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Our Mission

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee, founded in 1995, is the nation's largest natural-habitat refuge developed specifically for endangered elephants. It operates on 2,700 acres in Hohenwald, Tennessee—85 miles southwest of Nashville.

The Elephant Sanctuary exists for two reasons:

- ◇ To provide a haven for old, sick, or needy elephants in a setting of green pastures, hardwood forests, spring-fed ponds, and heated barns for cold winter nights.
- ◇ To provide education about the crisis facing these social, sensitive, passionately intense, playful, complex, exceedingly intelligent, and endangered creatures.

To learn more about The Elephant Sanctuary and all of the resident elephants, visit:

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Carol and Scott

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Directors' Voice

The long lazy days of summer coupled with ample showers have created a semi-tropical wonderland of lush vegetation at the Sanctuary; everything is intensely green. We are eternally grateful for this ideal weather and for the continued support of our generous donors; both are vital to the wellbeing of our precious elephants.

As we race around on our 4-wheelers engaged in the everyday activities of caring for our girls, the beauty of our surroundings never fails to grab our attention. We reflect on the vast blue sky, the panoramic view of woods and pastures, the glass smooth surface of the lake, all intertwined by the love and lives of fifteen elephants. It takes your breath away. In the midst of our awe stand the elephants; wise, kind, healthy—by all accounts at-peace with their lives.

Thank you for making sanctuary a reality in the lives of these elephants, without your continued support none of this would be possible.

Namaste

Carol & Scott



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Bunny

For fifty-seven years Bunny graced our planet. For ten of those years she brightened our world while broadening her own horizons. No elephant before or since Bunny has ever displayed Bunny's enthusiasm as she stood at the barn door for the first time, surveying her new home. Her playful joy was contagious, leaving everyone pleasantly surprised at her degree of comfort with this new and very different life.

On her first day, Bunny carefully rolled her pet ball down the hill to the pasture. While living at the zoo for decades, Bunny had treated the ball as she would have treated a calf, protective and attentive to it; and on that first Sanctuary day, Bunny paid special attention that Ball did not go rolling down the hill into the creek. After making sure the ball was secure on level ground, Bunny wandered a few feet into the pasture, eyes sparkling, squeaking what would come to be known as her signature speak for "oh boy, oh boy, oh boy — I am so excited!" Not recognizing what Ball meant to Bunny, Tarra curiously approached the could-be toy, which caused Bunny to break into a run back to Ball, clearly uncomfortable with Tarra being so close to it. Out of breath after her short sprint, it appeared that Bunny surprised herself that she could actually run. Tarra acted confused and willingly backed off as Bunny caressed Ball protectively, and gently rolled it along close to her for the rest of the day.

As time passed, Bunny more often placed Ball on a level surface in the pasture while she went off with the other elephants for a few hours. Upon her return, she showed excitement to be reunited with Ball as she effortlessly rolled her friend into the barn. It was only a few weeks later that we noticed that Bunny no longer escorted Ball around. Her lifetime friend appeared to have been abandoned in the pasture, left to fend for itself.

Prior to her life at the Sanctuary, Bunny was probably the best known resident of the Evansville Indiana zoo, teaching more than three generations of the community about elephants living in captivity. She touched lives deeply during her time on exhibit, many expressing guilt about keeping Bunny locked up for their enjoyment. A presence like Bunny is not quickly forgotten, so her Evansville family soon became members of the Sanctuary. They followed her progress with great interest, continuing to love her even though she had retired and moved away.

Over the years Bunny learned and taught so much. Lacking the opportunity early in life to socialize with others of her own kind, Bunny made every effort to act like an elephant. She immediately became fast friends with Jenny, Shirley and Tarra, sharing naps in the habitat, spa days in the upper pond and excursions to every corner of the habitat. But what Bunny will always remain known for was her ability to get all of the girls to spend the nights outside.



Bunny meets Barbara upon arrival at the Sanctuary with "Ball"

Prior to Bunny's arrival, the elephants would migrate back to the open barn nightly where they would remain until sunrise. This was a self-imposed routine that the elephants found comfortable. Even though caregivers would have preferred the elephants venture outside at night, until Bunny's arrival there would be no overnight campouts. But Bunny changed all that.

Surprisingly, Bunny was the last elephant we thought would prefer sleeping outside. Her life had been so protected at the zoo that she was not allowed outside at night. But at the Sanctuary, at her insistence, the others joined Bunny nightly, savoring the night air, joining in with the coyotes' singing, and in Bunny's case, spending time looking up into the night sky. At first Jenny did not appreciate Bunny's desire to sleep outside; she wanted to be inside and tried to convince Bunny to do the same. It seemed that Bunny's will to be outside helped Jenny and Shirley overcome what fear they had of the dark outdoors, which in turn prompted a huge shift in the herd's use of the habitat. Their activity increased at night as they wandered the woods and pastures collecting food and exploring their home—activity true of wild elephants. We soon saw a pile of elephants napping in the morning sun, another activity that resembles wild elephants. It seemed that Bunny was helping her family live more like elephants.

Bunny soon became known as the girl most likely to avoid the ele-cam, much to the dismay of her fans. The amount of time Bunny spent in the woods made her appearance on the ele-cam unlikely, which increased her fans' interest in her whereabouts and activities. But each day out of the ele-cam view Bunny savored her life, her freedom and her family; she adored and was adored by the other elephants.

When new land was purchased, Bunny migrated to her new home willingly. Tarra was the first to arrive, followed by Bunny then Sissy and Winkie. The others joined via a trailer ride from one side of the property to the other. It took little time for Bunny and her sisters to discover this new 2200 acres of habitat, and true to form they spent day and night outside until the night time temp grew uncomfortable. On those few

Bunny... (cont.)

nights in winter, Bunny reluctantly entered the barn with her sisters and was ready to exit as soon as the sun started to warm the air. Now known as our outside girl, Bunny loved the freedom of the habitat and savored the weather no matter what it brought.

Following Jenny's death, Bunny grew even closer to Shirley. Bunny was seen as the shoulder that Shirley leaned on while grieving for Jenny. From that day forward Bunny never left Shirley's side until she herself passed. When remembering Bunny, caregiver faces light up with a huge smile at the thought of Bunny's silly head shake, signature squeak and trunk games she liked to play. Bunny was soft and personable and enjoyed engaging with the caregivers. Especially she liked to have a hand cupped over the end of her trunk and while pushing back and forth, Bunny would suck in air resulting in a high pitched whistle sound that delighted Bunny and caregiver alike. No playtime was complete without Bunny gently taking the caregiver's hand and placing it up to her ear for a scratch while she imitated a squeaking mouse.

Bunny found joy in every day, in every way. There was sheer delight in her every activity, and her sisters meant everything to her. Although she would have preferred that her family did not include canines, she came to trust Bella to the point that she was comfortable enough to sleep in her presence.

On May 14, Bunny passed in the company of her family. There are no words to accurately describe the depth of Bunny's impact on all of us. Shirley is still struggling to come to grips with her loss following Bunny's passing. The void Bunny left is not easily filled, but in time we know that loving memories of her will fill the space. We are eternally grateful to Bunny for her love, wisdom, playfulness and pure joy of life; she taught us what it means to love and be loved.

Ned

Following a nationwide outcry by elephant welfare advocates, Ned was confiscated from his owner and became the first male elephant to live at the Sanctuary. When we received the call from USDA there was no question that we would take Ned; what the future held for him was less clear. Very little information was provided about Ned's condition and whereabouts aside from the fact that he was seriously thin. Without medical records it was hard to know exactly what he suffered from; tuberculosis and starvation were suspected. We agreed on the spot to accept Ned with the intention of helping him recover from his ailments. Once fully recovered, the plan was to move Ned to a facility that had other males. The Performing Animal Welfare Society agreed to begin work immediately so that Ned could reside in their bull facility.

Ned made the trip from Florida to Tennessee without incident. When he gracefully stepped down from the transport trailer time stood still as we watched with a collectively-held breath. Only once before had we seen an elephant in such poor physical condition; so skinny every rib protruded through his skin. Like a ghost, it seemed that Lota was exiting the trailer again. Our hearts sank. But there was a marked difference: where Lota's eyes struggled to emit even the slightest spark of life upon her arrival, Ned's eyes were alive and filled with interest.

He was calm and engaged in everything around him; a little fearful at first, but definitely engaged in the events in which he was involved.

Shortly after Ned's arrival we learned that his condition was not easily diagnosed and not as simple as a lack of groceries; his condition was serious. Each day he struggled to digest his food. Each day he enjoyed what little pleasures he could until his condition brought on the never-ending gut discomfort that apparently had plagued him for most of his life. There were days when Ned was virtually pain free, exploring his habitat, munching on browse and even playing with his suspended toy. But unfortunately those days were few and far between, leaving him with far too many days of discomfort. The vets and caregiver staff worked literally day and night caring for Ned, trying to keep him comfortable on those days when he simply could not eat. A nutritionist prescribed diet changes and caregivers painstakingly monitored his intake and reaction to everything he ate. It seemed that Ned relaxed around his caregivers and came to rely on the care he received. When Ned was in pain his caregivers did all that was possible to make him comfortable.

Of course on Ned's good days, our hopes were high that he would recover. On his difficult days we worked harder to find a solution to his problems. We never gave up on Ned and he reflected the same attitude. If today was a not such a good day there was always tomorrow; everyone remained optimistic that Ned would recover. After five months Ned started to lose strength. His resolve appeared to be dwindling. It felt as though Ned might be giving up on his fight for life. This is always a difficult time for caregivers because we want to believe we can save every elephant that comes to us. Our goal is to help rescued elephants heal



Ned

so they can experience all that the Sanctuary has to offer. The idea that Ned might not make it was a reality that we did to want to consider.

In his final days Ned was relaxed and peaceful. He seemed to live in the moment, with little sign of anxiety. When he developed abdominal discomfort he knew we would recognize the signs and provide relief. He ate when he felt good and abstained when he did not. Many days he would immerse himself in the wooded habitat behind his barn until sunset. There were even a few mornings when he would already be outside to greet arriving caregivers soon after the rising sun had warmed the morning air.

The day before his passing Ned lay down in his barn and showed no interest in rising. Ned made it clear that he would not participate in the effort to hoist him and his caregivers, with great sadness, respected his wishes. From the moment of his decision to not rise, Ned was provided with pain relief to ensure he remained comfortable. He ate nothing from the time he lay down until he took his last breath. Ned was in the constant company of caregivers who continued to dote on him in the way in which he had grown accustomed.

Hospice care is the gift we give to elephants making the transition from life on this planet to the other side. Although it can be a heart-wrenching process, it is also a time of great reflection, insight and learning. Supporting a being through the life and death process is a gift in itself, but being with someone when they leave their body and make their transition is life-changing, not only for the one leaving but also for those who share the space during the process.

The manner in which Ned transitioned was a bit of surprise. Since he had experienced such pain in life, it was feared that he might also die in pain. This had never been the case with any of the other elephants that have passed at the Sanctuary, but none had experienced the degree of discomfort in life that Ned had. At approximately 3am on May 15 the caregiver was wakened when Ned spoke two deep rumbles. These words were not an expression of agony or pain, not urgent, but strong, almost like an announcement; loud enough for others outside of him to hear, yet controlled and somewhat peaceful. With hands on his vibrating trunk and head, the caregiver held Ned in those final moments.

The joy that surrounded his passing was inexplicable. He never trembled in fear or thrashed about, nor did he vocalize in pain. He lay still, his body was relaxed, without tension—and then he gently slipped away while still in the arms of his caregiver. Ned was finally free of the pain that had plagued him for too long.

Being on death's doorstep is what brought Ned to us. The sad fact is that unless he was dying he would not have been confiscated, and we would never have had the honor to experience the joy of knowing him. We will always cherish the gifts that Ned, our boy/man elephant, bestowed upon us and we are ever grateful that his last days were spent with us. It brings us peace knowing that Ned experienced genuine love before he left this planet. ✧

To learn more about Bunny and Ned, their time at the Sanctuary and the results of their necropsies, please visit www.elephants.com

Here Comes Babe!



The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee is pleased to announce that Babe, a 25-year-old African elephant currently residing at Cleveland Amory's Black Beauty Ranch in Texas, will soon be joining Tange and Flora.

According to the Black Beauty Ranch website, Babe was born in 1984 in Kruger National Park in South Africa. In 1986 her family was killed, and Babe was captured and imported to the United States. She spent the next ten years performing in the circus. At some point during her capture, transport and life in the circus, Babe suffered serious injuries to her legs and feet. Eventually, with continued transport and performing, Babe lost the ability to put weight on her right hind leg, making it dangerous for her to be transported and impossible for her to perform.

In 1996, the Sanctuary was contacted about taking Babe. Unfortunately we were unable to accept her since, at the time, we did not have facilities for African elephants. We immediately contacted Black Beauty Ranch, who was eager to accept her. When Babe's companion at Black Beauty died in 2003, the Ranch inquired about sending Babe to live with other elephants, but were advised against the move for fear her chronic disability might cause complications en route. Now Babe's condition has stabilized, making it possible for her to be safely transported; she is expected to be moved to the Sanctuary before the end of the year. Upon arrival, Babe will have her own habitat and slowly be introduced to Tange and Flora.

Elephant Update

The girls have been immersed in their lush habitats for months now, savoring the weather and succulent vegetation the ample rain provides. After multiple years of drought conditions, the rain bestowed upon the Sanctuary this year has brought about the full bounty of this subtropical region, a vegetation wonderland reminiscent of Southeast Asia.

Shirley is going through the grieving process beautifully after the loss of her dear friend Bunny. Her resilience is remarkable, especially since Bunny's death follows not even three years after Jenny's. Shirley's moods are sometimes quiet but no longer mournful, now that Tarra has become her near-constant companion. Tarra the jokester is always good for a laugh or silly posturing game which brings a smile to Shirley's face. Over the past many weeks Shirley and Tarra have been found in every area of their habitat, enjoying the twenty-five acre lake, basking in the sun in Right and Left Fields, hidden in the overgrowth of the Gauntlet, and munching on vegetation in the area close to Bunny's gravesite. They are putting in miles and enjoying each other's company.

Morning feed seldom finds Sis and Winks in the same spot they were occupying at the 10pm feed the night before. They still spend a great deal of time grazing the Pipeline and bathing at Dr. Scott's Pond, but more and more they are found meandering down North Road towards the clear-cut pines and Bunny's gravesite. Tracking their migration gives us a clue as to the many miles they walk daily, which is one reason they both are in such good shape. The arrival of the water wagon still thrills them into silliness with both racing to meet the caregiver with custom trunk noises that accent their emotion. Sissy flops the end of her trunk back and forth, creating a deep pop-pop-pop sound while Winkie places the end of her trunk gently on the side of her trunk, blowing in spurts which makes a sound much like the steamer on an iron; both unique, both signs of joyful excitement. Still bonded like glue, Sis and Winks continue to expand their horizons side by side.

Although the 3sum's world is smaller than the space occupied by the other elephants (because Frieda, Billie-Sue and Liz prefer it this way), they continue to expand their horizons as well. New fencing in their habitat has given them additional area to graze, nap and play with abandon, knowing that they are safe from unwanted intrusion.

Frieda's feet continue to be a hardship. Upon her arrival we realized that she would not be spared the discomfort of her disease due to its advanced stage, but fortunately the soft substrate she lives on slows the progression of

her osteomyelitis. Over the past six months Billie-Sue has evolved into a new woman; the old, fearful, distrustful self is gone, replaced by a more confident, playful, and contented elephant. Her new lease on life is evident in all she does: from splashing in the pond, doing nose dives in the sand piles and running full speed ahead to meet up with Frieda in the pasture. We can't help but share her joy. Lizzie has been all over the place; enjoying the shade of the sycamore tree, a relaxing nap on the hillside and grazing the tall grass underfoot. Whenever the 4-wheeler approaches, Lizzie sprints over curious to see what goodies are in the front basket.

Deb and Ron have spent the summer cutting trails through the South Habitat, an area favored by Barbara. In fact, their daily excursions often bring them to the very spot where Barbara is buried. Inseparable as always, Deb and Ron seem to enjoy their own private wonderland. This area was clear-cut fifteen years ago and has recovered magnificently with towering tulip poplars, sycamores, oaks and tasty hickory trees. The entire area is dense with blackberry bushes whose fruit just recently began to ripen; a favored treat of the girls. At night feed, Deb and Ron take pleasure in disappearing into the trees, making it difficult for a caregiver to find them. Only with the pan of the flashlight are they discovered standing absolutely still; their eyes caught in the light sparkle, giving them away. Once discovered they are full of chatter and eagerness for their food buckets, savoring every bit of the produce and grain provided.

Africa seems worlds away but it is only a couple of miles from Asia—at the Sanctuary, that is. Tange and Flora spend very little time in proximity to the barn these days. Their immense habitat filled with a variety of trees to fell and eat keeps them occupied. Of course when it rains they act like ducks splashing around, throwing mud in every direction and generally covering their world with mud—their favorite activity. They too like to play hide and seek with caregivers. Just when you thought you had covered every inch of their habitat with no Tange and Flora in sight, they pop up out of nowhere with huge hungry smiles on their faces, ready for their meal bucket. The friendship that Tange and Flora



Misty & Dulary spend hours each day in their pond

have is not like the relationship Tange had with Zula, but given time we know their relationship will grow. For now, they are two kids having fun together. As they mature, we are confident their relationship will deepen.



Tarra & Shirley



Sissy & Winkie



Flora & Tange

Rain, sun, winter, summer—it does not matter; for Misty and Dulary it is always time for a dip in the pool. These two are too funny for words. They spend their days napping in the soft sand and playing in the pool. Meals are delivered so they need not go far from the pool, and if they need a drink the automatic waterer is just around the corner. No matter what is going on they never find a thing to be grouchy about. The appearance of a caregiver gives them all the more reason to be silly and playful. They displace each other ever so gently, all in fun it seems, jockeying for the caregiver's attention. Chirping in the same language their talk is non-stop long after the caregiver is gone. What a blessing these two are for each other; just seeing them makes us break out in giant smiles.

The main attraction on the elecam these days is Minnie and Lottie. Non-stop activity includes bathing in the upper pond, grazing night and day, and Minnie playing with a number of "toys". Some days the "toy" might be a large log that is thrown over her back repeatedly, or one of the small rubber balls left in her pond that she delights in squishing. These balls reinflate which is just what Minnie needs for hours of non-stop enjoyment. In the late afternoon the indigenous wildlife provide the variety that Minnie craves. She stalks the whitetail deer (who know her well and have long since figured out how to play tag with the big girl). Eight deer against one elephant is really no contest, but the deer humor Minnie so she thinks she is winning this game, which is enjoyed by all. When Minnie wanders away from Lottie while Lottie naps, intense roaring ensues when Lottie wakes to find her dear Minnie nowhere in sight. The roars are in stereo and can be heard booming down the valley as Lottie and Minnie run towards each other to reunite. It's as if they had been separated for days or even years with the emotion they pack into the reunion; their attachment to each other is fantastic. Once reunited they rumble and squeak, gently touch each other's face and trunk and melt into each other with such a soft comfort those of us watching can almost feel it.

All is well in elephant heaven. 💎



Liz & Frieda

A Match Made in Ele-Heaven Part II

Soon after the publication of Trunklines containing the article introducing Tarra and Bella's relationship to our membership, CBS asked to come to the Sanctuary to do an interview. Tarra and Bella had been best friends for seven years, so we wondered what all the excitement was about until we realized that many people could hardly imagine such an unlikely friendship, especially considering the size difference.

After the CBS's news piece "Animal Odd Couple" aired, there were over five million hits between their two official web channels, making it the most-watched video on the CBS news website. The story became a viral phenomenon on YouTube with the Tarra and Bella story being featured on websites around the world, including Iran, Russia and Australia. When the Sanctuary posted additional footage on our YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/elephant-sanctuarytn, the video quickly became the most featured video in over twenty-three countries. In response to the interest, the Sanctuary started a Facebook page for Bella which garnered nearly three hundred friends in the first two weeks. Three network programs filmed stories and interviews, including the *Oprah* show which broadcast a satellite feed from the Sanctuary. In addition, *People* magazine ran a feature in late April.

The interest built with the Sanctuary receiving dozens of film, book and media offers prompting the Sanctuary to hire ICM as literary and film agents. After negotiating with three competitive offers for children's books, we decided to sign with Penguin Putnam. Completion of the book was put on the fast track with the release date set for September 8, 2009.



Tarra & Bella



To follow Tarra and Bella's rising stardom, visit our web site and Bella's Facebook page.

In the meantime, Tarra and Bella appeared unaffected by their new-found celebrity. With the exception of CBS, the news media was not allowed to come on grounds to film; instead, the media purchased the rights to Sanctuary footage of the pachyderm and canine pair. Preserving the privacy of all our residents is paramount. This arrangement enabled us to provide the media with the footage they wanted while continuing to ensure that the elephants' daily activities were not disrupted.

As the rest of the world struggles with the concept of a dog and elephant friendship, we know that it is not the size that counts. Elephants and canines are both social animals: they form friendships and bonds with conspecifics and other species. Tarra is especially fond of dogs, as they have been a part of her family her entire captive life; and Bella has a need to protect especially big things. We do admit that it takes a special elephant and a very special dog to search out the companionship of each other, but to us the fascinating part of this story is that the two actually found each other. This is truly a match made in ele-heaven.

Bella has recovered from her spinal cord injury and aside from a slight limp you would never know she came so close to being paralyzed. Their life together is full—Tarra grazing with Bella resting in the shade of her belly; the two walking the many trails of the forests and pastures in their habitat, side by side. It is an everyday occurrence for the two to nap together in the sun; and, as always, Bella keeps watch for the menace that no one else ever sees. Shirley has learned to appreciate Bella and allows her company, a must if she wishes to share time with Tarra. The three make for quite a sight—Shirley limping along, seemingly unaware of the broken leg she has lived with for three decades; Tarra up ahead searching for adventure; and Bella darting in and out of the vegetation looking for something to chase. 💎

Education Gallery Construction Update

The Elephant Sanctuary recently completed Phase One of construction to our adjacent, historical buildings in downtown Hohenwald. Since the buildings' original condition made them candidates for demolition, it was no surprise that before we could address a build-out, some infrastructure issues needed to be completed first.

Crews have completed items such as demolition of the rotted floors, added new footings and flooring prep, repaired brick piers, installed additional steel reinforcements and repaired the roof, laid new brick on the rear facade, added skylights, installed rear entrance doors, removed old plaster walls and gave everything a good cleaning.

With the outer building shells safely reinforced, Phase Two is now underway, which will address the front facade of the buildings, followed by roughing in the electrical, plumbing, etc. and then eventually the final build-out. Throughout the process, care has been taken to remain true to our desire to limit environmental impact, while constantly looking for cost savings in materials and sub-contractor bids every step of the way. In some cases, the economic recession has actually resulted in additional cost savings that were not available to us a year ago. This enables us to make each of your donations towards this education project go further.

Each of Our Girls has a miraculous tale of survival and with the Education Gallery, we now have an opportunity to give Our Girls their voice. Their true life stories will help to change the plight of the remaining elephants held in captivity.

We are very excited about the improvements so far and, barring any unforeseen delays, hope to be able to open sometime next year. Stayed tuned for additional progress reports!

Engraved brick pavers to help support the Education Gallery construction are still available—a great holiday gift idea, too! Visit www.elephants.com/educationgallery.



Before and after photos of construction improvements at the building's rear entrance



Tarra & Bella by Popular Demand

As more people become inspired by this unique friendship, the Sanctuary has recently expanded its gift shop offerings to enable fans to bring a part of them home, while helping to raise money for the benefit of all the Girls at the Sanctuary.

In addition to a brand new book with wonderful, full color photography, there is also a new DVD, tote bag and mug, plus some other surprises coming this fall. Check our website for new Tarra & Bella merchandise as it becomes available.



**Releases
Sept. 8!**

Tarra & Bella

The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends

by Carol Buckley

In Carol Buckley's third book containing beautiful, full color photography, she tells the true story of how these two very different animals formed an unlikely, yet indelible bond. Readers of all ages will find Tarra & Bella to be truly an inspiration to us all. "BFFs . . . the interspecies friendship that has moved millions." ~ *People Magazine*

Reading level: Grades 3-6 Hardcover, 32 pages, Full Color, Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons



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Ways You Can Help the Sanctuary



You can contribute in as many ways as you'd like, in your own name or in honor or memory of a friend or family member. Contributions can be on a one-time basis or once a month for as long as you specify.

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Your donations to any of the programs below are tax deductible.

Use the form on the enclosed envelope to provide information and indicate which giving program you have chosen. Be sure to include the name and address for any "In Honor" gifts so we can send the honoree(s) a certificate and *Trunklines*.

Membership

Choose your level and become part of the nation's largest natural-habitat sanctuary for old, sick, and needy elephants retired from circuses and zoos. Members receive a certificate and subscription to *Trunklines* for a year. Give a membership as a gift and you also get an elephants.com sticker for your window.

Donor Society

_____	\$10,000+	Founder
_____	\$5,000-\$9,999	Benefactor
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_____	\$500-\$999	Sustainer
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Friends

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Feed for a Day

Tarra, Shirley, Sissy, Winkie, Tange, Flora, Misty, Billie, Debbie, Frieda, Liz, Lottie, Minnie, Ronnie and Dulary eat a lot of food! You can help by feeding any or all of them for a day, a week, or...\$30 feeds one elephant for one day.



Just tell us which elephant you'd like to feed and how often. Every "Feed for a Day" donor receives a certificate and a bio with a picture of the elephant(s) you fed.

You can contribute in as many ways as you'd like, in your own name or in honor of a friend or family member. Contributions can be all at once or once a month for as long as you specify.

\$30 x _____ (# of days) x _____ (# of elephants) = \$ _____
\$15 T-shirt ~ (includes shipping/handling) & b/w photo of your favorite elephant _____ : \$ _____

Name of Elephant

*Note: Divas' t-shirt is the Caravan to Freedom design.

Acres for Elephants

Be the first in your group, neighborhood, classroom, or office to buy real estate for elephants. Help the Sanctuary's expansion by giving elephants the room they need to roam. All Acres for Elephants donors receive a subscription to *Trunklines*.

Senior/Student/Group/Club \$25 x _____ = \$ _____

-SSqE/Square Elephant: space for 8 elephants to stand in a tight group, or

-SSqE/Sleepy Square: space for 5 sister elephants to nap side by side

This donation receives a Sanctuary poster

Dumbo \$55 x _____ = \$ _____

Space for a small herd of elephants to stand ~ 1,440 sq. ft

This donation generates a certificate to the recipient

Jumbo \$350 x _____ = \$ _____

Space for a big herd of elephants to stand ~ 1/4 acre

This donation generates a certificate to the recipient

Mammoth \$1,400 x _____ = \$ _____

Space for a herd of elephants to spread out ~ 1 acre

This donation generates a certificate and a free Sanctuary logo t-shirt.

Please specify size: ☐ (M) ☐ (L) ☐ (XL)

Elephant Sanctuary Merchandise

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Sanctuary Clothing

Tan T-Shirt with Green Logo - \$15.00

Adult ☐ (M) ☐ (L) ☐ (XL) ☐ (XXL) Youth ☐ (L)

Black T-Shirt with Yellow Logo - \$15.00

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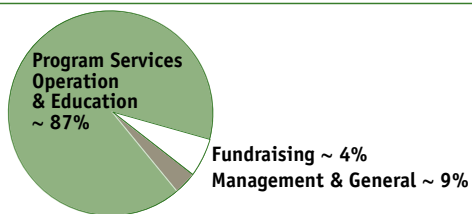


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Ringling Trial Update

The trial of the century opened on February 4, 2009 and concluded with closing arguments on March 18. The future of performing elephants awaits a decision from a federal judge in Washington. The court heard six weeks of testimony in a case brought against Ringling Brothers Circus, Las Vegas-based owner of over fifty elephants, most born in the wild and used as performers in the circus. *From Lasvegasnow.com (CBS 8)*

During the six week trial, the plaintiffs' unveiled considerable evidence showing Ringling trainers routinely beating and abusing elephants with the controversial metal bullhooks, an instrument the circus admits it needs to keep the elephants under control. But is it a violation of federal law?

"It is clear based on the evidence that the elephants are being struck with bullhooks and chained continuously for hours and days at a time, both of which we believe are violations of the endangered species act. And we hope Judge Sullivan will see it that way," said Tracy Silverman with the Animal Welfare Institute.

The plaintiffs in the case are Born Free USA, Animal Protection Institute, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), Animal Welfare Institute, The Fund for Animals, and former Ringling Bros. employee Tom Rider.

In July, new undercover footage was released to the media which caught Ringling trainers repeatedly whipping elephants in the face and hitting them about the head and legs backstage prior to performances.

Judge Emmet Sullivan has yet to issue a verdict. A follow-up hearing was held July 28 and another is set for Sept. 16, after which a ruling could come any time (sfbg.com). ♦

From the Caregivers

We asked our caregivers to share some of their outstanding moments with the Girls: here is a sampling of their responses:

"Picking any one outstanding moment with the girls, for me, is impossible. Although there have been many occasions where their rumbles have resonated in my heart, their silliness has given me the giggles and their tenderness has brought me to tears—it's their collective essence that is "sanctuary" to me. Seeing the depths of who they are, how they care for each other and how together, they strengthen one another to open, grow, and overcome is nothing short of life changing. To have your eyes opened to those wonders and not have it enter into your heart and alter who you are would be missing out on a huge part of their being. They have so much to offer and teach and we just have to sit back, watch, and be open to the true sisterhood they embody. But it would be remiss for me to not mention Miss Delhi, the first elephant I had a relationship with, whose 'grandma' stubbornness threw open the door to my heart before I even knew what was happening—there are no words to express what I feel I owe her or the love I have."

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"Any time I'm out in the habitat, it's so calming to see the girls grazing out in the pasture, just walking around, or sleeping. Especially when they're sleeping. Watching them can make me step back and remember how beautiful life is, and how any problem can be solved if one just takes it a little slower."



Caregiver with Delhi

"The first time Minnie stepped out of the way, giving me enough room to drive into the pasture to deliver her dinner. Up until then, she made me work for everything she gave—and rightly so! She is so smart and crafty, and really very funny in her methods. But that afternoon when I explained to her I couldn't come over to feed her with her that close, she looked over her shoulder at me, thought about it for a second, then casually sauntered to the left several paces, allowing me to drive the 4-wheeler into that area to drop her meal.

The first time Frieda picked up her feet for me, before I slid her foot-soak buckets into her stall. Foot soaks are done for her when she has sore feet. For a while, she would only soak one foot each day, and that could be right or left, however she was feeling that morning. Then there came the morning when I turned to place the bucket in front of her, and her foot was already in the air! Then, as soon as she placed that foot in the bucket, the other foot went up waiting for the next one. That was a great feeling to have her willingly giving me both feet for the first time. I always feel as though I need to work just a *little* bit harder with Ms. Frieda to gain her respect, but that's just fine with me.

These girls always know how to make you feel good." ♦

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