



Update on the ongoing SAVE YUPI CAMPAIGN

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Finally after several months of intensive work from our colleagues in Mexico, a couple of weeks ago we were notified that the government of Michoacan is ready to sign the approval to receive the team of Polar bear experts send by Zoocheck Canada, to formally assess Yupi, as the sudden and informal medical checkup that they did to Yupi in September 2012, took the zoo three days to complete and was done mostly with the information that we provided them, but with only two veterinarians: one a general zoo vet and one for small exotic animals, with assistance of students of the Veterinarian school! As expected, the assessment was not completely done, some vital tests were not done at all and some were incomplete or the results were inconclusive!

For more than two and half years we have been asking the Morelia Zoo to allow our expert Polar bear team to be allowed to properly and formally evaluate Yupi, but they keep making excuses not to accept it.

It seems that the SEMARNAT (The Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources), authorized since early this year the permit, but they didn't send us a notification nor the signed authorization, sending it instead to the Morelia Zoo where no one said anything. We need that document to send our experts to assess Yupi to know if she is healthy to be relocated to Canada or England, where two wonderful Polar bear natural habitats are awaiting for her!

We are waiting to see if they will finally sign it, or if they will keep making excuses not to do it.

In the meanwhile, a Polar bear from The Netherlands arrived a couple of day ago at the place where Yupi should have arrived in England months ago! Victor the Polar bear is having a blast and enjoying 10 acres of natural habitat and his own 8 meters deep lake! The Yorkshire Wildlife Park built this natural park for Yupi, but since the Morelia Zoo refuses to acknowledge and reply to their offer, they are already taking this and other two male Polar bears.

If the Morelia Zoo cares so much for the welfare of Yupi as they constantly tell the media, they should take the great opportunities that we are providing for her, which would be FREE for the Zoo and the government of Michoacan. With the zoo constant excuses for the last 9 years that they care and will "improve" her concrete crater for years, they just postpone and shorten Yupi's chance of spending the rest of her life out of that miserable place where she is now, suffering of the constant heat and scorching sun on a daily basis, screams of children and absolutely nothing natural in her areas at this Zoo, while she has two places waiting for her in Canada or England.

Help us to Save Yupi!

While Yupi's team of Polar bear experts travel and her relocation expenses is already covered, **we, the people behind the ongoing campaign** we pay for almost every expense of our work in Mexico and Canada, including travelling to meetings all the way in Michoacan, rent of rooms for press conferences, banners, placards, fliers, phone expenses, and so on that we need to do more actions in Mexico, but specially in Michoacan.

You can send us a cheque to: CATCA EWS, P.O. Box 16021, 617 Belmont Street New Westminster BC V3M-6W6 Canada, or you can safely donate by **PayPal** in our websites: www.catcahelpanimals.org.

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