



Milwaukee County Zoological Society

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Today's Date

Larry Higgleburt
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Dear Mr. Higgleburt:

As you are aware, Milwaukee County's Zoo is going through a very stressful period. The Board of the Zoological Society has considered several alternatives and we feel we have a novel, short-term solution to the zoo's current difficulties.

Our solution, which involves you, will immediately relieve the zoo staff of the problems of daily caring for the animals and give the staff the opportunity to perform much needed repairs in animal exhibits.

You have been selected to care for one of the animals for the rest of the year. Accordingly, Dixie, a 6,000 pound hippopotamus from North Africa will soon be delivered to your home. You are totally responsible for her care, housing, and feeding until January 5, 2019.

Please call Dr. Emmett Asheley, who is on leave but still considered our zoo veterinarian, with your questions regarding Dixie's special diet requirements. You might also wish to contact your neighbors before the hippopotamus is delivered so as to avoid any problems or misunderstandings with your neighbors.

You will agree, I am sure, that by distributing our animals among caring Milwaukee citizens, we are keeping our problems in "our own back yard," while constructively working toward having one of the finest zoological facilities in the country.

Sincerely,

Rufus Simms, Director
Animal Husbandry