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Ringling Bros. Is Key Player In Survival Of Asian Elephants

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Facts and reality are sadly missing from the numerous letters to the editor published in this newspaper May 12-15, 2004. Not only were there specific distortions of fact concerning Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey, but also a deliberately romantic portrayal of the so-called "wild" by your readers. The state of the Asian elephant is in crisis and we firmly believe that Ringling Bros. is a key player in the future survival of the species.

Evidence is piling up that in addition to many of the planet's exotic species becoming extinct, more and more domesticated animals are also disappearing because of competition with man for space and resources in their daily lives. Therefore, it is necessary to take the blinders off - stop idealizing the struggles and distress being felt by animals in their native environments - and stop misinforming people about the fast diminishing wild. It is clearly necessary to see the world through eyes that include a sense of responsibility and co-existence, as opposed to animal/human apartheid, if we want a variety of species of animals we have come to know and love to survive and thrive in the coming centuries.

Sending Asian elephants back into the "wild" is simply not an option because there is no "wild" left. Animals and humans living together is the answer to threatened extinction. It requires a series of compromises on the part of both human and animal partners to learn the most comfortable and healthy ways in which animals and humans can share their lives and their planet. This is the true meaning and very core of the word humane -- a result of human care and responsibility. It is inhumane to suggest that all animals are better off on their own, desperately fighting a losing battle with statistics. Adaptation is necessary by every species for ultimate survival, and in this case, both humans and animals need to adapt and learn to share their fortunes, or neither will benefit in the long run.

As for ASPCA's lawsuit against Ringling Bros., this is old news. The lawsuit has been pending for more than three years as procedural rulings were decided, and the case is in its early stages. Regardless, Ringling Bros. will defend its good name and reputation throughout these ongoing legal proceedings. Indeed, Ringling Bros. remains undeterred in its commitment to exemplary animal care, regardless of the political agenda of extremist groups.

We don't suggest that our program is the only way to save the Asian elephant but we are making a strong contribution. The animal rights

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activists who object to our breeding and research facility, use nationwide publicity stunts to raise lots of money but instead of spending it on conservation programs; they waste it on still more provocative publicity stunts. There are fine circuses and zoos in this country dedicated to the survival and well-being of the Asian elephant and based on what we've learned from millions of our visitors, most Americans want it that way.

Sincerely,

Debbie Fahrenbruck
Animal Behaviorist/Veterinarian Technician
Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey

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First Baptist Church of Fort Oglethorpe is Hosting Vacation Bible School at 2645 Lafayette Road Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742 Rickshaw Rally - Racing to the Sun is June 14-18 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Ages: 4 Years-5th Grade Please call 866-0232 to enroll your child at no cost or for additional information.

Middle Valley Church of God will honor fathers in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 20. Each father present will receive a specially selected gift. Additionally, other presentations will be made during the service. Senior Pastor Mitch McClure will preach on the topic, "I'm Glad Your My Dad!" in the 10:30 a.m. service. Sunday school is offered for all age groups each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Family Training Hour is offered each Wednesday at 7 p.m. with classes for all age groups. Rev. McClure is presently leading a Bible study titled "We Have Some Real Issues" each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the church auditorium. Youth and Children Pastor Tim Wilson leads a special class for youth each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the church Family Life Center. Other specialized classes are available each Wednesday at 7 p.m. Vickie McFarland leads the LIFE group each month in a variety of activities including health checks, exercise, specialized speakers geared to Senior Adults, and times of fellowship. LIFE meets the second Tuesday of each month in the church Family Life Center. Middle Valley Church of God is located at the corner of Middle Valley Road and Thrasher Pike in Hixson. For additional information concerning any ministry of Middle Valley Church of God, please call the Senior Pastor, Mitch McClure, at 843-1539.

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