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Dear Lisa:

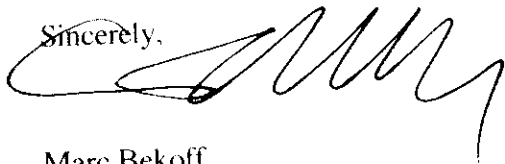
Well, I began my day watching the video that you sent me of the animals at the Amarillo Wildlife Refuge (AWR) which could easily be called the Amarillo Wildlife Prison or the Amarillo WildDEATH Prison. It sickened me beyond words to see the conditions under which the animals are kept, - the cages are small and utterly filthy - and I can't imagine how the animals spend their days languishing in such a horrific place.

The AWR is not a refuge or sanctuary of any sort. The conditions are not only horrid beyond words but so too do the animals look like they are suffering beyond imagination. Their eyes are dull, their coats are dull, and they show none of the life spark that happy animals display. There's no 'life' in their hearts.

In my opinion, the AWR should be sanctioned and closed down immediately, and the animals moved to a place where they will be able to live out their lives in dignity. One doesn't have to believe in animal rights to ask for the AWR to be shut down - one only has to believe that no living being should ever be subjected to such unspeakable treatment. Any person with any sense of ethics and morality would never allow any animal to be treated as they are at AWR.

Shame on the people who run and support the AWR. Shame on them.

Sincerely,



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