



Center for Great Apes
Wauchula, FL
Patti Ragan, Founder

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Chimpanzee Sanctuary
Northwest
Cle Elum, WA
JB Mulcahy, Co-Director

Hayden Panettiere
c/o Carrie Gordon
42 West
220 W 42nd St, 12th Fl
New York, NY 10036

Chimp Haven
Keithville, LA
Cathy Spraez,
President and CEO

Dear Ms. Panettiere,

We write to you in response to your recently posted photograph that involved a chimpanzee at Jungle Island.

Chimps, Inc.
Bend, OR
Lesley Day, Founder

When you pose with a trained chimpanzee, you are giving the world a very skewed and inaccurate message about these complex and intelligent animals. As with the dolphins whose freedoms you have publicly defended, great apes suffer immensely when forced to perform in entertainment parks.

Cleveland Amory Black
Beauty Ranch
Murchison, TX
Noelle Almrud,
Director of Animal Care

The entire lifetime of a primate is negatively affected when they are used in tourism and entertainment. As infants, they are removed from their mothers at a very early age – *years* before they would naturally separate. They are trained using methods that intimidate and inhibit their innate behaviors. Even then, the strength and unpredictable nature of these wild animals means that they can only be used for a short time as actors before they become too independent, unmanageable, and dangerous. Apes are then deemed useless to the entertainment industry, and sold into situations that range from uncomfortable to downright harmful. The lucky ones are able to spend the remaining 50 years of their life in a primate sanctuary.

Fauna Foundation
Quebec, Canada
Gloria Grow, Founder

Jungle Friends
Gainesville, FL
Kari Bagnall, Founder

The chimp you posed with, Vali, came from an animal exhibitor who has been cited at least 38 times for serious violations of the Animal Welfare Act, including failure to provide veterinary care and proper shelter, failure to handle dangerous animals safely, and failure to promote the proper psychological well being of primates.

Primate Rescue Center
Nicholasville, KY
April Truitt, Founder

The North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance (NAPSA) was founded in 2010 by the directors of seven of the leading chimpanzee sanctuaries on the continent. In our sanctuaries, we care for apes that were formerly used in entertainment. We see how chimpanzees like Vali are forever damaged by the work forced upon them.

Erika Fleury
Program Manager

We hope you will reconsider the message you spread with your celebrity. Inspire your fans to treat *all* animals with empathy and respect... not just dolphins.

Sincerely,

Erika Fleury
Program Manager