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"Du-yu ko-dv-i" The Right Way



Coalition for Cherokee Bears

Plight of the Cherokee Bears

The Cherokee Bear Zoo and **Santa's Land** continue to keep our scared animals in inhumane conditions, even after being cited repeatedly by the USDA. Your vote can make a difference! Ask your tribal council representative to **stop the inhumane treatment** of bears on our tribal lands. We know in our hearts that this is wrong and we need to stop it now. These abused bears can be moved to accredited bear sanctuaries as soon as these zoos are closed. How long will make them wait and suffer?

Look at the Bear Facts

Santa's Land keep their cubs and bears in an eight foot high chain link fence on a hard dirt floor or an extremely small cage with concrete floor.

The cubs are fed baby bottles of sugar sweetened drinks. Santa's Land deals with bear breeders who take the cubs away from their mothers every year. At the end of Santa's Land season as the cubs are approaching adulthood and are sent off. According to NC Certificates of Veterinary Inspections at least 14 of their bears have been sent to Gregg Woody in Illinois. The USDA has reported that Gregg Woody has the bears slaughtered!

Cherokee Bear Zoo keeps cubs that have been removed from their mothers in cages designed for birds! The adult bears are housed in concrete pits with high cinder block walls and concrete floors. The **Cherokee Bear Zoo** has been repeatedly cited by the USDA for animal welfare violations including:

- inadequate veterinary care
- receiving an inadequate amount of nutritional food to maintain good health
- inadequate protection from the sun forcing them to be exposed to terrific heat in the pits



- You Can Make the Difference
- Be their Voice
- Vote for Tribal Council Members who care about the bears.

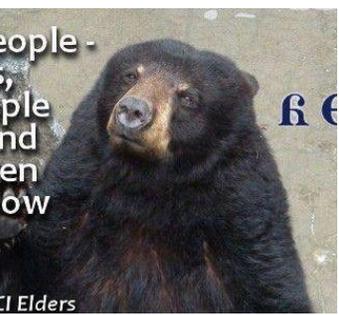
By remaining silent we are allowing these great animals to suffer inhumane living conditions



We are all related.

The heat and chemicals make it difficult walk due to blisters on their feet. Imagine their feet never touch the earth, they are not allowed to hibernate. Mother bears usually are with their young for 16-17 months. Their cubs are taken while they are very young, usually within a month or two after their birth.

Let us, the People -
the Kituwahs,
set the example
to follow when
it comes to how
we treat and
co-exist with
Creation." EBCI Elders



Accredited Bear Sanctuaries

Accredited Sanctuaries are places where animals can come to live and be protected or the rest of their lives. It's a safe haven, where they receive the very best care possible. Animals are not *bought, sold, traded, or* mistreated in any way. They are given every opportunity to behave naturally in an environment that is stimulating, nurturing and loving.

We are on the web and Facebook. See us at:

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www.coalitionforcherokeebears



You Can Make A Difference. You Count.

Vote for tribal council members who will represent your voice and care for the bears.