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PAT CRAIG: "I'll be back"

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I am suffering a horrible case of déjà vu. Just like you can count on Arnold Schwarzenegger saying "I'll be back" in a *Terminator* movie, you can count on Pat Craig of "The Rocky Mountain Wildlife Conservation Center" being back with just another threat to euthanise the wild and exotic animals at his sanctuary year after year unless he gets paid ransom to not kill them, again and again and again.

It never ceases to amaze me how gullible some reporters can be. Mr. Pat Craig of Colorado has been using his sanctuary animals as hostages and threatening to kill them since late 1990s. Somehow, there is always a reason to kill them, and somehow he always stays open. Many places offered to take his animals this summer, he refused.

His place operates as non profit entity, so in a way, you need to treat it like a business. Pat Craig has proven year after year he is NOT fiscally effective leader, how come the board of directors didn't remove him long time ago and put somebody with more leadership and fundraising skills in his position?

Do you think if this was a real for profit business, Mr. Craig would still have a job?

And how come public is still tolerating his hostage survival for money demands? Try to substitute kids for animals, how long do you think foster parents would have the kids if they threatened to kill them all the time unless state or somebody gives them more money? Don't you think most if not all people would ask that kind of foster home to send the kids somewhere else and demand that these parents never again get custody of any new kids since they proved themselves to be unethical and irresponsible and unable to take on this task?

Why is Pat Craig being treated with so much leniency? How come reporters don't do better job researching their subjects and asking relevant questions, like where did the *magic out of the hat* number of 30.000 large exotic pets come from? And what proof do you have that wildlife trafficking is 3rd largest in the world, last I read, United Nations claimed it was human trafficking taking the 3rd place.

And most of all, how come Pat Craig is not taking any responsibility and is always blaming 'something' for his own shortcomings, instead of finally admitting he doesn't have what it takes to be a responsible sanctuary owner and step down and let a more efficient person to take over to help the innocent animals?

Because if Mr. Pat Craig is not terminated as the leader of "The Rocky Mountain Wildlife Conservation Center", you can count on him to be back with another euthanasia threat.

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