



Rosie the elephant needs your help!

The city of Hope, Maine, has approved the construction of a proposed "sanctuary" for a circus elephant named Rosie who suffers from chronic arthritis. Rosie currently lives in a circus-owned facility in Hugo, Oklahoma, and would be moved to the new "sanctuary" if and when construction has been completed.

The individual promoting the facility is a veterinarian who says he can provide special therapies for Rosie's arthritis. But veterinarians, expert in elephant care, agree that these therapies cannot overcome the negative effects of confining an arthritic elephant to a small pen in a cold environment, an environment that would force the elephant to spend most of the year indoors. State and federal permits must still be obtained before this "sanctuary" can be built.

Rosie deserves more. Both PAWS and the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee have offered to take her.

If the veterinarian promoting this plan ([view news article here](#)) truly wants what is best for Rosie, we ask that he use his influence with the circus (his former employer) to help send her to an already-established sanctuary, where she would be provided specialized care from a staff of highly-trained caretakers, the company of other elephants, and the space to roam in a far more temperate climate.

Call Maine's governor, Paul LePage, at 207-287-3531 and ask him to oppose this well-intended, but misguided plan — and to support sending Rosie to a true sanctuary.

Lily Tomlin has urged Maine's governor to oppose plan to build a "sanctuary" in Hope, Maine. Read Lily's letter, [here](#).

Add your signature to an ongoing petition to save Rosie from a lonely, freezing Maine winter. [Click here](#).