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Dulary and Misty enjoying a dip in the pond

Elephant Update:

Spring – A Season of Rejuvenation

Spring has come again to Middle Tennessee, fresh and transient and sparkling new, yet as timeless as the rolling hills. Here at The Sanctuary the Girls have welcomed its arrival with playful vigor as they rejoice alongside their Caregivers and you, their supporters, in the opportunity they have been blessed with. Flitting birds, fluttering butterflies, blooming flowers, warm Spring mornings and rainy afternoons have been cherished by all of the Girls, each in her own way.

At Africa, Tange has welcomed Spring with the easy-going way and light-hearted approach she takes to life in general. She is playful and energetic, and adores her mud wallow, usually preferring this way of repelling bugs and cooling off to the fire hose showers that Flora loves. Tange likes the odd water sprinkle too—but generally she's a Girl for the all-over mud spa treatment!

Sanctuary life is all about letting elephants be elephants—always has been, always will be. But sometimes we have to step a little closer just to deal with the essentials of elephant care that our Girls need as a result of their lives in captivity. When we have to look after their feet, give them check-ups, or take blood samples so we can screen for possible illness, we're always careful to interfere as little as possible, while, at the same time, making it as fun and rewarding as possible. Tange and Flora are being trained in Protected Contact and Caregiver Angela says, "We continue to work with the Girls on their training almost daily, making sure they're comfortable with different people and getting used to being touched." We think they know it's for their own good—plus it's a time for them to get a few nice treats in return for taking part in their own healthcare!

Caregiver Kristy recently joined the Africa team and is thrilled to be working with the African Girls. "It has been so rewarding for me to work with Flora and see the trust build between us. She is allowing me to touch her, give her baths, ...I can't describe how great it is to see her improve

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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 animals.*

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

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Message from Rob

Dear Friends,

I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you over the year and a half since I became CEO of The Elephant Sanctuary, and every time I am humbled by what you tell me. You, our supporters, are numerous and varied and yet you are joined by the same thread that runs through all of us who are privileged to work here. Every one of us, The Sanctuary family, feels a sense of responsibility towards the elephants we love. Some of The Sanctuary family look after the Girls directly, some serve them through administration or by making sure The Sanctuary is in good working order, while others—you—enable the wheel of caring to keep turning.

Not long ago, at our happy-and-sad Remembering Bella Day, I met a couple who had come from New York to attend. They told me they felt that Sissy (their favorite, because of all she has gone through) was their responsibility. I told them I agreed with them; Sissy is their responsibility and the responsibility of all of her Sanctuary family. So are all the Girls. Although they owe us nothing (they did not ask for the lives they have led since being taken from their mothers) *we owe them everything.*

We can never totally repay the debt owed to them, though we will do all in our power trying. We, The Sanctuary family, ask for no thanks from the elephants we care for, but *I can thank you* for your support and for staying with us. You make Sanctuary happen and I hope you realize that.



Rob Atkinson, CEO



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Flora and Tange

every day....allowing us to scratch her sides and touch her all over. This is a big step for Flora! I have seen her come a long way." Flora has really been enjoying her fire hose showers and watermelon on warm Spring days!

Of all the Q-Barn ladies, Minnie is the most adventurous, wandering the fields of luscious green grass and enjoying the shade of the forest canopy which bathes her in delicious greenness. Minnie is a bit of

a wild child, and loves the variations in nature that Spring brings. Rainstorms fill Minnie with excitement: she plays exuberantly with her culvert for hours then splashes around in the ponds, kicking the large logs that float by. This Spring Minnie was seen wearing bright green hats of grass, cooling her beautiful head and formidable brain. She'll wear these stylish accessories for hours.

After a long, hard day of grazing and playing, Minnie meets up with her friends Deb and Ron over the fence line, where they touch, squeak and play together. Sometimes during rainstorms, they run alongside the fence line, Minnie on one side and Deb and Ron on the other, throwing mud and water in the air.



Minnie

Minnie's intelligence is often displayed in her intense interest in her environment. This Spring, she was spotted reaching out to a butterfly, waving her trunk up, down and around, following its flight. Minnie has even been channeling some of her energy into cooperating with her Caregivers. She is always quick to follow the 4-wheeler for her meals, and she now waits patiently for gates to be opened. Lead Caregiver Kelly says, "It seems as if Minnie is starting to trust her Caregivers more and has become more relaxed in her day to day interactions with them."

You may remember from the February 7th Ele-Notes that Debbie and Ronnie tested positive for active TB. Though we wish none of our Girls would require treatment, all of our Q-Girls were exposed to TB during their circus days, and a positive result, though disheartening, is not really a surprise. Fortunately, neither Deb nor Ron exhibit any symptoms of the disease, and both are doing excellently on their TB

treatment training. Because they need to come back to the barn daily for training, and because Minnie would sometimes prevent Debbie from doing so, for the time being Deb and Ron socialize with Minnie through the fence, which they do often with trunk entwines and hugs.

Every afternoon at the same time the Q-Caregivers ring a cow bell. This gentle reminder grabs the attention of Deb and Ron and they know it's time to return to the barn for the training for pill swallowing. The routine allows Caregivers to treat the Girls on a daily basis (necessary to successfully combat the disease) while they still enjoy their large

habitat. Caregiver Kelly says, "They are both up to 10 pills at a time and swallowing them wonderfully. The jelly beans and calf manna keep their interests high and they reach out their trunks after each swallow like a kid in a candy store, reaching out their hand to say 'more please!' Ronnie

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Debbie

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is especially fond of training. You can see her eyes light up when she knows it's her turn."

As Spring makes its way toward Summer down at the Q Barns, so Billie has been slowly building her trust in humans. This fills her Caregivers and vet staff with joy, as Steve, Director of Elephant Husbandry, recalls a recent training. "We asked for ear, we asked for rear feet, we asked for front feet and Billie did it all. Her defensive behavior seemed a thing of the past. When we asked her for a rear foot, if she presented the wrong one, she eagerly shifted her weight and tried to present the other. I can't tell you how rewarding it was for all of us to see Billie cooperating this way. It's so pleasing to see more calm pervading their life at the Sanctuary, because it is, after all, what Sanctuary is all about."



Frieda, Billie and Liz

first thing, and so does Frieda, as she begins her amazing whale song and reaches her trunk out for some love. But apparently she can't do this on her own, she needs to have her two sisters with her, so if they are not already nearby, she will run over to them with excitement and they all join in as if to say "Good Morning" all together. Caregiver Kelly observes, "Frieda is the glue that binds the threesome together. She is the strong one, the protector, and she will always be there for her sisters no matter what."

At Asia, Tarra's spirits have truly lifted with the coming of Spring, and the passing of time has helped dull the pain of losing her Bella. These days she will give Caregivers a happy greeting when they approach out in the habitat. The other day Caregivers Katie and Laurie had just pulled into the Caregiver corral in Right Field and shut off the ATV when Laurie heard Tarra let out a big roar somewhere in the distance. "Did you hear that?" Laurie asked Katie, "That was Tarra!" She was making her way over to the corral and picked up her pace a little, excited by the commotion. Seconds later they could hear trees popping. Laurie said, "Tarra was real excited, which made me excited, so I ran a few laps around the inside of the corral, waving the scrub brush in the air while Tarra followed *me* around on the outside. When Shirley made it over they had their own fun pushing on each other, rumbling, Shirley trying to catch Tarra's tail--all the good stuff they do when they're playful. It's a joy to see them having fun, especially Tarra after struggling through losing her dear friend."

Shirley was the first one to leave the warm barn this Spring and head back into the depths of the habitat. Putting her



Debbie and Ronnie

We're all happy to see Lizzie's terrific appetite and her weight holding steady on her new drugs. Despite a rigorous treatment schedule, Lizzie remains ever cheerful with her sisters. Whenever they are separated, even if only for a brief moment, once reunited they sing in joy. Lizzie's elephant sisters are supportive – especially Billie who waits close by every day until Lizzie is finished with her treatment. For more information on Lizzie and her treatment, see the *Latest on Lizzie*, page 6.

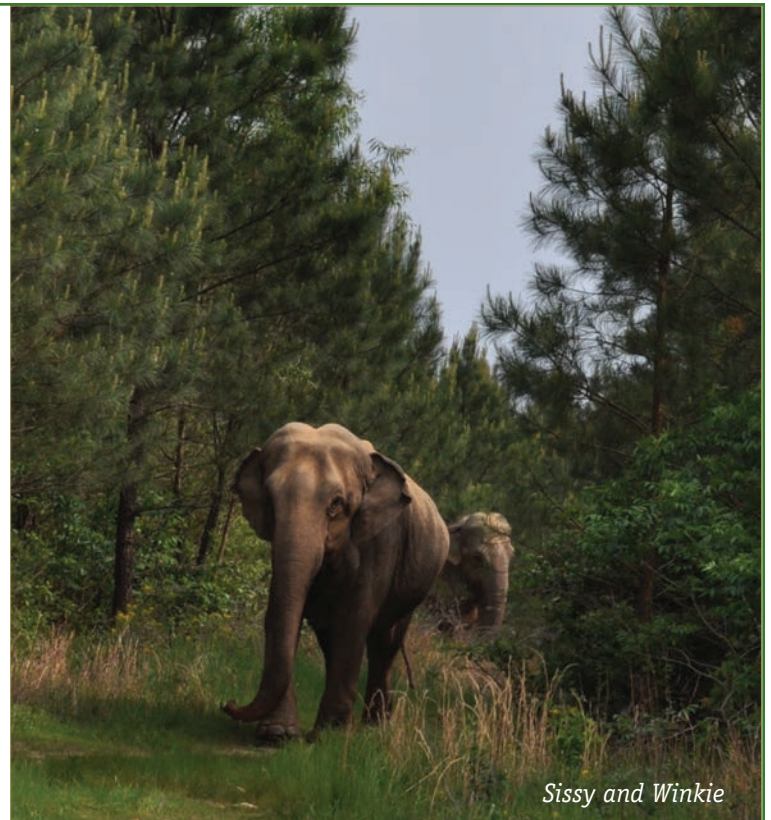
Frieda is a perfect patient - always willing to offer her feet in order to receive veterinary care and foot soaks. When Caregivers arrive each day, they like to say "Good Morning"

life of solitude and trauma behind her, she truly embodies The Sanctuary, taking advantage of every single day. Shirley has been spending more time with Tarra this year than ever before, and Tarra's youthful exuberance seems to be rubbing off. Caregiver Clint recently witnessed their playing for about 30 minutes straight, backing into each other, kicking dirt, Tarra running into the trees and attempting to pull them down. With Shirley's trumpets, roars and rumbles it is truly a joy for Caregivers to witness Shirley this happy and helping Tarra through what has been a difficult time for her.

The advent of Spring is usually marked with the first joyful ele-swim in the Asian pond, and this year Misty and Dulary were the first to get themselves wet. After a bout of gastrointestinal illness this past winter, Dulary has been doing very well in every way this Spring. Caregiver Kristy admires Dulary: "She is such a great elephant to be around. She instantly lifts your spirits with her expressive manner, happy grunts, and ear flaps. She's always pleased to see you and it makes you feel very blessed to be around her".

We are always pleased to see progress in all of our Girls as they strengthen social bonds with one another and learn to trust the Caregivers and vet staff who care for them. But the most rewarding interactions this Spring, hands down, have come with our dear Winkie. She has overcome so many of her trust issues with humans, becoming very receptive and even eager to participate in her Protected Contact training, demonstrating her intelligence and showing us her increasing trust, as she gradually allows other Caregivers to participate in training.

Caregiver Brianna and Lead Caregiver Laurie were out checking on the Asian Girls on a 4-wheeler, and they found Sissy and Winkie standing in the middle of Lake Road. "Sissy, Winkie, dinner time!" they called, expecting them to turn around and excitedly approach for their meal. "But not so," said Brianna. "Sissy nonchalantly looked over her shoulder and turned back around. We were confused until



Sissy and Winkie

we realized Sissy was standing right next to the spot where we'd given her the hose to drink from on a previous occasion. The Girls all have free access to water, but Sissy, because of her partial trunk paralysis, prefers to drink from the hose because it's easier for her..." So Laurie and Brianna, with the help of Steve, promptly watered Sissy and her sister Winkie. Sissy made her happy pop-pop noise and Winkie made hers as they both drank contentedly. Brianna said, "Finally, they turned around, ready for us to deliver their dinner. Sissy is definitely a Girl who knows what she wants!"

Caregivers Laurie and Kristy had an experience with Misty this Spring they will not soon forget. Laurie recalled, "When I walked in the barn I instantly started laughing. Misty had a very mischievous look in her eye, which I pointed out to Kristy. We apply her cuticle cream every day as part of her foot care maintenance; she is so familiar with the routine that she will often present the next foot before I ask for it, but today she decided to make it extra fun. True to form, Misty was completely goofy. Instead of presenting the foot that is typically next she would lift up a different one, and then two at a time, a front and back foot at once, neither of them the one I was ready for and neither of them actually presented (placed on the footwork bar) just lifted, first slightly, then hilariously high, continuously giving a playful look, waiting for me to stop laughing long enough to say, 'Oh Mist, how about this one? Can I see this foot?' We eventually got all her cuticles beautifully painted (with her treatment of cuticle cream) and Misty and Dulary carried out their day of grazing, napping and playing in the sprinkler. I am so lucky," Laurie said with a smile. ♦



Tarra and Shirley

Meeting Liz and the Q Girls

by Deborah Maloy, RVT, Veterinary Services Manager

In the winter of 1996, I had been working with Dr. Mikota for only a few months, at the Audubon Center for Endangered Species (ACRES) in New Orleans. Although I expected to have many adventures on the journey, I never expected to be so influenced and to have my life enhanced so much from a working road trip.

Dr. Mikota's expertise had been sought by the USDA to advise on a delicate situation involving the diagnosis of the human form of tuberculosis in several traveling circus elephants. Most of the suspect animals had been removed from the traveling circuit, but Liz and Lota were still on the road. Dr. Mikota was recruited to join up with this particular circus, and I, as her technician, was requested to come along and assist.


So, off we went to follow a small, family-owned circus for a week. An adventure, to be sure and, for me, with a rather large clown phobia (probably something I should have mentioned to Dr. Mikota before the journey...), a chance for personal growth!

What a treat it was to meet both Liz and Lota. Both very special animals, but it was Liz who captured my heart. After



Liz and Deb, 1997

our week of travel with Liz and Lota, it was a couple of months before we would see them again. This time we were in a barn with 16 other elephants who would be tested. I hoped I would be able to pick Liz out of the crowd and she would remember me. As I looked over the group of animals, I was so disappointed in myself—I couldn't recognize Liz. Just as I was giving up, one of the caretakers opened a door to another side of the barn and said, "Deb, someone wants to say 'Hi'!" Beautiful Liz poked her head around the corner, trumpeted and rumbled as I rushed to give her a hug. This experience is one of my most treasured memories.

Over the next few years, Dr. Mikota and I made several trips to the winter housing facility where, along with others, Liz, Lota, Lottie, Queenie, Delhi, Billy, Frieda, Minnie, Ronnie, Debbie, and Misty were housed during their TB testing and monitoring. My career and world always seems to drift towards elephants, for reasons I don't fully understand. When the opportunity arose for me to come to TES and renew my relationships with so many of these elephants I met many years ago, see them in a positive environment, and be able to continue the medical work started while briefly traveling with a circus—all while working with people I admire—how could I not? 

Latest on Lizzie


Under the watchful, caring eyes of Deb Maloy, Dr. Mikota, Steve Smith and all the Caregiver staff at Q-Barn, rest assured Lizzie is well cared for.

Her appetite is terrific and her weight is holding steady at 6000 lbs. After months of training, she was doing a fabulous job taking her oral medications until one day when she decided that pill swallowing was not much fun and she simply stopped. We all understood - as some of us don't like swallowing pills much either! And Lizzie had to swallow up to 249 pills per day and her partially paralyzed trunk certainly didn't make that task any easier. So we tried something new and switched to giving the medications rectally. We were pleased to see that it worked and Liz went back to being her gracious and cooperative self.

TB treatment through rectal administration requires an elephant size enema daily and this is no easy task for Caregivers or for our sweet Liz. Recently we experienced a setback when she chose not to enter the chute for her treatment. The Sanctuary staff continues to be optimistic



Liz has gained weight and her appetite is strong.

that we can help Lizzie overcome this dreadful disease. Unfortunately though, no one knows what the future holds for our Girl. But for now at least she is holding steady. She is still not cured, but in spite of her treatment regimen, it never stops her from chirping with her sisters, Freida and Billie, any chance she gets. She continues to set an example of courage, strength and grace that we can all learn from, both elephants and humans alike. 

Sanctuary Hosts International Colleague



Dr. Mikota, Deb, and Dr. Sumolya, (center) whose name when translated in Bali and Sanskrit means “golden elephant.”

This Spring, The Sanctuary hosted a distinguished international colleague – Dr. Sumolya Kanchanapangka, an Associate Professor from the Department of Veterinary Anatomy at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. “Dr Sam” has devoted much of her career to aiding the Thai elephant, including a study to determine crucial factors for its survival and to assist in protective legislation revision.

A Fulbright Scholar, licensed veterinarian, and an influential teacher of future veterinarians, Dr. Sam visited Cornell University to participate in their wildlife management and conservation courses before coming to The Sanctuary to observe Dr. Mikota and the veterinary and caregiver staff tend to the needs of our elephants. Dr. Sam was particularly interested in learning about management of elephants in Protected Contact because in her home country of Thailand, the dominance-based Free Contact management system remains the standard, as it has for thousands of years. Dr. Sam graciously provided the following insight on what she feels makes The Elephant Sanctuary special and what she hopes to bring back and share with her colleagues and students in Thailand.

“The way you let the elephants live in a kind of habitat that is quite similar to their natural one, and the way you treat elephants, that you don’t overpower the elephant you let the elephant do at the time what they want to do..I would like to share with them the way to teach an elephant without using the power over them but using the positive reinforcement. It is going to be hard, back in Thailand, because we have that kind of management (Free Contact) for a long, long time, but I think that we have to start with positive reinforcement.”

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Getting to Know... Susan

How long have you been working with the Girls at The Elephant Sanctuary?

I moved here in 2006 after losing everything in Hurricane Katrina. I consulted on TB issues at The Sanctuary until 2011 when I became the Director of Veterinary Care.



Dr. Susan Mikota, Director of Veterinary Care

How did your career path lead you to elephants?


While I was working as a veterinarian at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans, I published a medical study on elephants – analyzing records on 379 elephants housed in zoos in North America. When TB “emerged” as a problem for elephants in 1996, I was asked to be on the advisory committee. I first met many of the Girls that year when they were still owned by the Hawthorn Corporation and housed in Illinois. Since that time I have been a member of the committee that evaluates and revises the national Guidelines for the Control of Tuberculosis in Elephants.

Tell us about your recent trip.

I was part of a team organized by my long-time colleague, Dr. Khyne U Mar from the University of Sheffield in the U.K. A native of Myanmar, she cared for logging elephants for many years. Our team met with university and wildlife officials to lay the groundwork for future training and technology transfer for Myanmar’s elephant veterinarians. While there we tested 85 elephants for TB.

Tell us about your pets at home:

I have 4 dogs, 4 cats, and a parrot – all rescues. Lao Dan which means “Old Long-Ears” is a coon hound that was abandoned by hunters here in Tennessee; Gandhi is a lab mix that I adopted after he wandered into The Sanctuary; Chica is a shepherd mix that I found last year, and Cookie Kali is a dog I brought back from Nepal. According to her importation papers she is a “mixed-mongrel,” but we tell everyone that she is a Nepalese Elephant Herding dog! My cats are Kali, Frieda, Longfellow and Mary Kingsley (named after a famous British explorer). My parrot is Fred, and Hank is the human love of my life.

Dr. Mikota is the co-founder of Elephant Care International - a non-profit organization dedicated to elephant healthcare and conservation and to facilitating the sharing of information about elephants on an international scale. For more information you can visit them at www.elephantcare.org. 

Spreading the Mission of Sanctuary through Media

The Sanctuary has a purity of message many organizations would envy. Here, in this secluded part of the southeastern United States, far from the wilderness homes they were stolen from decades ago, live elephants. Here they at last find security, tranquility and peace. Here, they can start to heal. At The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee wondrous scenes are witnessed every day by the staff devoted to our Girls' care. And yet without the media none of those stories would emerge. The world would remain ignorant of Shirley's heroism and deep capacity for love, unenlightened about Winkie's return from darkness, unaware of the daily stoicism of our beautiful survivor, Lizzie.

And so we welcome the media for their help in sharing our message, because people who come to know the Girls are forever enriched, and we know such people are likely to want to help those same Girls in return. The Sanctuary will never, ever allow disruption to our elephants' lives in ways that harm or frighten them—that much is non-negotiable and set in stone. But in our experience, the media folks who have come to us have never had the slightest wish to interfere, merely to observe *in wonder* the great elephants whose lives they have the honor of sharing with the world.



Rob Atkinson, CEO

In the Shadow of a Caregiver

Great American Country's TV show *Day Jobs* and Country Music Star Kellie Pickler Help The Sanctuary Honor our Dedicated Caregivers

Protecting the sanctity and serenity of our mission is paramount at The Elephant Sanctuary, and when a media opportunity comes along, it is always met with careful consideration. When Great American Country's (GAC) TV show *Day Jobs* approached us with the idea of shadowing a Caregiver for a day, we were excited for the opportunity to educate a new audience about the need for Sanctuary, the plight of captive elephants, and to let our supporters get to know our dedicated, hard-working staff.

The Sanctuary and *Day Jobs* Executive Producer, Sarah Brock, took great care in reviewing potential spokespersons to step into this role of a Sanctuary Caregiver. Country music star Kellie Pickler was invited to participate because of her history as a strong animal welfare advocate. Kellie demonstrated an astute understanding of The Elephant Sanctuary's mission, and was eager to help us spread awareness of the plight of captive elephants. Of our Girls, Kellie said, "If there's one thing these

elephants have, it's freedom. Everything is free will and that's what The Elephant Sanctuary is about. Elephants are so much like us, it's really a beautiful thing."

Kellie is a talented singer and songwriter who, at the young age of 19, gained fame as a contestant on the fifth season of *American Idol*. The Elephant Sanctuary's CEO Rob Atkinson observed, "Our elephants spent their lives entertaining people before coming to The Sanctuary. We were moved when Kellie Pickler, herself a world famous entertainer, wanted to come to The Sanctuary—not to be entertained by them but simply to care for them."

The day began bright and early when Kellie arrived at 8:00 a.m. to help Caregiver Katie prepare the Girls' breakfast – a mix of fresh fruits, grains and supplements mixed together with peanut butter - all served on a bale of hay. Kellie found it rather difficult to keep down her own breakfast while cleaning out the barns and shoveling elephant poo, but she seemed to envy Misty



Kellie's energy and enthusiasm was infectious.



Caregiver Clint instructs Kellie on the proper way to sweep poo.

as she helped Caregivers give her a manicure as part of her routine foot care. In doing so, Kellie helped us to illustrate to a new audience of viewers and to her fans the benefit of Protected Contact in reducing stress levels for the Girls and maintaining Caregiver safety.

But the highlight of the day may have been riding on the back of Caregiver Clint's 4-wheeler as they delivered the Girls' mid-day meal out in the habitat – turning a corner out in Marcella's to find Tarra, happy and content. Finding an elephant on 2,700 acres of Sanctuary is no easy task, but Caregivers use periodic checks on the Girls in the habitat to ensure their safety and security. By the end of the day, the elephants were all well tended to and Kellie was more than a little tired. She was amazed at the great physical and emotional commitment that our Caregivers provide to our Girls each and every day.

Producer Sarah Brock, who created the show *Day Jobs* to honor the everyday American worker, was very touched by our mission, our Girls, and the Caregivers' hard work. Her production team was deeply respectful of the elephants and their Sanctuary, and filming the show was a very positive experience. Reaching 62 million homes on eight different airings so far, *Day Jobs* honored our Caregivers who



Caregivers Clint, Katie, and Steve show Kellie feeding procedures.

give their heart and soul to the Girls at their day jobs every day, making this a wonderful opportunity to educate a new generation of elephant advocates.

After the show aired on Great American Country's Channel, a viewer named Elizabeth and her daughter wrote to us and said, "I just wanted to say thank you for opening up The Elephant Sanctuary for the *Day Jobs* show. My four-year-old daughter has loved elephants ever since she saw them at the Zoo when she was about 12 months old...She has a compassionate heart and has already decided that she wants to be a Vet when she grows up. And now since watching the show on The Sanctuary, she wants to come work for you...I just wanted to say thanks for letting us see inside The Sanctuary and for taking such good care of the beautiful elephants."

Of her experience shadowing Caregivers as they worked with the elephants, Kellie said, "I hope that our being here really does shine a light on what exactly the people at



Clint and Kellie maintain a safe distance while delivering meals on wheels to Tarra in the habitat.

The Elephant Sanctuary do. It's really, really amazing... And they do it 'cause they love it, you know...They're just passionate about their job." Kellie continued, "The people here - they're good people, and they love what they do, and that's so important, 'cause you got to have a lot of love, 'cause these elephants need a lot of love."

When asked what he hoped Kellie Pickler would take away from her day working as an elephant Caregiver, The Sanctuary's CEO Rob Atkinson summed it up beautifully. "Something that all of us who work here can take away with them, is that there is this corner of Tennessee where everything is right. Where everything is peaceful and good, and that in the midst of what I'm sure is her chaotic life, Kellie can find just a little bit of serenity. And I hope she takes that away, and I hope it stays with her for the rest of her life." ♦

Remembering *Bella* Day

Saturday, June 2nd, marked the first time The Elephant Sanctuary community came together to join in an emotional and heartfelt tribute to our beloved Bella. The Welcome Center in downtown Hohenwald was a buzz of activity – filled appropriately with both laughter and tears as Caregivers and Supporters recounted favorite memories of Tarra and Bella’s life in Sanctuary and reminisced in our shared experiences of loss, grief and moving forward. Caregiver Laurie gave a presentation filled with humorous stories of Bella’s protective nature, and touching insights into Tarra’s affection for her friend. Hearing the story of how Tarra would occasionally share her hay with Bella, providing her with a soft place to rest while they waited together for Caregivers to bring out her bed, truly opened a window for us on a life that even Caregivers only occasionally were privileged to see.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of supporters like you, we raised over \$79,000 in 2011 for *The Bella Fund*, which is dedicated to helping both elephants and strays, like Bella, that wander into Hohenwald in search of a forever home. Rob Atkinson, The Elephant Sanctuary’s CEO, and Janice Zeitlin, The Sanctuary’s Board Chair, presented an initial \$12,000 donation from *The Bella Fund* to High Forest Humane Society to support their ongoing work in the community. Upon receiving the contribution check, High Forest Humane representatives Lanette Durham and Michele Armstrong announced that plans are underway to build an animal shelter in Hohenwald and that a wing of the shelter will be named in honor of dear Bella.

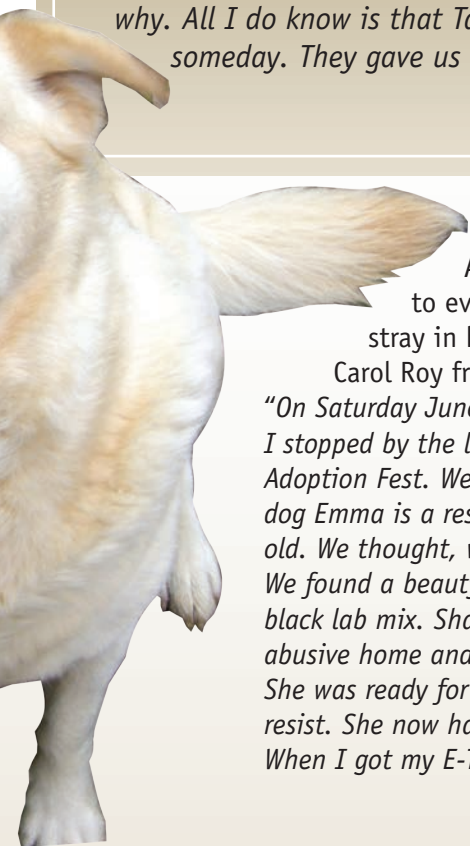
While the tissues were passed around, barks and the pitter patter of little feet could be heard echoing throughout the Welcome Center, as the dogs from the High Forest Humane Society Adoption Day waited patiently for families to take them home. Several dogs found foster and forever homes as a result of Remembering Bella Day, including one special needs Shih Tzu that stole Caregiver Angela’s heart. Sanctuary Board member Sharon Langford delighted guests with her book signing of “Living with the Rescues,” inspirational stories about the fourteen rescue dogs who woofed their way into the author’s life, changing it irreversibly.

The day was filled with many wonderful stories and insights into a life that inspired people around the world. We had a full house with visitors from as far away as New York, North Carolina and Southern Georgia. We want to thank all those who came, all of the thousands of people who submitted tributes to the Bella Tribute page, and everyone for their well wishes. And for those who wished to be there in person but weren’t able to join us, visit our website, www.elephants.com, for a video of the day.



"People often ask me -- of all the stories I've reported in my life, which is my favorite? I hesitate to answer because I cherish them all for different reasons. It's like asking a parent to pick their favorite child. But if pressed, I would have to confess that I do have a favorite story -- and that favorite is the story of Tarra and Bella. In my 15 years as a CBS News correspondent, no other story succeeded in capturing the hearts of America -- and eventually, the world -- like the story of the little dog, the big elephant, and their immeasurable bond. To this day, in countries across the globe, people continue to discover that story and weep at their computer screens. I can't fully explain why. All I do know is that Tarra and Bella were a microcosm of the world we'd all like to live in someday. They gave us the example, now all we have to do is follow it."

Steve Hartman, CBS News



A special thanks to everyone who adopted a stray in honor of Bella, including Carol Roy from Michigan, who wrote, "On Saturday June 2nd my husband and I stopped by the local Animal Shelter's Adoption Fest. We were just looking, our dog Emma is a rescue dog and is 11 years old. We thought, well - looking can't hurt. We found a beauty! Shadow is a 7 year old black lab mix. Shadow was rescued from an abusive home and she also had heartworms. She was ready for adoption and we couldn't resist. She now has a loving forever home. When I got my E-Trunklines this morning

I was happy to see in some small way I could honor Bella & Tarra!! Thank you for all the love & support you give the 'Girls'." ♦

Do you have an inspirational story you'd like to share about your rescued pet? Be sure to upload your stories and a photo to our website, at <https://www.elephants.com/Bella/Adopt4Bella.php>



Sanctuary Clothing

Men's Pocket T-Shirt - \$20.00

Comes in forest green with the Sanctuary Logo printed above the pocket and www.elephants.com on the back. Unisex Sizes. 100% Cotton

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL)



NEW!

Elephants.com T-Shirt - \$15.00

Our sand colored tee features an artistic grayscale image of Tange and our website address in green.

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL)
Youth (S) (M) (L)



All proceeds benefit The Girls!

Blue T-Shirt with White Logo on Chest - \$15.00

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) \$17



Embroidered Logo Polo Shirts - \$30.00

Available in stone or blueberry in women's sizes and bark for men. Traditional relaxed look. 7oz. 100% ring-spun combed cotton, heavy-weight pique preshrunk.

Color (Stone) (Blueberry) (Bark--Men's)
Size (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL)



Tarra & Bella T-Shirt (4-color) \$20.00

Adult Unisex sizes in pistachio green. Youth & Toddler sizes in Royal Blue except YXS

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL)
Youth (YXS Green) (YS) (YM) (YL)
Toddler (2T) (3T) (4T)



NEW!

Long Sleeve

Brown T-Shirt \$20.00

This long sleeve tee is 100% preshrunk cotton. Logo is imprinted on the chest in gold. Made by Gildan. Unisex sizes.

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL)



Youth Logo T-Shirts - \$10.00

Jade green, yellow, hot pink or blue
Youth (YXS) (YS) (YM) (YL)

Toddler Logo T-Shirts \$10.00

Pink or blue
Toddler (2T) (3T) (4T)

Zippered Hoodie Sweatshirts - \$40.00

(Larger sizes \$42 where noted) Stay warm in these hoodies by Port & Company with a multi-colored Sanctuary Logo embroidered on the chest. Two-ply hood. Set-in sleeve. 9 oz. 50/50 preshrunk cotton/poly fleece.

Gray w/Color Logo

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) \$42 (XXXL) \$42

Royal Blue w/Color Logo

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) \$42 (XXXL) \$42



Yam Colored Hoodie - \$60.00

with Sanctuary logo embroidered across the chest. Pigment shades naturally vary. 100% preshrunk ring-spun cotton, unisex sizes.

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL)



Baseball Cap - \$15.00

Comfortable, casual and adjustable 100% cotton with Sanctuary Logo embroidered on the front and website on the back. Two colors available.



Denim Bill

Green Bill

Distressed Caps - \$20.00

Embroidered with the Sanctuary Logo. Distressed, enzyme washed finish and soft feel. 100% cotton twill. Metal D-ring slider buckle with hide-away strap.



Orange

Nickel

Flora - \$20.00

Indigo blue, 100% cotton, unisex sizes

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL)



Shirley - \$20.00

Tan, 100% cotton, unisex sizes

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL)



Elephant Face T-Shirt - \$20.00

Classic t-shirt in unisex sizes, relaxed fit. Sanctuary logo imprinted on the sleeve in white. Elephants.com on the back. 100% cotton.

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL)



NEW!

Women's Hot Pink Logo T-Shirt - \$15.00

Our newest t-shirt is HOT PINK with the Sanctuary logo in white. This is the shirt Kellie Pickler wore on "Day Jobs" that aired on May 2nd on GAC!

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL)

NEW!



Elephant Sanctuary Merchandise

Use the order form envelope inside this newsletter or shop online at: www.elephants.com/estore

DVD Videos



- "All of Our Girls...So Far" \$30.00 (DVD)
- "Tarra & Bella - The Video" \$15.00 (DVD)
- "Flora" \$15.00 (DVD)
- "Dulary's Homecoming" \$15.00 (DVD)
- "The Urban Elephant" \$30.00 (DVD)

Greeting Cards

Elephant Note Cards - \$10.00

Blank inside; ideal for any occasion with four different illustrations. Mixed pack of 12 w/envelopes.



Elephant Photo Greeting Cards - \$12.00

Blank inside for all occasions! Four different full color photos of the Girls. 12 cards w/envelopes.



Holiday Cards \$20.00

Version 6: Four different images, mixed pack of 12 w/envelopes. Holiday #4 & #5. Pack of 12 w/envelopes. New Choices Coming Soon!



NEW!

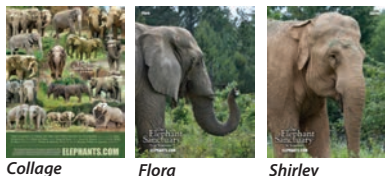
Tarra's Birthday Photo - \$25.00
Incredible image of the Birthday Girl at age 38! Photo by Jerry Atnip. 8 x 10

Posters

11"x14" - \$10.00

To view all 12 posters, see our website.

- Collage
- Shirley
- Sissy
- Winkie
- Tarra & Bella #1
- Tarra & Bella #2
- Frieda, Billie & Liz
- Minnie, Debbie & Ronnie
- Dulary
- Misty
- Flora
- Tange



Collage

Flora

Shirley



Tarra & Bella #2



Minnie, Debbie, Ronnie

NEW! Stuffed Elephants

A Conservation Critter from Wildlife Artists Collection. This collection is authentic and realistic, giving attention to markings, pose and proportion. Very soft!

Asian Stuffed Elephant- \$12.00

10 inches tall, our new Asian Elephant is snuggly, huggie and ever so soft!



African Stuffed Elephant- \$10.00

9 1/2 inches long and 3 1/4 inches tall.

Miscellaneous

Pottery Mug- \$25.00



Our new Woodland Gallery Pottery mug is handmade in Hendersonville, TN! Each piece starts out as a lump of clay and goes through a 7-step process from start to finish. The Sanctuary Logo is imprinted on the side.

NEW!

Color Mugs - \$10.00

- Logo Mug
- Tarra & Bella
- Ned
- Dulary



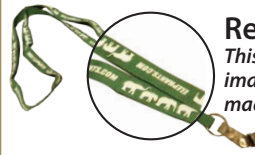
Elephant Sanctuary Mouse Pads - \$10.00

- Tarra & Bella
 - Founding Herd
 - Billie-Sue, Frieda & Liz
- Tange and Flora Coming Soon



Recycled Econo Lanyard - \$3.00

This custom lanyard is green with elephants.com & elephant images. It is 1/2 inch wide X 18" long with a clip attachment made from recycled material.



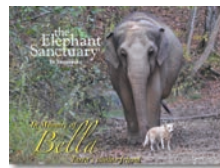
Sanctuary Coffee- \$12.00

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee is offering a special blend of Sumatra & Ethiopian coffee in a 10 oz. can with a custom label created specially for us! Roasted locally by Bongo Java Roasting Company.



NEW!

Tarra & Bella Magnet - \$3.00



In Memory of Bella Postcard (4x9)

This unique card was created In Memory of Bella to celebrate Tarra & Bella's devoted relationship. It comes with an envelope for mailing a quick note to a friend.

- Single card - \$1.00
- Pack of 12 - \$10.00



NEW!

Tote Bags



Allie Orange Tote Bag - \$25.00
Embroidered with Sanctuary logo



Sanctuary Logo Tote Bag - \$10.00
Beige with blue or green logo



Shirley Tote Bag - \$15.00
Beige with 4-color imprint



Tarra & Bella Tote Bag - \$15.00
Beige with 4-color imprint

More! Lots of other merchandise available. Please visit our Gift Shop online at www.elephants.com/estore

Follow the links on our website to order Elephant Sanctuary US Postage Stamps and "Ele-Checks." A portion of proceeds benefits The Sanctuary!



2013 Sanctuary Calendar Coming Soon

Supporter's Spotlight: Costco's Diane Rizzo

In 2009, Diane Rizzo watched in awe as Steve Hartman introduced the world to Tarra & Bella on his CBS Evening News story – and she was hooked. “When I learned this place was in Tennessee, I had to get involved.” Diane works for Costco Wholesale – the largest wholesale club in the United States. From the warehouse aisles and oversized shopping carts right down to boxes of grapes and giant bunches of bananas – everything Costco does is big – just like our Girls.

Managing a large volume of fresh produce has strict guidelines which requires Costco to remove items that are deemed past-date for human consumption. “The day I walked onto the dock and saw the amount of waste, all I could think was we’ve got to find a home for this,” says Diane. And she came up with a huge idea – donate the pulled produce instead of throwing it away. Diane was pleasantly surprised when Scott Woods, Warehouse Manager, supported her idea. “I really appreciate that my Warehouse Manager trusted me to try this out. It’s a win/win situation,” she says.

So, for the last 3 years, Diane Rizzo has been driving down to Hohenwald from West Nashville with her Jeep packed to the gills. She makes the 90-minute trek about once a month, and according to Caregiver Laurie, “Every single space in her vehicle is filled with something. I’ve literally found single apples crammed into the tiny spaces between the bigger items like boxes of organic spinach. Like so many of our amazing supporters, she loves the Girls, and it means a lot to her to be able to provide for them in this way.”

And the Girls just love it - a lot of the food is organic and it’s nice to be able to provide variety to what they typically get: for example, rather than their usual Anjou pears and



West Nashville Costco now donates to The Elephant Sanctuary and other local animal-focused facilities.

regular oranges, Diane will show up with Asian pears and blood oranges. According to Caregiver Laurie, “The Girls usually survey their diet before deciding what to eat next, and sometimes what to save for last. When there are new produce items offered, it’s fun to see how each ele reacts to them. Most typically they first pick it up, check it out by squishing it, and then eat it.”

According to Caregiver Laurie, “Diane had a difficult time when Bella passed away last fall. Her family sent her sympathy cards expressing their sadness over the loss, knowing how big of a place these Girls have in her heart. Diane tries to bring berries to Tarra, knowing that she loves them so. When Tarra lost Bella, Diane brought Tarra extra berries!”

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Sanctuary Hosts International Colleague

How do the people in Thailand, in your culture, feel about elephants?

“Kind of sacred. When you look at the elephants because of the size of the elephant it gives you some kind of feeling that you know they shouldn’t have this kind of life, like in the olden times we need them for the hard work, for the things we cannot do ourselves. Now days we have heavy machinery that can do all these tasks so we should let them live their lives as naturally as it should be. It’s kind of sad to see them to have to be under the power of human all of the time. Most of the time people don’t see the hard life of the elephant, they think that they are cute that they do tricks, but they don’t know how hard, how torture, for them

to have to do these kinds of tricks and have to obey the order from the mahout, because actually the elephant is a wild animal, even though they are in captivity, they are a wild animal.”

Is there a message that you would like to share with the supporters of The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee?

“I would like you all to have all the good spirits and have your spirits lift up, and to try to do the better things for all the animals. Even though we in the Asian country haven’t done as much for animal welfare as you have done in the States, hopefully we will do better in the Asian countries.”

Dr. Mikota has been very kind and very open. I have learned a lot about The Sanctuary...It may not be the best [but only] because the best is in the wild.”

Ways You Can Help The Sanctuary



Sissy and Winkie

You can contribute in a variety of ways: In your own name or In Honor/In Memory of a friend or family member. Contributions may be made on a one-time basis or once a month for as long as you specify. You can also support The Sanctuary by becoming a VIP Member with a \$10,000 pledge, or you can volunteer your time and energy during our volunteer days. For more information on how you can support The Sanctuary, please call us at 931-796-6500.

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Use the form on the enclosed envelope to provide information and indicate which giving program you have chosen.

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 subscription to *Trunklines* for a year. Give a membership as a gift and you also receive an elephants.com decal for your window.



Tange and Flora

Donor Society

_____ \$10,000+	Founder
_____ \$5,000-\$9,999	Benefactor
_____ \$1,000-\$4,999	Patron
_____ \$500-\$999	Sustainer
_____ \$100-\$499	Supporter

Friends

_____ \$75	Associate
_____ \$50	Family
_____ \$30	Individual
_____ \$10	Elder/Student

____ Please contact me about becoming a VIP Member with a \$10,000 pledge.

I ____ have left/____ would like to leave a donation through a planned gift in my will.

Feed for a Day

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



Just tell us which elephant you'd like to feed and how often. For a minimum gift of \$30, you will receive an acknowledgment of your gift and a copy of the bio of the elephant(s) you fed.

You may contribute in as many ways as you'd like: In your own name or In Honor/In Memory of a friend or family member. Contributions may be made all at once or once a month for as long as you specify.

\$30 x _____ (# of days) x _____ (# of elephants) = \$ _____

Name of Elephant(s) _____

Wish List

The Sanctuary maintains a wish list that is ever-changing to meet the needs of the elephants in our care. You can help by underwriting a specific item. Here's just a sample of some of the items currently needed:

- Dr. Bronner's Castile Soap
- Envirocide Disinfectant
- Nolvasan Solution
- Iron Power Powder Supplement
- Wal-Mart Gift Cards
- N95 Respirator Masks - M9 211/3M 8511
- Two-Person Sportsman Touring ATV
- Literature Organizer, 12 compartment
- Seat Covers for 4-Wheelers
- Storage Cabinets
- Frigidaire 20.7 cu. ft. Upright Freezer
- Aluminum Scoops, 46"
- Lawn Rakes
- Tires for Barn Gate Renovations
- Platinum Plus Wellness Formula
- Welding Helmet with PAPR System

We have approved vendors from which we order these items. To help, you can simply donate toward an item by check or credit card. Just go to www.elephants.com and select "You Can Help" from the main menu, then choose "Wish List," or indicate the item you wish to underwrite on your check and send in the enclosed envelope.

For more information call 931-796-6500 x105 or email lorenda@elephants.com.

The Sanctuary Attends PAWS' Summit for the Elephants

In March, The Elephant Sanctuary had the opportunity to attend the Summit for the Elephants, presented by our friends at PAWS and hosted by the Oakland Zoo. Steve Smith, The Sanctuary's Director of Elephant Husbandry and Christina Cooper, Education Manager, were present while Rob Atkinson, The Sanctuary's CEO, gave a presentation on *Common Ground: Elephants, Captivity and Tuberculosis*.

The conference was an amazing opportunity to share ideas with individuals from around the world who will direct the future of captive elephants, and lead in the fight to conserve and protect elephants everywhere.



Elephant Voice's Petter Granli, Joyce Poole, and Winnie Kiiru with Rob




Ed Stewart (PAWS), Steve Smith and Christina Cooper from The Sanctuary with Pat Derby (PAWS) and Rob Atkinson

photos by Denise Tabor

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