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To Whom It May Concern:

I have spoken with Dr. Forsley concerning Kenny Hetrick's lion, Leo. Leo is unable to stand and is not eating.

Considering that Leo was scheduled to be euthanized on January 26, 2015 for chronic arthritis, but due to the weather was unable to be, I feel that is appropriate to humanely euthanize him.

Thank You

*Richard Carstensen DVM*

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## Forshey, Tony

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An adult (14 yr) male lion was confiscated by Ohio Department of Agriculture on 28 January 2015. I observed the lion on that day and on 29 January. At that time the lion was in poor condition, with significant muscle wasting in both rear limbs and difficulty standing and ambulating. The lion had decubital ulcers on the lateral aspects of both rear limbs consistent with prolonged recumbency.

I observed the lion on 9 April 2015. At that time it was recumbent and unable to stand. The muscle wasting and decubital ulcers are still present. The lion declined to eat or drink when food and water were placed within his reach. He had also developed a mass in his mouth.

Due to the advanced level of debility and the progression of the condition over the last 2 ½ months I concur with the recommendation that this lion be humanely euthanized.

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