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VARIANCE REQUEST: SKANIK (Lucy)

Dear Denise,

Attached is a copy of Dr. Jon Cracknell's Independent *Review of Edmonton Valley Zoo's Elephant Programme Accreditation Variance* (copy attached). Let me begin by thanking you and all of your staff for making themselves available to Dr. Cracknell and for the spirit of openness and collaboration with which he was received.

As you will see, Dr. Cracknell's report provides a comprehensive assessment of the Edmonton Valley Zoo's Elephant Program. Of note, Dr. Cracknell was impressed by the level of care – both behaviourally and physically -- provided to Lucy as well as with the strong bond that she had developed with her care team.

With respect to the underlying condition that was at the root of the original request for a variance, Dr. Cracknell found that: "The respiratory pathology would not make transfer impossible but it would be highly likely to carry the risk that she could potentially die on route. If to be undertaken it would require meticulous planning and ethical consideration balancing the perceived welfare compromise of a lone elephant verses the perceived risks of the respiratory compromise – both are unknowns".

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Based on his medical assessment as well as her current conditions of care, Dr. Cracknell recommended the continuance of the variance. **I'm pleased to inform you that the CAZA Accreditation Commission met yesterday to review Dr. Cracknell's report and that the Commission unanimously concurs with his recommendation.**

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Massimo Bergamini', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Massimo Bergamini
Executive Director