



OREGON ZOO:

DON'T LET CHENDRA

DIE BEHIND BARS!

Chendra, the long-suffering Oregon Zoo elephant, has endured years of chronic pain, disease, isolation and loss.

**TELL THE OREGON ZOO TO
FREE CHENDRA TO THE
SANCTUARY AWAITING HER!**

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FROM PARADISE TO PRISON

Orphaned at the tender age of four, Chendra should have been moved to the safety of a refuge in Asia. Instead, she was taken from the tropics of Malaysia and shipped thousands of miles to the cold, wet climate of the Pacific Northwest. **Since then, she has spent 22 years confined to a cement, metal, glass and sand enclosure at the Oregon Zoo.**

THE PERILS OF CAPTIVITY

Within a few months of her arrival, Chendra developed intensely painful, potentially lethal, foot disease and foot fractures so common to zoo elephants.

Blind in one eye from a past injury, she also suffers from a variety of conditions and illnesses including severe "zoochosis" - circling, swaying, rocking, repetitive behavior caused by her years in captivity.

RISKY BUSINESS

Desperate for a baby elephant to boost zoo attendance and revenue, the Oregon Zoo bred Chendra with a much larger species of Asian elephant even while exposing her to tuberculosis which had infected the other Oregon Zoo elephants.

At the same time that Chendra's pregnancy was confirmed, she was diagnosed with active tuberculosis.

In December 2019, Chendra suffered a miscarriage resulting in ongoing bleeding and other health issues. A weakened Chendra now struggles to recover from her loss and the resulting trauma.

THE WORST ZOO FOR ELEPHANTS

In January, 2020, In Defense of Animals named the Oregon Zoo as one of the "10 Worst Zoos for Elephants" stating, "Taking this unconscionable risk with Chendra is one of the reasons the Oregon Zoo has earned a place on the '10 Worst Zoos for Elephants List' for the 10th time, making it the most shamed facility in the 16 year history of the list".

THE PROMISE OF SANCTUARY

Now there is hope that Chendra will get a second chance to enjoy the life she was meant to live. An elephant refuge in Georgia has offered to provide sanctuary to her.

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