

BROWN BEARS

in urgent need of help in Slovenia

EMERGENCY ACTION NEEDED

Four bears are suffering in inappropriate keeping in Slovenia. Although the owners acquired a permit in 2004 to keep the bears, **the legal keeping requirements are not respected** and FOUR PAWS believes that all four bears are kept in violation of Slovenian legislation.



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I would highly recommend translocating the bears to an adequate, species-appropriate facility to prevent further physical and psychological damage for the animals.

– Wildlife veterinarian Julia Bohner, from the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research

08
2022

FOUR PAWS visits all bear keepings and approaches the responsible authorities to work together to end the private keeping of bears in Slovenia.

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Representatives of the government, a wildlife veterinarian and FOUR PAWS visit all bear keepings together. **It is agreed that urgent help for all bears is needed.**

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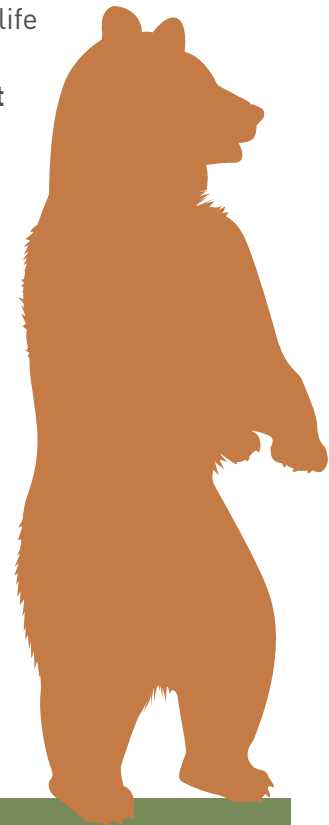
Exchanges with the authorities start to falter. **No improvement for the bears** is implemented by the authorities.

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FOUR PAWS renews its offer to support placement of the bears in FOUR PAWS sanctuaries, still **without action on the part of the authorities.**

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One of the five bears, **Felix, passes away** in his enclosure before FOUR PAWS got the chance to rescue him. He spent more than 30 years on concrete floor.



WE HAVE A SOLUTION:

- We have helped more than **220 bears** in need, in **15 countries** worldwide since 1998.
- We offer to rescue bears Mici, Mitko, Masha and Tim, and bring them to one of our sanctuaries!
- We want to **end the private and inappropriate keeping of brown bears in Slovenia** for good!



We CANNOT act without your support.

It may be too late for Felix, but we will continue to take a stand until Slovenian authorities agree to cooperate in the rescue of Mici, Mitko, Masha and Tim.