

Jane Goodall Institute of Canada: Statement Update Regarding Lucy the Elephant at the Edmonton Valley Zoo

We are providing updated guidance on our recommendations for Lucy. The proponents of moving Lucy to a sanctuary in a warmer climate qualify that by seeking the recommendation of a third party veterinarian to ultimately determine whether moving her is in her best interests. The Jane Goodall Institute of Canada has taken that step and has completed a thorough review of the credentials, and experience with elephants, of the team of veterinarians who have provided medical and behavioural assessments of Lucy. We have concluded that each veterinarian involved in Lucy's evaluations was well-qualified to provide their opinion, being recognized by international certifying bodies for their specialty. The assessments they provided were thorough and independent. Their findings were consistent: the risks of moving Lucy outweigh the potential benefits to her. Our Founder asked for this review and supports its conclusion that Lucy should not be moved.