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Dear Michèle,

Thank you for sending us your questionnaire. We are grateful for the opportunity to speak on these animal welfare issues. I am happy to provide you with a response on behalf of the Ontario Greens.

Sincerely,
Madeleine Crist
Office Manager
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RE: CAPTIVE WILDLIFE PARTY SURVEY

- 1. Would your party support the implementation of a comprehensive zoo licencing system for native and exotic wild animals, to safeguard animal welfare and public health and safety? Zoos that are unable to meet the licencing standards would be phased out.**

Yes, Ontario Greens would implement a more comprehensive licensing system for zoo facilities housing exotic wild animals. We would also ban road-side zoos. and prohibit inhumane and unsafe animal-visitor interactions as per the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums guidelines

- 2. Would your party support regulations to prohibit close interactions between people and wild animals that pose a risk to public health and/or safety?**

Yes, Ontario Greens would prohibit close interactions between people and wild animals as per the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums guidelines.

- 3. Would your party support regulations to restrict the trade, keeping and breeding of exotic wild animals as pets, in cases where these animals either cannot be kept humanely or may pose a threat to public health and/or safety?**

Yes, Ontario Greens would ban the breeding, keeping, trade, and sale of wild exotic animals as pets.

- 4. Would your party support a ban on the training and use of wild animals for performances and circus-style tricks where animals are forced to perform unnatural and demeaning behaviours (e.g., elephant rides and shows, monkey shows)?**

Yes, Ontario Greens would ban the use of wild animals for entertainment purposes.