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I am writing to express my concern about Susi's the elephant's situation in Barcelona's Zoo. As a Professor Emeritus of Ecology and Evolutionary Ecology (EEB) at the University of Colorado, award-winning scientist, and member of the Ethics Committee of the Jane Goodall Institute (<http://literati.net/Bekoff>; Marc Bekoff and Jane Goodall, [www.ethologicaethics.org](http://www.ethologicaethics.org)), I support the proposal that Susi should be immediately moved to another type of facility where she can live the rest of her life with dignity.

Elephants are very emotional and social animals and travel extensively. The sentient giants need a lot of room. Zoos *cannot* meet these needs. Elephants live in matriarchal groups in which they form strong and lasting bonds with others. Their memory is remarkable. They form lifelong bonds and suffer deeply when these are broken either by separation or by death, such as in Susie's case. Susi witnessed how her companion was euthanized exactly a year ago, remaining alone since then in a small barren concrete enclosure. Her physical and psychological health is severely affected. A decision must be made on Susi's future based on compassion, dignity, and respect towards beings who are suffering, and Susi is surely suffering.

The truly humane and ethical thing to do would be to move Susi to another type of facility where she can live in a more compassionate environment. Many people are around the world are concerned with Susi's well-being and if Barcelona moved Susi so that she could live the rest of her life with dignity it would help the image of Barcelona as a city that respects that animals should be treated with respect when they are suffering. *I urge you to move Susi as soon as possible.* Thank you very much.

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