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**MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT BY
DEFENDANTS KATHERINE MEYER, ERIC GLITZENSTEIN, AND
MEYER GLITZENSTEIN & CRYSTAL**

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From: OrtMabry, Catherine
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2000 4:36 PM
To: Stevens, Eric; Wilbee, Joanna; Maninger, Jenifer; Froemming, Richard; Galvin, Joan; Huey, Rodney; Pflughaupt, Barbara; Picard, Lisa; Strauss, Julie
Subject: Letter to the editor - Peoria

Here is my response to the Peoria article. I was limited to 300 words, so it is short.

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to clarify some points that appeared in today's article about elephant care.

Your headline was patently unfair and inaccurate because it presented as fact the opinion of one source with questionable credibility even though you correctly qualified his opinions throughout the story. In fact, independent elephant experts who work with Ringling Bros. routinely report the elephants receive excellent care.

Contrary to Tom Rider's comments, he left Ringling Bros. to accompany some of the elephants he had been responsible for cleaning up after when they returned to Europe. At the time of his departure, he told the general manager that he was thankful for everything Ringling Bros. had done for him. As I told reporter Elaine Hopkins, we were surprised by Rider's allegations because he left amicably and had never mentioned any animal welfare concerns to company supervisors.

Contrary to a local animal activist's comments in the article, our elephants spend a majority of their time in most towns in open paddocks surrounded by fencing. When traveling, Ringling Bros. elephants ride in custom-built train cars that are designed for their comfort. In fact, most of our elephants sleep on the train - something no animal does unless completely comfortable with its environment. Finally, we meet or exceed federal, state and local regulations for animal care. In the future, we hope you will request comments about animal care from the Peoria Animal Welfare Society, which holds animal control authority in Peoria and has conducted unannounced inspections at Ringling Bros., rather than an animal activist group.

Sincerely,

Catherine Ort-Mabry
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Editor's note: Feld Entertainment is the producer of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey. This letter is submitted for publication.