



WINKIE ON THE MOVE

Winkie, a 34-year-old female elephant, is, for the second time in her life, on the move. The first time was in 1966 when she was captured as a young calf living with her family in the wilds of Southeast Asia and transported to the US. This time she is leaving the only home she has known since. She is trading a life in the city, where she was an icon and favorite attraction at the city zoo, for retirement at the Sanctuary, where she will be free to roam 222 acres of Tennessee wilderness.

The Henry Vilas Zoo in Madison, Wisconsin, is the only home Winkie has known in captivity. She has shared her small zoo space since infancy with others who have come and gone. Rasha, a young elephant who resided at the zoo for a short time, actually left and then returned, only to leave again. This may have confused Winkie but gave her hope that when others left, perhaps they, too, would return. Rasha did not. She was sold to a small city owned zoo in southern Wisconsin where she spent 13 years alone. Finally, Rasha was moved to a larger institution that housed other Asian elephants. Time passed and Winkie settled in with her remaining roommate, an African elephant named Penny. Penny was her junior and appeared to solicit Winkie's attention. Even though Winkie exhibited few signs of



Winkie & roommate Penny at Henry Vilas Zoo



Winkie at the Henry Vilas Zoo

outward affection toward Penny, only Winkie can say how attached she was to Penny.

As a result of an antiquated and inadequate elephant exhibit and a lack of funds to renovate, the Henry Vilas Zoo decided it would be in the best interests of their elephants and staff to place Penny and Winkie in another institution. Many decisions needed to follow: Would this be a temporary or permanent placement? Would Penny and Winkie be separated? Would either or both be sent to an institution where they would be bred? After hiring private consultants and thoroughly investigating the options, the difficult decision was made. The elephants would be separated. Penny, being young and most likely a viable breeder, would be sent to an AZA institution where she would live with other African elephants and participate in the zoo's breeding program. Winkie would be allowed to retire to The Elephant Sanctuary and not be used for breeding. Although it is reasonable to believe that both elephants will mourn the loss of their friend, we know that Winkie will be lovingly accepted by the elephants at the Sanctuary, enabling her to form lifelong relationships with six others of her own kind.

On August 15, 2000, Penny was moved from the Henry Vilas Zoo, leaving Winkie

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alone. Many feared Winkie's response to the separation. Would she mourn the loss of her long time roommate? Would she become more difficult for her keepers to handle? Would she become depressed or fearful? Would anyone know how she was feeling? Critics of the concerns questioned if she would feel anything. The day after Penny was moved Winkie acted cautiously. Though she was reluctant to leave her barn, she appeared concerned but not overwhelmed. By the following day, Winkie seemed to return to more normal behavior. Zoo visitors who frequented the elephant exhibit were surprised and pleased that Winkie seemed in good spirits, showing no outward signs of stress following her separation from Penny. Winkie's ability to deal with Penny's leaving is one of the most impressive traits of elephants; they are survivors. Their ability and drive to persevere, adapt, and cope are assets in captivity as well as the wild.



On September 9, the customized trailer that would transport Winkie to the Elephant Sanctuary was backed into the elephant yard. When the Henry Vilas Zoo's elephant barn was constructed it was not equipped with a service door large enough to accommodate a semi trailer to load and unload elephants. To facilitate Winkie's loading, a temporary bridge was built across the moat at the front of the elephant yard so that the trailer could be backed up to the door of Winkie's barn.

Throughout the day Winkie's keepers encouraged her to investigate this foreign object inside her yard. Winkie was understandably curious and spent much time investigating inside the trailer, but only as far as her trunk would reach. After a few hours, her curiosity got the best of her and she put one front foot inside the trailer, then the other. By the end of the first day, Winkie had placed both front feet inside and reaped the bounty of rewards, including her favorite, a watermelon. Separated from the trailer for the evening, Winkie continued her investigating first thing the next morning. By afternoon, she was completely inside the trailer, calmly eating hay and treats. Her keepers were

surprised and pleased with her progress. They had feared that Winkie would not enter the trailer on her own, but the Sanctuary staff was confident that Winkie's intelligence, curiosity, and hunger would impel her to enter. Of course, feeling safe is the key factor in the equation, which was reinforced by her keepers. Winkie spent the remainder of the day going in and out of the trailer at will, investigating the walls, pipe enclosure, and, of course, eating.

The next morning after food, water, and bath, Winkie was again allowed to investigate the trailer. If all went as planned, Winkie would be in the trailer and on her way to the Sanctuary by 9 AM. But as fate would have it, Madison was to experience one of the worst storms of the season, dropping 6 inches of rain in a short time. Winkie was slightly distracted by the cracks of thunder, but within 45 minutes she calmly entered the trailer. With her keepers praising and rewarding her from the front of the trailer, Scott quietly slid the back bars of the transport cage into place. Though at first Winkie appeared concerned about being confined in the trailer, after a short while the back doors were closed, which seemed to give her a sense of security as she settled down and began to eat.

At 10 AM, in torrential rains, Winkie left for her new home, with her keepers in tow. Mike Knowles, truck driver by profession, was making his second trip transporting a Sanctuary elephant. Mike's attention to detail was the reassurance everyone needed to relax during the move. As predicted, Winkie settled into the drive, showing no agitation, aggression, or fear. She drank well, and when the caravan stopped for the night, Winkie ate well and then rested. Scott remained in the a separate compartment of the trailer to monitor and feed Winkie through the night.

At noon the next day Winkie's trailer entered the Sanctuary. Mike Knowles expertly positioned the rig flush with the huge overhead door where Winkie would enter her new home. Tarra anxiously awaited at the far end of the barn. A small crowd had gathered, including Partridge Film Company from the UK filming a documentary; the Editorial Director from Road King magazine was on hand to interview Mike Knowles to get his unique perspective on transporting an elephant; and Mike Winikoff, Director of Programs of The Ark Trust, Inc., an organization that was instrumental in Winkie's coming to the Sanctuary. Mike had a camcorder in hand and a wide smile the entire afternoon. K.T. Oslin as well as Jon and Jim Hager took time from their busy *Winkie...continued on pg. 3*

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schedules to witness Winkie's arrival. Local media all crowded into the viewing area with Sanctuary executive council members and other friends. All the while Tappedinto.com, Inc., silently rolled the camera, which was transmitting live footage onto the Sanctuary's web site. Winkie debuted our live feed. Her arrival was viewed by 16,000 viewers from around the globe. The live feed was featured on Nashville's "Talk of the Town" as well as WTVF-TV.

Although the Sanctuary staff is seasoned when it comes to elephant arrivals, each one creates excitement. Winkie surprised many by her reluctance to offload from the trailer. Her keepers encouraged Winkie until she gained the courage to back out of the trailer. Almost two hours after her arrival, she stepped down on the Sanctuary ground, her final home.



Winkie as a calf, less than a year old

Once out of the trailer, Winkie covered her body in true elephant fashion with fresh Tennessee dirt and enough shavings to bed several hundred hamsters. Next, she discovered the assortment of produce and hay awaiting her. She explored her surroundings by smelling the stall bars, manure track, floor mats, and reaching into the watering trough opening and safety viewers in her stall wall. She was incredibly curious and appeared calm and composed.

Tarra was the first to introduce herself to Winkie. It appeared that Tarra was more interested in eating Winkie's food than meeting Winkie, which gave Winks a chance to explore Tarra. Once Tarra had consumed the bulk of Winkie's food, she reached through the bars and touched Winkie's face. Not expecting this gesture, Winkie recoiled. Tarra redirected her attention to the food. Winkie regained her composure, extended her trunk in a friendly greeting and touched Tarra's trunk and face.

Barbara was next to meet Winkie. Winkie showed no concern or fear when Barbara approached, both touching each other's face and mouth. They spent

considerable time exploring each other, exchanging gentle trunk strokes. Later that night, Sissy met Winkie through a stall divider. Sissy was very excited to see Winkie. She pop-pop-popped her trunk (a sign of excitement and pleasure). Throughout the night Winkie and Sissy stayed in close proximity. Neither laid down to sleep, instead napping while standing.

Early the following morning Shirley and Jenny were anxiously waiting at the barn door to see Winkie. When the stall door opened, Jenny hobbled right over and gently touched Winkie all over. Winkie exchanged the greeting. Shirley followed. Once Shirley had introduced herself to Winkie, an amazing event occurred. Jenny and Shirley, as if one cue, lined themselves up on either side of Winkie and proceeded to gently and firmly escort her toward the barn door. All who witnessed this phenomenal event recognized its significance. Jenny and Shirley had claimed Winkie as part of the herd and were escorting her outside. Sadly, Winkie was yet too afraid to experience the big outdoors. Only after 2 hours of gentle coaxing did Jenny and Shirley take a break from their efforts. Jenny and Shirley left the barn but stayed close by all day, repeatedly returning to the barn in several attempts to encourage Winkie outside. Whenever Jenny and Shirley returned to the barn, Winkie quickly approached them and began to follow them outside, but at the last moment she would retreat. That evening Winkie shared a two-stall space with Barbara.

Although we are anxious for Winkie to experience the full advantages of the Sanctuary, we respect her need

for it to be in her own time. She has spent 34 years without, so a few days to build her confidence is understandable. Until then, Jenny, Shirley, Bunny, and Tarra stand at the bottom of the hill glancing up periodically to see if Winkie is coming out. Barbara comes inside the barn several times a day to check on Winkie and Sissy responds with excitement whenever Winkie approaches. They are all getting to know each other and soon will be a functioning family, enriching each other's lives and teaching us more of the mysteries of these amazing animals.



Winkie enjoys bath at the zoo

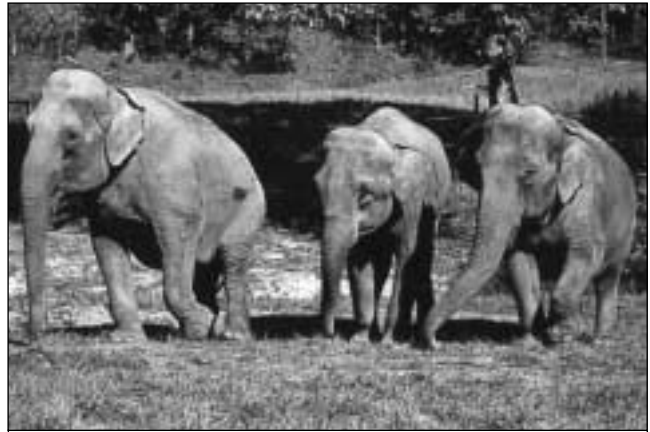
Elephant Update: Evolving Herd Dynamics

Shirley and Tarra

When Shirley arrived in July 1999, we observed a cohesion of the herd. The elephants seemed to gravitate toward an invisible center, right where 52-year-old Shirley stood. As with all true, compassionate leaders, Shirley lent her wisdom and guidance without intimidation. Tarra is often seen soliciting Shirley's attention. With the patience of a grandmother, Shirley continues to teach Tarra the ways of an elephant herd and how to be a viable member of this family. Even when Tarra's hunger motivates her to ignore elephant etiquette, Shirley gently reminds her that with a herd, as in any family, there are rules that each member is expected to follow. Tarra appreciates Shirley's tutelage, as revealed by the frequency with which they keep each other company.

Jenny, Shirley, and Bunny

It appears that most of the time Jenny has forsaken all others for Shirley. Constant and caring companions, Jenny and Shirley are never apart. Even when Jenny sleeps, Shirley remains at her side, taking up the protective posture of standing over her, gently resting her trunk on Jenny's face. The vocal exchanges that pierced the Sanctuary silence a year ago when Jenny and Shirley reunited, continue daily, but, now, instead of only two sets of bellows and trumpets, there are many more. Bunny arrived three months after Shirley and immediately became a constant companion of Jenny's and Shirley's. At first Bunny envisioned herself the leader, but Jenny thought otherwise and continually and patiently reminded Bunny that her place was to follow and learn. After several incidents during which Bunny intimidated both Barbara and Sissy, Bunny learned that she would be ostracized if she was not a compassionate member of the herd. No action on the part of keepers could have had the impact Jenny and Shirley's temporary rejection had on Bunny. For nearly two days Bunny wandered around, appearing lost, soliciting the attention of her friends. Each time Bunny approached, Jenny and Shirley simply turned their backs, showing their disapproval of Bunny's intimidating behavior toward Barbara and Sissy. What Bunny was experiencing is what human parents refer to as a "time out." This means no physical punishment, simply a separation from a social situation, which for a social animal has a huge impact. Now, Bunny gladly refrains from intimidation in exchange for the constant companionship of all the other elephants. It took Bunny little time to learn to be a viable member of her herd. Actually it was less a matter of learning and more of remembering when she lived with her natural family some 44 years ago.



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Barbara and Sissy

The growing season has brought lush vegetation, a dense protective canopy, and hours spent under the stars. For the past four months only Sissy has returned to the barn in the evenings. Barbara drops in for some treats and attention but then returns to nature. With hot days and warm nights, the girls utilize their habitat 24 hours a day. They are currently in their Summer/Fall mode of early morning grazing and a noontime swim in the upper pond. Recently, they have been lounging in the pond like a circle of buoyant bobbles, soaking up the sun and the refreshing spring water. Only after they are sufficiently soothed do they leave the pond and retire for a nap under the sprawling oak trees that hover over the edge of the pasture. Wafting clouds of dust rising from behind the trees signal that the girls have left the pond and are preparing for their afternoon nap. Covering their bodies, as their wild relatives do, by flinging trunkfuls of dirt all over their wet bodies protects their skin and ensures a restful sleep unbothered by biting insects.

Sissy continues to spend a good deal of time close to the barn. She has discovered that there is much activity in and around the barn all day. Being close to the activity increases her chances of receiving attention and treats. But if there is anything happening in the habitat that includes one or more of her caretakers, Sissy will investigate. The tractor and backhoe are her favorite distractions. All of the elephants find a moving vehicle entertaining. Sissy enjoys chasing along side the tractor and when it stops, she solicits her caretakers' attention. She loves to have the top of her head scratched. Moving slowly and carefully, Sissy will reposition her body to ensure every inch of her head and back receive a gentle massage. Her eyes flutter, ears flap, and a soft gentle purr can be heard. Although her infrasonic communications cannot be heard by the human ear, the rapid vibration

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Sanctuary Job Positions Available

The Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, the nation's only natural-habitat refuge for Asian elephants, continues to grow and expand its programs and facilities. Currently, the Sanctuary is seeking dynamic candidates to fill two upcoming keeper positions:

Full-time salary: \$17,000 annually plus benefits; 6 months probationary period.

TO APPLY:

Please send cover letter, resume and 3 letters of recommendation to:

Scott Blais
The Elephant Sanctuary
P. O. Box 393
Hohenwald, TN 39462

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsible for cleaning, food preparation, construction and facility maintenance.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

Education: Degree in related field preferred.

Work Experience: Minimum of one year work experience in animal care and construction preferred.

Knowledge, Skills and Ability

- Strong work ethic
- Passion for animal welfare
- Ability to work unassisted and be self-motivated
- Mechanically inclined
- Must be able to work weekends and holidays

"Our Girls" Video — Makes a Great Holiday Stocking Stuffer

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Many endearing video/photo opportunities and heartwarming exchanges of affection occur daily at the Sanctuary. So with cameras in hand, the Sanctuary staff has been recording these precious moments.

The result is this ten-minute amateur video directed and choreographed by the elephants themselves and recorded by those who are fortunate to be privy to their world. All proceeds from this video go toward the daily operations of the Sanctuary, which ensures the elephants' permanent residency.

To order send \$15.00 per video (plus \$4 shipping and handling) to:

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The Elephant Sanctuary Welcomes a New Corporate Sponsor, United Parcel Service (UPS).

The Sanctuary's long-term goal of acquiring a semi-trailer to transport elephants is now realized, thanks to UPS and a handful of dedicated supporters. On June 20, UPS donated a 40 foot semi-trailer. The initial inquiry concerning the trailer was made on behalf of the Sanctuary by Jon Hager, a long time member and supporter of the Sanctuary. After contacting Carol Buckley, Sanctuary codirector, to clarify the specific requirements, Jon set out to get the trailer donated. First he contacted Eddie Bryant with the AFL/CIO who put him in contact with Billy Cullen with the Teamsters Local 480. Billy Cullen felt confident that UPS would be interested in accommodating the request so he put Jon in contact with Trailer Conditioners in Nashville and UPS - Tennessee District. Trailer Conditioners renovates and repairs UPS's fleet of trailers. They were anxious to assist. The result of this long chain of phone calls was a much appreciated in-kind donation to the Sanctuary.

Jon called the Sanctuary office with the good news informing Carol and Scott they were invited to come pick out the Sanctuary's new trailer. It was like Christmas in June. Once the exact trailer was chosen, Jason Blye, manager at Trailer Conditioners, appeared with a clip board and orders to make a list of any and all renovations that the Sanctuary would like to have done to the trailer. Dumbfounded, Scott and Carol just looked at each other; this offer was too good to be true. But without hesitation, Jim and Jon Hager jumped right in requesting new tires, a new paint job, new running lights, reflectors, and with great enthusiasm they stated that this trailer must have the fancy skirts that cover the tires, just like all the UPS trailers have. Jason said, "No problem, we can do that." Twin grins spread across Jon's face and Jim's. They were proud of their contribution to what would turn out to be a long list of renovations. Once Carol and Scott recovered from their shock, they requested a new floor, insulated walls and ceiling, inside lights, air vents, two sets of double doors, and a single door that would lead into a storage area to be constructed in the front of the trailer. Without hesitation, Jason wrote down all the requests, stopping only to clarify what type and size of material was preferred. He seemed quite pleased to be of assistance.

The renovations were complete within a month. UPS went above and beyond what was expected by delivering the



Scott, Joanne, Tonya, Lori, Jon Hager, Hulon Dunn Jr., Dale Cash, & Charlie Sanford

trailer to the Sanctuary. It was in perfect condition. All the renovations were as requested and the trailer looked better than new. Immediately Scott set to work customizing a one-of-a-kind safety cage inside the trailer. This special cage-type structure eliminates the need to chain an elephant during transport. The cage safely ensures the elephant's confinement enroute while alleviating the injuries that sometimes occur when elephants are chained. The semi trailer that had been the Sanctuary's goal for four years is now a reality!

Winkie will grace the new trailer as the first passenger on her maiden voyage. Our excitement over Winkie's arrival is heightened by the fact that she will be the first Sanctuary elephant transported chain-free.

Our special thanks to Jon and Jim Hager, Ed Bryant, Billy Cullen, Stefen Spelligen, Jason Blye, David Sack, Dale Cash, Barry York, Tony Guillory, Doug Helms, Jake Floyd, Charlie Sanford and everyone at UPS and Trailer Conditioners who helped make this dream come true.

In the past Chuck and Rise Pankow have generously donated the use of their elephant trailer whenever asked. We are grateful for their compassion.

First the Land Then the Fence

Fence construction is currently underway to enclose the entire 222 acres. The perimeter fence, 10,000 feet of 8-foot chain link fence, is near completion. It is required by both the State and Federal government as a security measure for public safety. The second fence, also a government requirement, is a mammoth corral. This corral, which ensures that the elephants do not wander off Sanctuary grounds, will also enclose the entire 222 acres and is constructed to be elephant proof, not people proof. It, too, is 10,000 feet long, but is constructed of steel pipe and cable. Taking on such a huge project is not only labor intensive, it is extremely expensive. To cover the cost of the elephants' corral, the Sanctuary initiated the "Elephant Corral Capital Campaign." The project cost is \$200,000. Thanks to the generosity of several individuals and

organizations we have already raised \$153,000. The corral is currently under construction and the target completion date is October 30, 2000. The elephants will be given access to this new land once the project is complete.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the following contributors for their continued generous and loyal support. A special thanks to Susan Phillips, Leslie Christodoulopoulos, Ahimsa Foundation, Jane & Jeffrey Gale, The Ark Trust, T & T Family Foundation, Frank & Marilyn Williamson, Gary Fink, The Chrysalis Foundation, PETA, Marian Rozycki, Susan West, and H. Clappier. Each one of you has made an invaluable impact on the quality of life experienced by the current and future residents of the Sanctuary. Thank you for your support.

More Room To Roam-- Our First "Acres for Elephants" Success



Thanks to the overwhelming response from Sanctuary members to our "Acres for Elephants" program, the Sanctuary's habitat has doubled. This past July, the Sanctuary was able to purchase 110 acres of wilderness land from International Paper Company, an adjacent property owner. Acquiring the International Paper property goes a long way in helping us to protect and care for some very special animals. These additional acres not only ensure that the Sanctuary elephants have plenty of space to walk and eat, they also serve as a buffer to insulate the elephants from the outside world and maintain their peaceful existence. This new land acquisition increases the natural habitat available to the

elephants to 222 acres.

Dr. Sharon Haines, Manager of Sustainable Forestry and Forest for International Paper, commends The Elephant Sanctuary for raising public awareness about the needs of wildlife. "The 'Acres for Elephants' program is not only a successful fundraising effort, but it has also introduced people of all ages from all over the world to the plight of captive animals."

We extend our gratitude to everyone who made this land acquisition possible. A special thanks goes to Janet Marvin and Marian Rozychi, whose personal interest in our "Acres for Elephants" program allowed us to purchase 21 acres of additional habitat.

Acres for Elephants...A Gift Idea

You, or your group, can help us reach our goals of "Room to Roam" by "purchasing" one or more Square Elephants—the space necessary for an elephant to stand at rest from trunk to tail (approximately 6 ft X 12 ft)—for a mere \$2.00 per square. Certificates will be provided to give as personalized gifts.

For those wishing to contribute to relaxation, Sleepy Square Elephants—the space necessary for an elephant to lie down and take a nap (approximately 9 ft X 14 ft)—can be purchased for only \$3.00 each. For those wishing to

contribute more space, we offer a Dumbo—20 SqE, or 1440 square ft, which is house size, for only \$35. Also available is a Jumbo—151 SqE, or 1/4 acre, for \$246 and a Mammoth—1 acre, for \$984.

You can be the first in your group, neighborhood, classroom, or office to "purchase" real estate and help the Sanctuary provide a safe, comfortable refuge for retired Asian elephants. As they say in the elephant retirement and real estate business, "Location, location, location."

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as many as 15,000 viewers can view the elephants simultaneously. Tappedinto.com is a multimedia stream-hosting company providing live or archived video on the Internet. They have compiled hours of Sanctuary stock footage, digitized news pieces, and archival footage as well as shot additional footage, which they used to compile individual elephant profiles. This channel gives the viewer an opportunity to see the elephants live in the moment, learn about their past, listen to actual elephant vocalizations, and much more. This technology is non-intrusive and creates a powerful teaching tool without compromising the elephants.

The elephants go about their day, grazing, foraging, and playing in the pond, without any disruption by curious observers. This advanced technology transmits live camera images direct to our web site and onto your computer. Now you can see what Tarra finds so interesting along the creek beds, and why Jenny, Shirley, and Bunny spend so much time together at the upper pond. You can observe how attached Sissy is to Barbara, and, finally, you can see for yourself the entire herd running beside the tractor as Scott drives through the pasture. In order to view our ELECAM, go to our web site, www.elephants.com.



Sissy closeup

Click on the icon labeled "ELECAM-livefeed." Be sure to download the free player and plan to spend hours immersed in the elephants' world.

For those who wish to show their gratitude to the Sanctuary's valued sponsors of this incredible teaching tool, please address your comments to the following people:

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There Is Another Way

The fascination by the public to see elephants up close and personal has resulted in disastrous consequences for captive elephants. Many facilities exhibiting elephants have put the needs of the public before the animals in their care. As a direct result of the public's desire to get closer, captive elephants live a miserable life by being confined to small places, forced to submit to human keepers, fed only processed food due to restricted living space, and no grazing land.

If the only way that humans can know and enjoy the gentleness and kindness of elephants is by interacting with them, then the species is doomed. Elephants deteriorate (both physically and emotionally) in an environment created to accommodate public interaction. We have great faith in the human race and believe when shown the benefits of a sanctuary, caring humans will recognize that captive elephants deserve to live in such an environment.

Mark Your Calendar --- National Geographic/PBS Documentary on the Elephant

On November 19, PBS will air the *The Urban Elephant*, an hour-long documentary produced by Allison Argo for PBS/National Geographic. This documentary was nearly two years in the making. Taking an unbiased look at elephants living in captivity, here and in their homeland of Southeast Asia, the documentary explores their lives spent in zoos, circuses, and on the streets of Bangkok, performing, entertaining and educating us. You will discover that artificial insemination, to produce baby elephants, is now a common practice in zoos and



Shirley and Jenny

circuses in their struggle to create a sustainable captive population of this endangered species. You will see the sad reality of captive elephants in Asia begging on the streets for a meager existence. Sanctuary life is also featured in the documentary with the profoundly emotional reunion of Shirley and Jenny, two of the Sanctuary's residents. One of the many

facets of this documentary is to reveal the depth of emotions experienced by elephants in captivity. ***Don't miss it!***

Tree of Life Comes Through Again!

In 1999, Tree of Life, Inc. generously donated a year's supply of flax seed oil for Barbara. When our veterinarian recommended that Barbara continue to receive the supplement, Tree of Life did not hesitate to generously donate another year's supply.

Last year, on the recommendation of Dr. Ward, one of the Sanctuary's consulting veterinarians, Barbara was given a half cup of flax seed oil twice daily. Caretakers saw immediate improvements. A recurring face wound that had plagued Barbara since her arrival healed within days. Her abdominal pain and colic episodes became fewer and less severe. And if she did experience a surface scratch or wound from her excursions in the woods, the healing time was markedly shorter. After six months of daily treatment of flax seed oil, Barbara had increased levels of activity and vitality. Although we attributed Barbara's improvement to the flax seed oil, we now needed to see if the supplement could be discontinued. The decision was made to slowly reduce the flaxseed oil dosage until it was removed from her diet. At first we saw no change, but slowly, over a two month period, Barbara started to experience mild colic symptoms.

For obvious reasons, the flax seed oil supplement was returned to Barbara's diet.

After years of suffering from abdominal pain, it appears Barabra can now be pain free. Natural remedies are the preferred treatment for these and other ailments suffered by the Sanctuary's elephants. If we can treat the elephants in a way that encourages the body to heal itself, we avoid complications that may occur with the use of drugs.

We are indebted to Tree of Life for their compassion, on-going support, and, of course, a fantastic product. Those who would like to thank Tree of Life for their generous contribution, please contact:

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Elephant Fact:

When wild elephants of unrelated herds meet, they do not intermingle. When two related herds meet there is a lively exchange, both vocal and physical.

MOTOLA UPDATE

LAMPANG, Thailand (AP) - Motola, a logging elephant whose leg had to be amputated, has made a remarkable recovery one year after a land mine blast, but has not been cleared to receive an artificial foot. The 38-year-old elephant made headlines when she was saved from death by bone specialists and surgeons who cut away her mangled foot Aug. 28, 1999. It was the first surgery of its kind in Thailand.

"Looking back, I think it was all because of her strong will to live. If she didn't want to fight to live, none of us could have saved her," said Soraida Salwala, founder of the Hang Chat Elephant Hospital, a privately funded facility 300 miles north of Bangkok. The 5,940-pound elephant was injured while working in a logging camp near the border with Myanmar, a region peppered with mines after a half-century of insurgency. Her tragedy brought attention to the plight of Thailand's working elephants, which number about 2,000, down from some 10,000 in the 1970s.

Motola's friendly nature and cooperation contributed to her survival, Soradia said Saturday. Another logging elephant admitted shortly after Motola with a land mine injury died

because he would not allow veterinarians near him. Therdchai Cheewaket, a top bone surgeon from Chiang Mai University who performed the amputation, said he is waiting for Motola's leg to heal before molding a prosthetic foot, a first for an elephant in Thailand. Veterinarians were not sure if the procedure had been attempted elsewhere. Therdchai would not give a time frame for fitting the prosthetic leg.

"It is a slow recovery since it is a big wound and it is a big beast," said Preecha Phuangkham, who leads the veterinarians' team tending to Motola. Even when Motola is ready, no one is sure if she will accept a fake foot. She had refused to allow vets to attach a foot-shaped cushion.

Preecha said it is essential that Motola keeps in shape. Any surplus weight can be an obstacle to fitting the prosthetic foot. Beside controlling her diet, Motola is made to walk for an hour each day.

"Fortunately she loves walking," Preecha said. "She is always cheerful, hopping around the compound and pulling some fresh weeds on her own, though it is quite difficult to do so on three legs."

Special Screening of The Urban Elephant as a Fund Raiser



National Geographic and PBS have agreed to allow The Elephant Sanctuary to hold a private screening of *The Urban Elephant*. Thanks to producer Allison Argo's endorsement, the Sanctuary will have the opportunity to offer the screening as a fund raiser. On November 15, at the beautiful Belcourt Theater in Nashville, *The Urban Elephant* will air twice. The morning screening will be attended by children from local Nashville schools. Attendance at the evening screening will be by reservation only and open to Sanctuary members and others. The night will be highlighted by a rare appearance by Sanctuary cofounders Scott Blais and Carol Buckley. This documentary is an important film, one that will impact the lives of captive elephants and cause people to reconsider what they thought they knew about elephants. For reservations please call 615-460-9773. Leave a message and your call will be returned.

Thanks to Mike Knowles

Thank you is not enough to convey the gratitude that Scott, Carol, Sanctuary staff, board members and the executive council have for Mike Knowles' generosity. We first met Mike when he transported Sissy. His driving skills were surpassed only by his kind heart and sincere commitment to Sissy.

When Mike heard that Winkie would be moving to the Sanctuary, he offered his services free of charge. We were delighted as Mike's driving skills are exemplary as well as

his sensitivity to this precious cargo. Without complaint, he agreed to haul our elephant trailer from the Sanctuary to the zoo and leave it idle for two full days so that Winkie could adjust in her own time to the trailer. His contribution went beyond the day and a half it took to transport Winkie. Mike gave up paid jobs for a total of five days in order to drive our precious cargo to the Sanctuary. Watch for a feature story about Mike in the November issue of *RoadKing* magazine. Thank you, Mike, you are our hero.

Thanks to the Zimmermann Family

Thanks to the Zimmermann Family of Hohenwald, visitors to our web site can view the Sanctuary and elephants in 360°. Randall Zimmermann visited the Sanctuary with a camera equipped to take 360° photographs. Randall's brother, Steve Zimmermann, founder of IPIX, developed the technology that puts a 360° photograph onto the Internet and allows

the viewer to manipulate the photograph, creating the illusion that you are inside the photo. Check it out as there are several IPIX photos on our web site photo gallery right now. Many thanks to Randall, Steve, and the entire Zimmermann family for their support.

Thank You to the Grant Writers

Things are not always as they seem. Grant writing is one those "things." What seems relatively easy, actually demands special training and talent. This past year we applied for a grant from the Asian Elephant Conservation Act. This Act provides grant money to US-based organizations doing work that benefits Asian elephants in their range countries. The money actually represents a debt owed by the Asian government as result of a loan from the US. Instead of repaying the debt in US dollars, which would place an incredible hardship on the Asian economy, the US agreed to accept payment in Asian currency and keep the money in Asia. That is how the Asian Elephant Conservation Act was conceived.

When Dr. John Bransford, Nancy Vye, and Tim Altma from the Vanderbilt Learning Technology Center found that we needed a grant writer, they volunteered to help. They spent endless hours writing a grant that would fund our Asian Elephant Habitat Program (refer to our web site). Prior to writing the grant, Dr. Bransford and his colleagues had to familiarize themselves with the Habitat Program. They painstakingly learned all they could about the Program and the Sanctuary and then proceeded to write a precise and impressive grant proposal. This project when funded will reclaim thousands of acres of prime elephant

habitat in northern India, land previously home to the largest, most viable elephant population in India. Currently, a good portion of the land is inhabited by non-indigenous people who have requested that the Indian government assist in their relocation. Milk producers by trade, these people have found it difficult to generate a living in the region. Although this region is preferred by elephants, the terrain and weather patterns make it hard to move milk to market, making it less than preferred for human inhabitation. The Sanctuary wants to aid these people in their desire to move, thereby reestablishing a natural elephant range.

Sadly, we were not awarded the grant, but it was not for lack of a persuasive application or a worthwhile project. The problem was that our project is too large to be considered by the Asian Elephant Conservation Act at this time. Our request exceeded the normal granting amount, but we will continue to apply for grant money for this project. We are determined to help preserve wild habitat for elephants, because this is the only way the species will survive. True conservation is a simple concept: save the habitat and you save the species. Our sincere thanks goes to Dr. John Bransford, Nancy Vye, and Tim Altma for their time and expertise in writing this grant.

CAN WE SAFELY INTERACT WITH ELEPHANTS WITHOUT DOMINATING THEM?

The answer is yes and we call it Passive-Control elephant management. With captive elephants as our teachers, management systems can be designed that best suit an elephant's physical and psychological needs. Traditional elephant management techniques focus on the trainer's physical and psychological dominance over the elephant. Field observation of wild elephants suggest that this species does not operate in a pure hierarchy but in an intricate social structure of individuals who relate to each other independent of the herd. Although there is one who leads, that leader does so without brute force. Their leadership qualities, which include wisdom and experience, are the tools by which they command respect and cooperation. The elephants at the Sanctuary have taught us that elephants in captivity do not need to be physically dominated to be managed. Instead, they will cooperatively follow a leader who shows compassionate leadership qualities.



Jenny, Shirley & Bunny

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