

November 17, 2008

To: Michael Jackson, c/o Raymone Bain

From: Michelle Cho

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Dear Michael:

Since the beginning of the year, PETA has been contacted by numerous citizens in Page, Arizona, regarding four giraffes who were purchased by a local couple, Tom and Freddi Hancock, from the Neverland Ranch.

Citizens, including a woman who cared for the giraffes as a volunteer for approximately one year, have reported the following concerns and allegations:

- The giraffes have been in a "temporary" enclosure since they were acquired by the Hancocks. The enclosure is divided into three corrals that each measure approximately just 15 feet by 15 feet. The attached photos were taken in June, and a brief [video](#) of the giraffes is posted on YouTube.
- The giraffes have not received adequate (if any) foot care during the past year, and their hooves are overgrown.
- With the exception of the giraffe named Princess, none of the giraffes have been seen by a veterinarian since they arrived in Arizona. Princess gave birth to a stillborn calf in August, and a veterinarian was called approximately four to five days after the birth because she wouldn't stop bleeding. Princess was allegedly impregnated by Rambo, her own father.
- The Hancocks do not have adequate knowledge of giraffe husbandry and have not hired a caretaker who does. The attached newspaper editorial reveals that it wasn't until the month of October—after the giraffes had been in Page for months and temperatures had dropped quite low—that the animals were provided with an enclosed shelter.

We implore you to take responsibility for these animals, who trusted you to provide a quality life for them when you purchased them. Please see to their immediate rescue from the Hancock's and financially arrange for their lifetime care at an accredited zoo or sanctuary. We would be happy to assist you in making these arrangements.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Cho
PETA