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November 29, 2021

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Dear Madam and/or Sir:

Aloha, my name is Maile David, Councilmember representing Council District 6, comprising the rural districts of South Kona, Ka'ū, and Volcano Village. Mahalo a nui loa for this opportunity to express my wholehearted support of Three Ring Ranch in being permitted to accept up to eleven (11) lemurs and one (1) capuchin monkey and would request that you please update their permit conditions so this may be accomplished as soon as possible.

Three Ring Ranch has met rigorous standards to earn the definition of a true sanctuary, rescue or rehabilitation center of humane and responsible care of animals. This provides a clear and trusted means for the public, donors and government agencies to recognize Three Ring Ranch as an exceptional sanctuary.

Three Ring Ranch has operated as a private, nonprofit, animal sanctuary situated in Kailua-Kona since 1998. The Ranch is home for monkeys, zebras, horses, hawks, owls, nēnē, reptiles and other rare endangered and exotic creatures that will reside there for the remainder of their natural lives.

Mahalo a nui loa for the opportunity to express my wholehearted support and Aloha.

Sincerely,

Maile David, Council Member
Hawai'i County Council (District 6)

Ho, Jonathan K

From: Alycia Kent <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 1:17 PM
To: HDOA.PQ.TESTIMONY
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for 3RR

Hello,

My name is Alycia Kent and I was an intern at the Three Ring Ranch Exotic Animal Sanctuary last summer. The Three Ring Ranch (3RR) should be permitted to accept up to 11 lemurs and 1 capuchin monkey and I hope the permit conditions will be updated urgently. Ann Goody and the volunteers at the sanctuary worked tirelessly every day and around the clock to ensure each and every animal is incredibly well cared for. All of the animal residents are looked after as if they were the only creature at the sanctuary and have qualities of life better than many humans. Daily enrichment, nutrition, healthcare, and psychological care for the animals are of the highest quality. The lemurs and capuchin monkeys on the property are cared for by expertly trained professionals who understand the needs of these specific animals. I can say with assurance that any animal would be incredibly lucky to find a home at the sanctuary. The educational opportunities available for children and adults at the sanctuary are abundant. Rehomeing the capuchin and the lemurs to the sanctuary will allow them an exceptional quality of life but will also aid in educating the public on the importance of the ethical treatment of animals. 3RR is well staffed and has the space, time, and finances to support these animals. It would be a shame to let this opportunity go to waste.

Best wishes,
Alycia Kent

[REDACTED]
Kailua Kona, HI 96746

Ho, Jonathan K

From: Erin Roou <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 3:32 PM
To: HDOA.PQ.TESTIMONY
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for 3RR

To whom it may concern,

The Three Ring Ranch should be permitted to accept up to 11 lemurs and 1 capuchin monkey. Please update the permit conditions so that this can be done quickly.

As the Resident Keeper at Three Ring Ranch I could not think of a more excellent facility to bring in need exotic animals to. Although I am new to the island, I know that The Three Ring Ranch has over 20 years of exceptional and accredited experience in exotic animal care without injury or citation. To this day The Three Ring Ranch is accredited by GFAS and ASA and is the only accredited sanctuary in Hawaii.

The Three Ring Ranch currently has two resident ring tailed lemurs and one capuchin monkey so myself and other volunteers who work on the ranch are already well versed in the appropriate care necessary for these animals. All of the resident animals on the ranch receive exceptional care to include enrichment, nutrition, medical assistance when necessary, and stimulating environments.

The Three Ring Ranch has the space, habitats, and ability to financially care for these animals. The habitats provide a safe, stable, and stimulating environment for the animals and allows them to be integrated into social groups with other animal residents. The Three Ring Ranch will be more than capable of accepting these new animals without overextending the volunteer staff and without risk of upsetting the current resident animals.

The home that The Three Ring Ranch would be able to provide for these animals would be safe, loving, and would allow the animals to thrive. As the Resident Keeper and recently graduated pre-veterinarian student I am proud of the facility I work and live on and therefore ask that the importation and updated permit be granted to us as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Erin Roou



Animal Welfare Institute

900 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003

November 30, 2021

RE: Item C.1, Approval for Public Hearing to Amend HAR 4-16, Farm Animal transport standards

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Board of Agriculture,

Thank you for the opportunity to present our support on Item C.1, to initiate a long-awaited rule amendment to provide for formalized care standards for the transport of farm animals via sea vessels in the state. We have been in communication with Dr. Moniz and Dr. Maeda on this matter since 2020 and look forward to continuing to provide recommendations for the proposed rule changes.

As you may know, there are currently no formal laws or rules, only voluntary guidelines, that govern standards for farm animals shipped inter-island or to/from the mainland. Current HDOA regulations only govern animal health and seek to prevent the introduction of disease and/or parasites from animals aboard shipments to, from, and between the islands of Hawai'i.¹

In November of 2019, twenty-one cows suffocated to death because a shipping company did not even know live animals were aboard their vessel.² This incident exposed the need for basic regulations for animals transported on sea vessels, beyond only disease related issues. Additional news and other cases of concerns are noted below.

In addition, the 2020 State Legislature held Senate Bill 2571 and House Bill 1898, contingent upon the Department of Agriculture's stated commitment to undertake a rule process to address the community's concerns that formal rules or regulations governing farm animal transport and care were lacking. The legislation would have required DOA to adopt such rules by January 1, 2022, and be modeled after federal animal export regulations, which include animal care standards.

We expect the proposed rules to implement modest standards that are necessary for ensuring that animals on sea vessels do not perish or suffer from preventable causes, and by enacting standards that are similar to those created by the United States federal government to comply with international standards set by the World Organization for Animal Health (known by its French acronym the "OIE"). Currently the federal standards only apply to shipments from the US to foreign ports, even though animals could be transported on much longer journeys from Hawai'i to the mainland U.S.

¹ Hawai'i Animal Industry Regulations, Title 4, chapters 16, 17, 20, 23, 28, <https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/admin-rules/>.

² <https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2019/12/06/critics-deaths-cattle-barge-bound-kauai-cruel-inhumane/>.



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Thank you for the opportunity to testify and continue to provide critical recommendations on this proposed rule process.

Inga Gibson,
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News on Proposed Rule Changes:

<https://www.meatpoultry.com/articles/22646-welfare-group-supports-new-hawaii-livestock-shipping-changes>

<https://www.thecattlesite.com/news/54894/us-announces-new-rules-that-protect-farm-animals-transported-by-sea-in-hawaii/>

<https://www.thedairysite.com/news/54894/us-announces-new-rules-that-protect-farm-animals-transported-by-sea-in-hawaii/>

<https://awionline.org/press-releases/new-rules-would-protect-farm-animals-transported-sea-hawaii>

Young Brothers Presentation on numerous animal transport injuries/deaths:

<https://puc.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/YB-Livestock-Status-Conference-2020.02.04.pdf>

From: Annette hall
Sent: Saturday, November 27, 2021 10:31 AM
To: HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY
Cc: Ann Goody
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: letter for HI DOA

Sent from my iPad

HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY@HAWAII.GOV

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a practicing Veterinarian on the Big Island for twenty five years, and have provided care to multiple species of animal residents housed at the Three Ring Ranch, which is Hawaii's only accredited sanctuary.

Today, I am writing in support of 3RR's ability to house and provide care for several ring-tailed lemurs (up to 11) and a capuchin monkey currently involved in a rescue case. Through years of working with 3RR I can say that this is an exceptional facility that offers its residents a high quality of life and whose staff is trained in the management and rehabilitation of traumatized small primates. I have personally seen NHP who were previously poorly housed and exhibited behavioral abnormalities change from timid or panic prone to active mentally healthy animals. It amazes me that the 3RR team take the time to know each NHPs unique personality and tailor aspects of their care specifically to each animal.

3RR has appropriate enclosures available for these additional animals in large natural habitats. 3RR habitats were recently inspected by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. The standards for care at 3RR meet or exceed all USDA and state requirements, plus they are accredited by both the American Sanctuary Association and the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. Additionally, they are able to quarantine animals, in place, at the sanctuary, which greatly alleviates stress and psychological trauma associated with increased testing and travel.

3RR is a true sanctuary which does not buy sell or breed animals, unlike zoos who breed and sell surplus to other zoos or collectors. These animals will live out their lives as educational creatures providing in depth learning opportunities for pre-vet and vet students who attend 3RRs residential programs. The visitors from schools on-island and throughout the state will be able to see a group interacting naturally and thus gain a better understanding of primates relationships and needs. I believe this leads to a greater awareness and understanding of the relationships we have with all other living things and well worth teaching.

3RR is truly an ideal home for these animals. The Keeper staff has experience with these particular species (12 plus years with capuchins and 2 plus with lemurs) and offer enrichment, appropriate veterinary care, superlative nutrition, and excellent housing options..

The sanctuary has the facilities and funding to support the rescue of these animals. The primates deserve a chance to life comfortably and with appropriate care and be integrated into social groups. Please approve the permit request, now before you, to allow this rescue.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Annette Hall, DVM

From: Katelyn Yockey
Sent: Saturday, November 27, 2021 8:51 PM
To: HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for 3RR

To whom it may concern,

I sincerely support the three-ring ranch as the best sanctuary for the possible 11 lemurs and 1 capuchin monkey. As the president of the Pre-Veterinary Club and a Pre-Veterinary student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, I feel that the three Ring Ranch has been a pillar for our community and an outstanding example of prioritizing animal wellbeing.

Their efforts to support diverse and crucial animal care projects across the island have been invaluable. They have been instrumental in assisting pre-vet students to gain incredible hands-on experience and have an impressive success rate of sending their alumni to the Vet school. This is greatly due to the work they have done to ensure that the highest level of care and expertise is provided to every species that resides with them and are at the forefront of exotic veterinary work.

The Three Ring Ranch is the only accredited sanctuary on the Islands and they are rigorous in their research for programming, nutrition, and enrichment provided to each individual. They are not only passionate but well equipped and staffed so that the new additions would be integrated and managed with care and patience. Their previous experience with the species speaks for itself and they have continued to expand the knowledge and facilities to create the highest standard of living for lemurs and capuchin monkeys specifically. They have never had an injury, escape, or citation and have been diligent in following the conditions set out at the last time of import.

They have an excellent record, are knowledgeable, have passionate management, and are an essential part of the community. I can think of no better location for the animals to be cared for and believe the would be a fitting new home. Due to the urgent need for appropriate housing for these primates, I request that the committee please update the permit conditions.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Katelyn Yockey

LOLA TILLYAEVA

Dear Advisory Committee of Plants and Animals,

Three Ring Ranch Exotic Animal Sanctuary is an exemplary example of sanctuary professionalism and compassion. I have had the pleasure of visiting the ranch with my husband and two children numerous times over the years. It is one of our most favorite destinations and we all treasure learning about the animals up-close-and-personal and how they fit into our natural ecosystem.

Ann Goody is a saint! The Ranch has always been careful and mindful of their capacity for care by considering the well-being of the permanent residents first and foremost. These residents receive the necessary care to lead healthy, happy and mentally enriched lives via volunteers and veterinary students. I urge the committee to consider Three Ring Ranch as a home for lemurs in need. The Ranch has proven to be a stable and safe place for animals, including its two lemur residents, Maddie and Mo. It would be a wonderful addition to the Ranch to expand its lemur social structure and for the community to learn more about these special creatures.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lola Tillyaeva

From: Ann Goody
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 12:14 PM
To: HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 3RR should be permitted to accept lemurs/monkey

From: Ken L.
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Animals@threeringranch.org
Subject: 3RR should be permitted to accept lemurs/monkey

As a former 7 year volunteer at 3 Ring Ranch, I am writing you and the powers that be to be assured that these animals could not hope to find a better sanctuary to live at.

As the only accredited sanctuary in the state of Hawaii, you have well proven year after year of your highest standards in the health, and socialization skills of animals amongst themselves, Dr.(s) Ann and Norm, and volunteers. My greatest joy while volunteering at your sanctuary was watching the animals have a great time socializing with each other, as well as with people. Some of the animals may have arrived in varying states of fear but it was never long for them to gain trust and relaxation at 3RR.

All animals have always been highly cared for medically as well. I still can envision the monkey species/subspecies always coming up to their cages and intermingling with the volunteers. They loved racing around their houses playing with one another and could not wait for food time.

Given your 2+ decades of animal medical care + enrichment + outstanding quality of life at 3RR, I am very excited to hear of more opportunities for animals to find the joy of an A+ sanctuary!

Thanks,

Ken Larson

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Pre-vet student residing in Kona. I volunteer at the Three Ring Ranch to learn about animal behavior and gain hands-on experience. The Three Ring Ranch should be permitted to accept these eleven Ring-Tailed Lemurs and the one Black-Capped Capuchin. For the sake of these 12 animals, please update the permit conditions so this process may proceed urgently. Two other lemurs as well as capuchin monkeys have found a home at 3RR. Since the last importation of the last lemur and capuchin, the conditions have been carefully adhered to. They are already experts in caring for these species and do this by providing them with stability, safety, and stimulation. They have a tremendous record in keeping the animals and all who help care for them, safe and healthy. The ranch remains accredited by GFAS and ASA and has the funds and space to care for these animals to the full extent. The Three Ring Ranch habitats are already in existence and have been recently inspected by the HI DOA. These new residents would not overextend the sanctuary or put any of the existing residents at risk. All guidelines are strictly followed at the ranch, but Ann and Norm ensure that each animal is as happy and healthy as can be. I strongly believe that these lemurs would be able to live their fullest life on the 3RR, but they will also be able to serve great educational opportunities. As a Pre-vet student, I learn every day from being on the ranch and with each new addition, my knowledge of animals improves. The education that the Three Ring Ranch provides to volunteers, the interns that come from all over the world, and visitors who come for tours is insurmountable. These animals will never be used as entertainment or promoted as pets, but instead, state that exotic animals should not be kept as pets. The animals at the Three Ring Ranch are always the priority and their safety and well-being are always considered. Not only will these new animals have care from the best keepers but will have a great amount of support from the community as Three Ring Ranch is the only accredited sanctuary in Hawaii.

Very Respectfully,

Emily Rushing

From: IWH Social Media
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 2:08 PM
To: HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for 3RR

To the Advisory Committee of Plants and Animals,

We have been sending volunteers to assist Ann at Three Ring Ranch Exotic Animal Sanctuary 2017. Every single one of our volunteers have been blown away with the care that Ann provides for the animals, the environment & community.

Ann has a wealth of knowledge for a huge range of wildlife, including lemurs & capuchin monkeys. We have absolutely no doubt that she is more than capable of having the capacity to take care of & provide an enriched life for these new additions. They would be lucky to have a home at 3RR.

Thanks for your consideration.

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From: Ana Salisbury
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 8:05 AM
To: HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Our letter of support

To whom it may concern,

Our family supports the work of The Three Ring Ranch (3RR) through regular donations, and we are continually impressed by the work they do for the animals and the community through educational programs. The previously accepted primates have blossomed and thrived at 3RR and newly built habitats await the latest rescues in need.

The 3RR should be permitted to accept up to 11 lemurs and 1 capuchin monkey. Please update the permit conditions so that this can be done urgently.

3RR has decades of exceptional accredited history in animal care without escape, injury or citation. The 3RR remains accredited by GFAS and ASA, and is the only accredited sanctuary in Hawaii.

There are already rescued ring tailed lemurs and capuchin monkeys at 3RR so the Keepers there are experts in providing them safe, stimulating healthy homes. The conditions given to 3RR at the time of the last lemur & capuchin import, October 26, 2019, have been carefully adhered to at all times. All the NHP at 3RR receive exceptional care including enrichment, nutrition, healthcare and psychological care.

The 3RR has the space and financial ability to care for these animals. The habitats are already in existence and have been recently inspected by HI DOA. These areas will provide safe, stable environments for the animals and allow them to be integrated into social groups with other 3RR residents. The sanctuary is not going to be overextended to accept these animals, nor would accepting them put other sanctuary residents at risk. These creatures deserve a chance for a safe life and the 3RR is more than capable of providing it.

We urge you to approve the importation and update the permit as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Julian and Ana Salisbury

Kona, Hawaii

Ho, Jonathan K

From: Captain Sylvia [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 5:21 AM
To: HDOA.PQ.TESTIMONY
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please update permit for Three Ring Ranch

To whom it may concern,

The Three Ring Ranch (3RR) should be permitted to accept up to 11 lemurs and 1 capuchin monkey. Please update the permit conditions so that this can be done urgently. 3RR has decades of exceptional accredited history in animal care without escape, injury or citation. The 3RR remains accredited by GFAS and ASA, and is the only accredited sanctuary in Hawaii.

There are already rescued ring tailed lemurs and capuchin monkeys at 3RR so the Keepers there are experts in providing them safe, stimulating healthy homes. The conditions given to 3RR at the time of the last lemur & capuchin import, 10/26/2019, have been carefully adhered to at all times. All the NHP at 3RR receive exceptional care including enrichment, nutrition, healthcare and psychological care. 3RR has the space and financial ability to care for these animals. 3RR habitats are already in existence and have been recently inspected by HI DOA. These areas will provide safe, stable environments for the animals and allow them to be integrated into social groups with other 3RR residents. The sanctuary is not going to be overextended to accept these animals nor would accepting them put other sanctuary residents at risk. These creatures deserve a chance for a safe life and 3RR is more than capable of providing it.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Lindquist Owens

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

Ho, Jonathan K

From: Carol Davies [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 27, 2021 2:33 PM
To: HDOA.PQ.TESTIMONY
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for 3RR: Permit for lemurs

We visited the sanctuary yesterday and saw their 2 ring-tailed lemurs and capuchin monkeys. The Keepers at 3RR are experts in providing them safe, stimulating healthy homes. We saw the new facilities that have been constructed for the lemurs that need a new home. These animals are not pets, nor zoo animals: 3RR gives them a new home so they can live the remainder of their lives in comfort surrounded by friends. They certainly know how to care for them. I do believe they are accepting the lemurs because no-one else can. We saw that they are wonderful in providing the care and due diligence of these unusual (and many very old!) animals.

—Carol & Clive Davies
Kamuela, HI

[REDACTED]

Ho, Jonathan K

From: Phil Tripp <phil@philtripp.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 27, 2021 1:53 PM
To: HDOA.PQ.TESTIMONY
Cc: Ann Goody
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Three Ring Ranch; import of Lemurs and Black Capuchin

I am a travel writer and general issues journalist for major newspapers and magazines in my home land of Australia, but I have frequently travelled on assignment to Hawaii where I encountered Ann and Norm Goody of Three Ring Ranch several times in the past 20 years and their amazing refuge and rescue facility. I have firsthand knowledge of some of their rescues of birds, exotic reptiles and monkeys which are inspiring stories.

I write in support of Three Ring Ranch that should be permitted to accept up to 11 lemurs and one capuchin monkey and ask that you please update the permit conditions so that this can be done urgently. 3RR has decades of exceptional accredited history in animal care without escape, injury or citation. They remain accredited by GFAS and ASA, the only accredited sanctuary in HI. I have visited their grounds and observed their operations as world-class care of the selective species they protect, nurture and house in a tremendous private environment and facilities.

There are already rescued ring tailed lemur and capuchin monkeys at 3RR so the keepers there are experts in providing them safe, stimulating healthy homes. The conditions given to 3RR at the time of the last lemur & capuchin import 10/26/2019 have been carefully adhered to at all times. All the NHP at 3RR receive exceptional care including enrichment, nutrition, healthcare and psychological care.

3RR has the space and financial ability to care for these animals. 3RR habitats are already in existence and have been recently inspected by HI DOA. These areas will provide safe stable environments for the animals and allow them to be integrated into social groups with other 3RR residents. The sanctuary is not going to be overextending to accept these animals nor would accepting them put other sanctuary residents at risk.

Especially relevant is the fact they do not use the animals in any entertainment events nor do they promote them to be pets nor can they be adopted. I am happy to submit a lengthy article I produced several years ago in an Australian publication of Urban Animal that documented their rescue of Eclectus Parrots from an abusive hotel environment and the subsequent care if you wish.

Thank you for the opportunity for me to contribute my personal experience with these incredible animal saviors and protectors

Straightforwardly

Phil Tripp

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29th November 2021

Hawaii Government
HDOA Board Testimony

RE: Testimonial of support for Three Ring Ranch

Dear Advisory Committee

It is a pleasure to write a testimonial of support for the ability of the 3RR to house and provide care for 11 additional ring-tailed lemurs and a capuchin monkey, which are currently involved in a rescue case. I had the privilege of being trained as a volunteer at 3RR and worked there for over a year. The training is serious and specialized for the different types of animals in residence particularly, those that need specialized care due to previous situations. I worked there during the time of covid and can attest to the extra level of care and caution that the owners took to ensure the safety and health of their animals, in particular the primates during the pandemic.

The 3RR also has appropriate enclosures for these additional animals that replicate their natural habitats. In general, the owners take great care for each type of animals and their needs in this regard. This is something that my husband, Prof. Jay Siegel, became a volunteer to help with, by building several new enclosures for the primates, birds, turtles, etc., as specified by the owners. As Hawaii's only accredited sanctuary, both the American Sanctuary Association and the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, the standards for care at 3RR certainly meet or exceed the USDA and state requirements, and as such I can say without reservation that 3RR should be given the opportunity to provide care for these additional animals. The staff has experience with these particular species and offer enrichment, appropriate veterinary care, and specialized nutrition. 3RR also has the facilities and funding to support the rescue of these animals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Kim K. Baldrige
Theoretical Chemistry
Vice Dean, Health Sciences Platform
Director of Grid Computing.



Ho, Jonathan K

From: Marian Isaac <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 2:44 PM
To: HDOA.PQ.TESTIMONY
Cc: Ann Goody
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for 3RR

Dear HAWAII DOA BOD,

I am a supporter of Hawaii's Three Ring Ranch Sanctuary.

I write to support TRR's request for an urgent permit update to allow for the rescue and import of 11 ring-tailed lemurs and one capuchin monkey.

Most animal rescues throughout the world struggle to survive. TRR is so well-managed that it is able to make the truly generous offer to give these animals a first-rate forever home.

I do not know what conditions were at the animals' last facility. I assume that they were grim and life-threatening for the animals. I do not know how traumatized these animals are. A short time will tell. Facility shut-downs by the govt are mainly due to a long list of complaints about animal abuse and neglect.

The more benign scenario is that a caretaker is no longer able to provide care for whatever reason (Illness, lack of funds). The animals suffer greatly in either situation.

I believe that however these unfortunate animals have suffered, TRR will give them the attention and care needed to undo any traumatic damages.

The daily needs of animals, particularly exotics, are urgent. Their survival absolutely depends on placement in safe, conscientious sanctuaries. The caretakers must be knowledgeable and compassionate. There must be strong relationships with the community for veterinary care, volunteers, support, teaching and learning.

There must be appropriate housing and food, with animals' physical and psychological needs being met.

TRR meets all of these criteria.

TRR already has some lemurs and capuchins. The sanctuary is ready to accept the displaced animals. It is an ideal situation.

TRR is the only accredited sanctuary in Hawaii, something Hawaii can be very proud of. Accreditation is no small feat. TRR has gone well beyond normal govt compliance. It is an unique sanctuary.

There is a worldwide war on wildlife going on. The existence of sanctuaries is critical, more so every day. Every hour. Every minute.

Animals of every wild species now struggle to survive against abuse, against extinction. Extinctions are now rampant because of human impact—habitat destruction, trafficking.

Lemurs and capuchins are already on the IUCN's endangered Red List. The International Union For Conservation Of Nature is the world's authority on the status, warnings and needs for the natural world to survive. There is very little chance that most wild species will avoid extinction. The wild population of lemurs has crashed 95% since 2000. It is only a short matter of time for extinction.

Extinction is forever. On an individual level, these 12 animals' lives are as important to them as our lives are to us. Why not give them a forever home? What would be the justification to ignore their plight and deny them a safe home?

TRR has been approached to give help and has responded with generosity and care.

With this offer, the animals win.

TRR offers them protection and an ideal home where they will be in loving hands.

The public wins by the unique presence of a superb animal sanctuary, where they can view, learn and appreciate these animals and an extraordinary sanctuary.

The HI DOA wins by making the ethical, moral decision to allow these animals to be adopted into an excellent sanctuary. The only hurdle is an easy one—an urgent update of permit.

I thank you very much for accepting this letter to the Board. I trust that TRR will be permitted to provide for these 12 refugee animals.

Sincerely,
Marian Isaac
Modesto CA

Ho, Jonathan K

From: Ann Goody
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 5:21 PM
To: HDOA.PQ.TESTIMONY
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Three Ring Ranch

Please add this one to the file of supportive letters in our file for 11/30/21

It was originally submitted too late for the Advisory Committee meeting.

Date: October 27, 2021 at 4:48:42 PM HST
To: HDOA.PQ.TESTIMONY@hawaii.gov
Cc: Ann Goody <animals@threeringranch.org>
Subject: **Three Ring Ranch Support**

To whom it may concern,


I am writing to express my belief that Three Ring Ranch (3RR) should be permitted to accept up to 11 lemurs and 1 capuchin monkey. I ask that you please update the permit conditions so that this can be done ASAP.

3RR has decades of exceptional accredited history in animal care without escape, injury or citation. The 3RR remains accredited by GFAS and ASA, and is the only accredited sanctuary in Hawaii.

There are already rescued ring tailed lemurs and capuchin monkeys at 3RR so the Keepers there are experts in providing them safe, stimulating healthy homes. The conditions given to 3RR at the time of the last lemur & capuchin import, 10/26/2019, have been carefully adhered to at all times. All the NHP at 3RR receive exceptional care including enrichment, nutrition, healthcare and psychological care.

3RR has the space and financial ability to care for these animals. 3RR habitats are already in existence and have been recently inspected by HI DOA. These areas will provide safe, stable environments for the animals and allow them to be integrated into social groups with other 3RR residents. The sanctuary is not going to be overextended to accept these animals nor would accepting them put other sanctuary residents at risk. These creatures deserve a chance for a safe life and 3RR is more than capable of providing it.

I am a volunteer at the 3RR and am proud of the work that we do for animals and in the community with educational programs and youth. The previously accepted primates have blossomed and thrived at 3RR and newly built habitats await the latest rescues in need. Please approve the importation and update the permit as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Trisha Hansen


Ho, Jonathan K

From: Elizabeth Bailey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 7:36 AM
To: HDOA.PQ.TESTIMONY
Cc: animals@threeringranch.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for 3RR

To whom it may concern,

The Three Ring Ranch (3RR) should be permitted to accept up to 11 lemurs and 1 capuchin monkey. Please update the permit conditions so that this can be done urgently.

3RR has decades of exceptional accredited history in animal care without escape, injury or citation. The 3RR remains accredited by GFAS and ASA, and is the only accredited sanctuary in Hawaii.

There are already rescued ring tailed lemurs and capuchin monkeys at 3RR so the Keepers there are experts in providing them safe, stimulating healthy homes. The conditions given to 3RR at the time of the last lemur & capuchin import, 10/26/2019, have been carefully adhered to at all times. All the NHP at 3RR receive exceptional care including enrichment, nutrition, healthcare and psychological care.

3RR has the space and financial ability to care for these animals. 3RR habitats are already in existence and have been recently inspected by HI DOA. These areas will provide safe, stable environments for the animals and allow them to be integrated into social groups with other 3RR residents. The sanctuary is not going to be overextended to accept these animals nor would accepting them put other sanctuary residents at risk.

These creatures deserve a chance for a safe life and 3RR is more than capable of providing it.

I am a frequent visitor to the 3RR and can firsthand attest to their strict adherence to requirements of their permits and to the quality of care given each animal.

Please approve the importation and update the permit as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Elizabeth (Beth) Bailey

Ho, Jonathan K

From: J.R. Zendejas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 10:52 AM
To: HDOA.PQ.TESTIMONY
Cc: animals@threeringranch.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SUPPORT FOR 3RR

To whom it may concern:

I am asking to please consider the Three Ring Ranch (3RR) to be permitted to accept up to 11 lemurs and 1 capuchin monkey and ask that they please update the permit conditions so that this can be done urgently.

As a pass volunteer I was there to watch firsthand as to the preparation 3RR needed to take when they rescued a ring-tailed lemur and a capuchin monkey, Maddie and Mo.

3RR are experts in providing them safe, stimulating healthy homes. All the NHP at 3RR receive exceptional care including enrichment, nutrition, healthcare and psychological care.

3RR has the space and financial ability to care for these animals. 3RR habitats are already in existence and have been recently inspected by HI DOA. These areas will provide safe stable environments for the animals and allow them to be integrated into social groups with other 3RR residents. The sanctuary is not going to be overextending to accept these animals nor would accepting them put other sanctuary residents at risk.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Ismael Zendejas

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**HAWAII ISLAND
HUMANE
SOCIETY**

The mission of the Hawaii Island Humane Society
is to prevent cruelty to animals, eliminate pet overpopulation
and enhance the bond between humans and animals.

November 29, 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of Three Ring Ranch, a non-profit exotic animal sanctuary, located in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. My experience with Three Ring Ranch, first began in 2014 when, I visited the sanctuary as a guest as part of a private tour. I found the sanctuary to be well-kept and the animals to be well cared for in species-appropriate enclosures and habitats. The tour was educational in nature, and at no point did I feel that the animals were being utilized or exploited for entertainment.

In my capacity as CEO of Hawaii Island Humane Society, I have worked with Ann Goody, Director of Three Ring Ranch. Ann contributes to our island community and animal welfare by promoting education through her veterinary internship program and her work with pre-vet students. As there is a veterinary shortage in our state and in the country, Ann's contributions are valuable.

The animals are not used for breeding, entertainment, or sold. They will find a forever home in an accredited, educational facility that has the capacity to care for them.

Very truly yours,

Lauren Nickerson, Ed.M
CEO - Hawaii Island Humane Society

From: Ann Goody
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 2:55 PM
To: HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Three Ring Ranch

From: Darlene Eto
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 1:50 PM
To: animals@threeringranch.org
Cc: 'Ann Goody'
Subject: support for Three Ring Ranch

Aloha from the Big Island,

My name is Darlene Eto. I currently volunteer at 3RR. By back ground, I was a surgical nurse. My specialty was neurology, and open heart surgery. I have volunteered at the J Serra Shea Center (hippo- therapy for special needs, spine and brain issues) ; I have also helped in marine mammal rescues in S. California.

3RR sanctuary is meticulously operated for the benefit of the animals. I would definitely want to be a recuse resident of this facility. The daily nutrition, and medical care exceeds what many humans receive. They provide love and compassion in abundance.

Whole heartedly,

Darlene Eto

From: Ann Goody
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 3:32 PM
To: HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of support for lemurs and capuchin from Erin Roou
Importance: High

Please add to file

From: Erin Roou
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 3:04 PM
To: Ann Goody
Subject: Letter for lemurs and capuchin
Importance: High

To whom it may concern,

The Three Ring Ranch should be permitted to accept up to 11 lemurs and 1 capuchin monkey. Please update the permit conditions so that this can be done quickly.

As the Resident Keeper at Three Ring Ranch I could not think of a more excellent facility to bring in need exotic animals to. Although I am new to the island, I know that The Three Ring Ranch has over 20 years of exceptional and accredited experience in exotic animal care without injury or citation. To this day The Three Ring Ranch is accredited by GFAS and ASA and is the only accredited sanctuary in Hawaii.

The Three Ring Ranch currently has two resident ring tailed lemurs and one capuchin monkey so myself and other volunteers who work on the ranch are already well versed in the appropriate care necessary for these animals. All of the resident animals on the ranch receive exceptional care to include enrichment, nutrition, medical assistance when necessary, and stimulating environments.

The Three Ring Ranch has the space, habitats, and ability to financially care for these animals. The habitats provide a safe, stable, and stimulating environment for the animals and allows them to be integrated into social groups with other animal residents. The Three Ring Ranch will be more than capable of accepting these new animals without overextending the volunteer staff and without risk of upsetting the current resident animals.

The home that The Three Ring Ranch would be able to provide for these animals would be safe, loving, and would allow the animals to thrive. As the Resident Keeper and recently graduated pre-veterinarian student I am proud of the facility I work and live on and therefore ask that the importation and updated permit be granted to us as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Erin Roou

From: Brendan Bogue
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 3:56 PM
To: HDOA.BOARD.TESTIMONY
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for 3RR

To whom it may concern,

I request that the committee please update the permit conditions to allow Three Ring Ranch to adopt and shelter the eleven ring-tailed lemurs and one Black Capped Capuchin that need a home to go to. There are currently already lemurs and capuchin monkeys located at the Three Ring Ranch, so they are very capable to care for new additions both financially and lovingly. None of the animals at Three Ring Ranch are used for entertainment or to be promoted as pets. As a student at UH Hilo and a member of the Pre Vet Club, three rings ranch has provided numerous opportunities of volunteer work and learning experience to the members of the Hawaii Island Pre Vet Club. I hope that the permit can be updated to allow for 3RR to care for the additional primates.

Thank you,

Brendan Bogue