

## **CAZA POSITION STATEMENT**

### **LUCY THE ELEPHANT**

**The Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums recognizes the interest and concern of many individuals and organizations for the welfare of Edmonton Valley Zoo's Lucy the elephant.**

**CAZA's elephant management policy as specified in the association's accreditation standards, recognizes that as social animals, elephants should be kept in groupings of compatible animals. The policy also recognizes that there may be exceptional circumstances where an elephant may be kept as a solitary animal. This is the case with Lucy. Her medical status as determined by her keepers, the Valley Zoo veterinarian and a renowned elephant expert, Dr. James Oosterhuis, prohibits any consideration of moving this animal at this time. CAZA, in close consultation with Valley Zoo staff, has agreed that it is in Lucy's best interest to remain in Edmonton until such time as her health condition has been stabilized.**

**If and when her medical status is stabilized CAZA will work closely with Valley Zoo in examining all options, and any decision at that point will be taken in Lucy's best interests.**

**Ottawa  
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