We’d like to share with you something that made our day at PAWS.

We recently received an email from Jackie Dunn and her daughter, **nine-year-old Carly Rae Dunn**, who told us their wonderful story. One day, Carly told her mom that she wanted to see a circus that was soon coming to their town. Jackie had a heart-to-heart conversation with her daughter about the treatment of elephants and other animals in the circus. She told Carly that she would not feel good about taking her to the circus.

Completely by coincidence, Carly and her mom watched *An Apology To Elephants* that evening, which features PAWS and the elephants living at ARK 2000. (PAWS’ friend Lily Tomlin narrated the film, for which she won an Emmy.) The documentary examines the abuse of elephants in captivity and advocates for more humane treatment. Carly was so moved by what she had just seen that, unbeknownst to her parents, she wrote a two-page report detailing what she learned from *An Apology to Elephants* and how she felt about it.

Carly’s well-written essay is titled “Elephants, It’ll Make You Cry.” In it, she expresses her feelings as only a child can – she is honest, heartfelt and passionate. **Carly comes to the conclusion:** “Never ever go to a circus with animals. Especially elephants.”

When Carly gets older, she says she wants to be a voice for the elephants. We think she’s off to a pretty good start! In the meantime, she is doing extra chores at home and saving the money to adopt a PAWS elephant.

*Please turn the page to read Carly’s touching report.* We think you’ll be as impressed with the report – and Carly – as we are.
Hi! I'm Carly. A couple minutes ago, I saw a elephant documentary. The documentary made me cry harder than I had in about 5 years. So let's go started. So there's a elephant sanctuary called P.A.W.S. There's 2 elephants, one named Gypsy and I can't remember the other elephant's name. Well, anyway, the 2 elephants were in a circus more than 20 years ago, and when they saw each other at P.A.W.S., they played splashed and were best friends. Now let's go to a sad part. Never ever go to a circus with animals. Especially elephants. There are mean trainers with these hooks. There are 2 hooks on the stick. One for jabbing the elephant's ear, to make them go where the humans wanted them too, and the other to hit them when they're bad. That's one part that made me cry. Now I'll tell you...
about Topsy. Topsy lived in a zoo. Topsy's trainer was very mean. So, right when that trainer put down that hook she attacked. After that, Thomas Edison was mad and made Topsy a electricity experiment. Just seconds after the experiment, Topsy was DEAD. "I cried super hard. I HATE HATE HATE Thomas Edison. Now I'll tell you about China. So to make some statues and jewelry, they use elephant tusks. They shoot them with guns. They just kill them then take the tusks and just leave the bodies. Do you know what elephant poop is when there are elephant bones? They feel around the bone to see if they knew the elephant. When I'm older, I want to be the voice for these elephants. The big question is: You can't tame the elephant out of the wild, but can you tame the wild out of the elephant?