

# **FREE OREGON ZOO ELEPHANTS**



**Like Us on Facebook**

---

**Free the Oregon Zoo Elephants**

# **FREE OREGON ZOO ELEPHANTS**



**Like Us on Facebook!**

---

**Free the Oregon Zoo Elephants**

# **Your tax dollars subsidize elephant abuse at the Oregon Zoo!**

In 2008, Metro won voter support for a \$125 million bond, a portion of which it promised would establish an off-site sanctuary / reserve for the eight Oregon Zoo elephants (now five; Tusko and Rama were euthanized in 2015; Packy in 2017). In February 2016, Metro cancelled plans to build the preserve, citing the less than four-acre Elephant Lands “huge” space for the then six remaining elephants and up to 13 more elephants.

The Oregon Zoo elephants continue to suffer from a variety of painful and life-threatening illnesses and conditions caused by their captivity. The reason given for Packy’s euthanasia was his TB, a disease rarely found in the wild elephant population.

The on-site Elephants Lands is nothing more than a sand lot, and is inadequate to restore the elephants’ physical and mental health.

Contact Metro and the Oregon Zoo officials **TODAY** to urge them to stop spending your tax dollars on the breeding and importing of elephants that will only create more Packys destined to lifetimes in captivity.

**Lynn Peterson - Metro President**  
[lynn.peterson@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:lynn.peterson@oregonmetro.gov)  
**503-797-1889**

# **Your tax dollars subsidize elephant abuse at the Oregon Zoo!**

In 2008, Metro won voter support for a \$125 million bond, a portion of which it promised would establish an off-site sanctuary / reserve for the eight Oregon Zoo elephants (now five; Tusko and Rama were euthanized in 2015; Packy in 2017). In February 2016, Metro cancelled plans to build the preserve, citing the less than four-acre Elephant Lands “huge” space for the then six remaining elephants and up to 13 more elephants.

The Oregon Zoo elephants continue to suffer from a variety of painful and life-threatening illnesses and conditions caused by their captivity. The reason given for Packy’s euthanasia was his TB, a disease rarely found in the wild elephant population.

The on-site Elephants Lands is nothing more than a sand lot, and is inadequate to restore the elephants’ physical and mental health.

Contact Metro and the Oregon Zoo officials **TODAY** to urge them to stop spending your tax dollars on the breeding and importing of elephants that will only create more Packys destined to lifetimes in captivity.

**Lynn Peterson - Metro President**  
[lynn.peterson@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:lynn.peterson@oregonmetro.gov)  
**503-797-1889**

**FreeOregonZooElephants.org**

**FreeOregonZooElephants.org**