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**Ohio Department of Agriculture Helps Facilitate Transfer of Dangerous Wild Animals
From Perry County Farm to Colorado Sanctuary**

The following statement can be attributed to Ohio Department of Agriculture spokesperson Erica Pitchford Hawkins regarding the transfer of four lions and four bears from a Perry County owner to the new home at a wild animal sanctuary outside of Denver, Colorado:

“We applaud this owner for seeking help to find a permanent home for these animals. We know it was a very difficult choice to make, but it was the right decision. We were happy to connect the owner with this sanctuary and let the two of them take it from there, and are committed to providing assistance to other dangerous wild animal owners in the state to ask us for help.”

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