



WORLDWIDE RALLY FOR CECIL

On February 6, 2016, CWI hosted the first Worldwide Rally for Cecil, an international anti-trophy hunting event aimed at raising awareness about the plight of animals who are senselessly slaughtered for pride and greed. The main event of our Worldwide Rally took place in front of the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Resort, part of MGM Resorts International in Las Vegas, where Safari Club

International was hosting their annual international conference. At the conference, the lives of thousands of animals are auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Stirred by the tragic killing of Cecil the lion in 2015, over 100 compassionate animal advocates converged in Cecil's honor to let SCI know that their murderous ways are being monitored and will be stopped. The Las Vegas rally was replicated around the world! Worldwide Rally For Cecil events took place in **35 cities** across **18 states** and **six countries** including Australia, Colombia, and Serbia.

Our petition urging the Mandalay Bay to sever its relationship with SCI has garnered more than 15,000 signatures. And while that did not prove successful, **our petition demanding the Doubletree in Orlando cancel a local SCI fundraising event was a success!**

CWI continues our fight against trophy hunting by supporting the campaign to end the Florida bear hunt, mounting or assisting demonstrations at several local SCI events in California and Arizona, and lending our voice to compassionate conservation efforts in Africa.

The next Worldwide Rally For Cecil takes place February 4, 2017. rallyforcecil.org



Las Vegas, NV

Dirk Arthur's Big Cat Magic Show Goes Dark

In 2015, CWI collected more than **20,000 signatures** on a petition asking that the Westgate Resort in Las Vegas to part ways with Dirk Arthur and his magic act due to the use of tigers in his performance. Dirk has been cited by the USDA on numerous occasions for failing to provide adequate space, **unlawful declawing**, and failure to provide adequate barriers between the public and the tigers creating a significant safety risk.

CWI staged also protests at the Westgate encouraging the hotel and its visitors to avoid Dirk's act. We are pleased to share that **Dirk's act subsequently closed** in 2016 with no sign that it will be reopening at any venue in Las Vegas.

CWI continues to monitor this situation and will act with additional protests, investigations, and actions against any venues hosting him if Dirk returns to performing with big cats!

