

## DAVID CASSELMAN SHOW NOTES: AND JUSTICE FOR ANIMALS PODCAST

### **DAVID CASSELMAN: For the Love of Elephants, Casselman vs. the LA Zoo**

“Asian elephants at LA Zoo on average die ten years earlier than all other North American zoos.” David Casselman

In Part 1 of our interview acclaimed California-based attorney and founder of the Cambodia Wildlife Sanctuary, David Casselman, stops by the podcast to discuss some of his favorite subjects: elephant conservation, his ongoing legal battle with the Los Angeles Zoo and why protecting animals is his number one passion.

In a breathtakingly candid interview, David opens up about an unfortunate childhood event that forever changed the way he would treat animals, and shares his incredible journey from promising psychology career to one of law - which lucky for the animals (and us!) has led to some powerful animal welfare legislation in California and beyond.

#### **Show Timeline:**

1:17 - California's Hayden Act.

2:23 - The power of a law degree and how animals need our help.

3:25 – David's early years and the lesson that changed his life.

6:16 – From studying psychology to becoming a lawyer.

8:48 – Peter Wallerstein, Marine Animal Rescue: <http://www.marspecialists.org>

10:18 – How meat and dairy lobbyists don't care about animals.

12:01 – The truth behind slaughterhouses.

16:27 – The best way to do a protest.

18:12 – Getting the Hayden Act passed in California. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hayden\\_Act](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hayden_Act)

21:43 – What the EPA is doing to animals and the environment.

22:32 – 2016, David vs. the LA Zoo. The plight of elephants in the zoo.

27:36 – David takes on the CA Supreme Court.

31:14 – The truth behind Billy the elephant at the LA Zoo.

32:40 – The behavior of elephants in captivity.

37:19 – The difference between zoos and sanctuaries.

40:19 – Elephants want to move!

42:00 – Joyce Pool chimes in on Billy. <https://www.elephantvoices.org/about-elephantvoices/team.html>

43:28 – Hollywood could solve the elephants in captivity problem! Animatronics!

### **Mentions in the podcast:**

Whale Sanctuary Project:

<https://whalesanctuaryproject.org/people/david-casselmann/>

Cambodia Wildlife Sanctuary

<http://www.cambodiawildlifesanctuary.org>

Love & Bananas Movie

<http://loveandbananas.com>

Joyce Poole

<https://www.elephantvoices.org/about-elephantvoices/team.html>

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