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To: Michael Jubb <Michael.Jubb@brock.ca>

Cc: Daina Liepa Erin Ryan

Subject: Request for Brock Council Support - Resolution Regarding Ontario Captive Wildlife

Good afternoon Mayor Jubb,

My name is Rachelle Hansen, and I serve as Board Chair of Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary. We are deeply grateful for the continued support you and the council have shown for our work over the years. Daina Liepa, our Executive Director, extended an invitation to our anniversary celebration in July, which you were unable to attend. We look forward to welcoming you to the sanctuary in the future.

We're proud to share that Story Book Farm has recently achieved verification by the [Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries](#)—making us the only verified monkey sanctuary in Canada. [This milestone reflects our commitment to the highest standards of animal care and ethical sanctuary management.](#)

We are currently collaborating with [World Animal Protection Canada](#) on a campaign to advance provincial regulations and support Bill 35, which seeks to phase out low-welfare facilities—such as roadside zoos—and restrict the private ownership of wild animals. These measures are critical to protecting both communities and animals across Ontario.

Recently, we were made aware of a breeding facility in Cornwall, ON, where monkeys and other exotic animals are being sold. Even more concerning, these animals are being paraded in public, petted, and used for paid photo opportunities. This practice is not only harmful to the animals but poses serious public health risks. Monkeys can transmit zoonotic diseases such as Herpes B and tuberculosis, and their physical strength and

unpredictability make them dangerous in public settings.

I'm writing to respectfully request that you bring forward the attached resolution at an upcoming council meeting and help highlight the urgency of this issue. Daina and I met with MPP Laurie Scott in September to raise awareness and seek her support for Bill 35, and we would be grateful for your endorsement and that of your council.

This resolution was developed in partnership with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and has already been adopted by more than 45 municipalities, as well as the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) and the Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA). Its adoption would signal Brock's support for long-overdue provincial leadership on captive wildlife regulation.

Ontario remains the only province without licensing or oversight for the keeping of non-native wild animals. Currently, anyone can keep a monkey, lion, venomous snake, or other dangerous species without professional training, adequate funding, or appropriate facilities. This regulatory gap has been unfairly downloaded to municipalities for far too long.

Daina and I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and the council to discuss this further. Please feel free to contact me directly at [REDACTED]

Regards,

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Rachelle Hansen
Board Chair

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