest developments in animal law. **Learn more at www.animallawconference.org.**



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Lawsuit Raises the Stakes in Food Fight Over the Term “Meat”

In August 2018, the Animal Legal Defense Fund filed a federal lawsuit challenging a recently enacted Missouri law that prohibits “misrepresenting” any product as “meat” if it does not come from a slaughtered animal. The law is intended to stifle producers of humane, plant-based alternatives to factory-farmed animal products.

Our lawsuit, filed with a coalition of organizations — including the ACLU of Missouri and The Good Food Institute— argues on behalf of our plaintiff Tofurky that the law violates the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Consumers increasingly demand humane, plant-based alternatives to meat from slaughtered animals. Missouri’s law is aimed at shielding the factory farming industry from the growing market for plant-based meat and the burgeoning non-slaughtered meat market (meat produced through cell based technology). Missouri’s law runs counter to what consumers want – and it violates the Constitution by limiting the free speech of producers like Tofurky.



CRACKING DOWN ON “PET LEASING” | Learn more at aldf.org/petleasing



Companion animals are beloved members of our families, not pieces of furniture that can be sent back to a warehouse and resold. Despite this, so-called “pet leasing” is a growing industry. In October, the Animal Legal Defense Fund filed a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission urging it to investigate the pet leasing industry for deceiving customers.

Under the pet leasing scheme, pet store employees encourage customers who want to purchase an animal, but are unable to afford the high price, to use “financing” — actually a lease — to take the animal home. If the customer fails to make the monthly payment, a third party is empowered to seize their dog. Nobody should be at risk of losing their dog or cat because of missed payments.