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Dear IndyFurCon Family,

The last few months have been the most unprecedented time that many of us have seen in our lifetimes. Around the world, members of our fandom are experiencing the ramifications of this pandemic, from job losses to financial insecurities. Even worse, some have contracted the virus, and some have had to say goodbye to loved ones lost to COVID-19. Our hearts go out to all of the affected members of our global community. That is why, with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we are informing you that IndyFurCon 2020 is canceled.

The decision to cancel this year's event did not come lightly. We want to be as transparent as possible to let you know why we have made this difficult decision. The Board of Directors explored all of the possible options and what they would look like. We listened to the concerns expressed by our staff, performing guests, and the members of our community. We kept asking ourselves, "Can we do enough to keep all of our attendees safe?" and "Can we still provide the convention experience attendees expect?". Limiting attendance to most events, eliminating the Zoo, and trying to socially distance the game room and dealers' den would be just a few of the many decisions we would have to make.

As a collective, the Board of Directors concluded that even if we could offer our attendees a safe convention, at best, it would drastically affect their convention experience, and at worst, we would be risking the health and wellbeing of the community that we care so much about. These

are the reasons that the Board of Directors, along with advice from our hotel, decided to cancel IndyFurCon 2020.

We want to thank all of our loyal attendees, our IFC family, because without you, we would not have a convention. You have given IFC 10 great years of panels, dances, fursuit parades, art, music, and community, and we are always grateful.

We also want to thank our fantastic staff for all of the planning and dedication that they put into planning for this year's convention. Without them, we would not be able to make the amazing convention experience that all of our attendees have come to love.

With that being said, there is some good news. IndyFurCon is scheduled to return to the Indianapolis Marriott East in August 2021. For those of you wondering, we will be keeping our magical based theme and Quack Quack Honk as Guest of Honor! We are already planning on how to make IFC 2021 the best convention yet for our entire IndyFurCon family, and we can't wait to see you all again.

During these difficult times, remember to cherish those great convention memories and support each other while we recover from this world-altering pandemic. Soon, we will be reunited to enjoy all the fantastic things that make up our furry community. Take care everyone and stay safe.

Best,

IndyFurCon Board of Directors

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