SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ORLEANS



In the Matter of a Proceeding under Article 70 of the CPLR for a Writ of Habeas Corpus and Order to Show Cause,

THE NONHUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT, INC., on behalf of HAPPY,

NOTICE OF MOTION

Index No. 18-45164

Petitioner,

v.

JAMES J. BREHENY, in his official capacity as Executive Vice President and General Director of Zoos and Aquariums of the Wildlife Conservation Society and Director of the Bronx Zoo, and WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY,

Respondents.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, upon the attached affidavit of Kenneth A. Manning, Esq., sworn to December 3, 2018, with exhibits; the affidavit of James J. Breheny, sworn to December 3, 2018, the affidavit of Paul Calle, VMD, sworn to December 3, 2018, the affidavit of Patrick Thomas, PhD, with exhibit, sworn to December 3, 2018, and all papers and proceedings herein, Respondents James J. Breheny and Wildlife Conservation Society, by and through their attorneys, Phillips Lytle LLP, will move this Court at the Supreme Court, Orleans County, located at 1 South Main Street, Suite 3, Albion, New York 14411, on December 14, 2018 at 11:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an order:

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- 1. Pursuant to CPLR 511 and 7004(c), transferring this proceeding to the New York State Supreme Court in Bronx County; or in the alternative,
 - 2. Pursuant to CPLR 3211(a),
 - a. dismissing the Verified Petition of Nonhuman Rights Project
 Inc., made on behalf of Happy the elephant, for a writ of
 habeas corpus, with prejudice, for failure to state a cause of
 action on which relief can be granted, for lack of standing, and
 pursuant to the doctrine of collateral estoppel; or
 - in the event the Court does not dismiss the Verified Petition,
 allowing Respondents five days to answer to the Verified
 Petition pursuant to CPLR 404(a); and
- 3. Awarding Respondents' such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper, including costs and attorneys' fees.

Answering papers and notices of cross-motion, if any, must be served upon attorneys for Respondents in accordance with the Order of this Court dated November 16, 2018, and otherwise in accordance with CPLR. Respondents agree to accept service of the same via electronic transmission to the e-mail addresses stated below.

Dated: Buffalo, New York December 3, 2018 PHILLIPS LYTLE LLP

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