

Cheryl Hines

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Mark Harvey
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North Florida Fairgrounds

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Dear Mr. Harvey:

I'm writing today on behalf of my friends at PETA—and as someone who grew up in Tallahassee and has fond memories of the city—to urge you to cancel plans to allow the UniverSoul Circus to exhibit a suffering elephant named Nosey as part of its shows on February 26 and 27. Many elephants used in circuses become dysfunctional, unhealthy, depressed, and aggressive as a result of the cruel conditions in which they are kept, but Nosey's well-being is of particular concern as her exhibitor, [Hugo Liebel](#), faces 33 [formal charges](#) for violations of the Animal Welfare Act. Most of these charges relate to Nosey, including repeatedly chaining her so tightly that she could barely move, allowing manure to accumulate in her feet, and continually denying her veterinary care for a chronic and painful skin condition. Despite these charges—and two decades of U.S. Department of Agriculture citations for failing to properly treat Nosey—very recent evidence shows that Liebel continues to deny this elephant the care that she so desperately needs.

I truly hope that you will follow in the footsteps of other venues—including four [Arkansas National Guard armories](#)—and cancel Nosey's planned appearances. UniverSoul can put on an excellent circus show without exploiting a suffering, neglected elephant.

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to hearing your decision.

Sincerely yours,

Cheryl Hines