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Dez Bryant
Relativity Sports
9242 Beverly Blvd., Suite 300
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Dear Mr. Bryant,

We write to you in response to news of your recent purchase of your pet monkey, Dallas. As experts in the field of primate care, we are concerned that this choice will prove to be dangerous to both you and your monkey, as well as irresponsible when it comes to your public following.

The North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance (NAPSA) is a coalition of eight of the leading primate sanctuaries on the continent. In our sanctuaries, we care for over 640 primates, many of whom were formerly privately owned as pets. We are contacted daily by people who – just like you – purchased a baby monkey and then lived to regret it. Monkeys quickly grow to be strong, cunning and difficult to manage. They can transfer disease and destroy your home. It is simply not possible to fulfill the unique needs of your monkey within a private home. Once you have decided that you no longer wish to keep your pet, it can be problematic to find an accredited sanctuary who has space to take him. Most primate sanctuaries have lengthy waiting lists.

Attached is NAPSA's Position Statement on the private ownership of primates so you may learn why keeping a monkey as a pet is so harmful.

As a public figure, we urge you to use this opportunity to show your fans that the decision to keep a wild animal as a pet was unwise. We will work with you to find Dallas a proper home at an accredited sanctuary, where he may get proper care and socialization for the rest of his long life. May this serve as an example to educate your followers and protect future baby Dallases from a similar fate.

Sincerely,

Erika Fleury
Program Manager