



Sir Elton John Denied Request to Adopt HIV-Positive Ukrainian Child

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A Ukrainian official has denied Sir Elton John's request to adopt a 14-month-old HIV-positive Ukrainian boy, saying the 62-year-old pop superstar is too old and is not married, [The Associated Press](#) reports.

According to the article, John said that he and his partner David Furnish wanted to adopt the boy, named Lev, after a visit to an orphanage. However, since Ukraine requires parents looking to adopt to be married and does not recognize same-sex unions as marriage, Family Youth and Sports Minister Yuriy Pavlenko denied the request.

Pavlenko also said that John is too old to adopt; Ukrainian law requires an adoptive parent to be no more than 45 years older than the child.

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