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Nation's Single Natural-Habitat Refuge Where Sick, Old and Needy Elephants Can Once More Walk the Earth in Peace and Dignity



What Does It Take to Move an Elephant?

Plans, permits, professionals and many generous and compassionate supporters!

Tina's move took two months to orchestrate and three and a half days to execute. It began with ZooCheck Canada and The Vancouver Humane Society advocating that Tina should be moved to a healthier home. Once her needs became public, the entire Vancouver community demonstrated support for Tina's move. When the Zoo initially chose an unpopular new home for Tina, the public was outraged and outspoken. Local businesses refused service to some zoo employees in protest. But most keepers shared the public's opinion.

They agreed that Tina should be moved to the healthiest environment possible, the Elephant Sanctuary. The media gave the public a voice by covering Tina's story daily, for weeks. Tina even had her own web site, designed and maintained by a concerned individual in Washington State. Her site was dedicated to informing the public about Tina's situation and what options were available for her retirement. With so many groups working to get the word out about Tina, her foot condition, her current facilities and the need for a more suitable living situation, Tina's zoo finally announced that she would be moved to the Sanctuary.

All of British Columbia breathed a sigh of relief. Tina became a BC celebrity, and her plight became the topic of conversation all across the Northwest. By the time the Sanctuary crew crossed the border from the US to Canada to retrieve Tina, even the

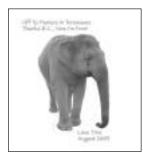


That face! A close look at Tina

border officials were intimately familiar with her story.

Professional drivers volunteered their time to move Tina, permits were issued in record-breaking time and generous supporters donated funds to cover the cost of transporting her 3,000 miles from Aldergrove, BC to her new home in Hohenwald, Tennessee. Moving Tina to her new home required the involvement of an entire Canadian province and some friendly neighbors from the South.

We're so grateful she's here!



Tina T-shirt

Inspired by the community that adores her, the Tina t-shirt was created with her family and fans in mind. This 100% cotton white t-shirt comes in youth size Large and adult sizes Med, Large, and X-Large. Personalized with Tina's photo and the words "Off to Pasture in Tennessee, Thanks B.C., Now I'm Free. Love, Tina," it makes the perfect gift for all of Tina's adoring fans. Youth size is \$15 and adult sizes are \$17. Prices are quoted in U.S. dollars and do not include S&H, which is \$4.50 shipped in the U.S., \$6 shipped outside the U.S.



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Our Mission

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee, founded in 1995, is the nation's single natural habitat refuge developed specifically for endangered Asian elephants. It operates on 2700 acres in Hohenwald, Tennessee—85 miles southwest of Nashville.

It 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 a heated barn for cold winter nights.

To provide education about the crisis facing these social, sensitive, passionately intense, playful, complex, exceedingly intelligent and endangered creatures.

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DIRECTORS' VOICE



Livery time we prepare for a new arrival, we brace ourselves for the unexpected. I am not talking about the kind of surprise that makes your heart stop or your stomach clinch with fear. I am talking about the kind of surprise that makes you grin from ear to ear until your cheeks hurt! Tina's arrival exceeded our expectations, and we are still smiling.

The Greater Vancouver Zoo's announcement that Tina would be moving to the Elephant Sanctuary was an answer to our prayers, and it re-energized our work toward providing a sanctuary for as many needy elephants as possible. Much as the people of British Columbia loved having Tina as a star member of their community, they ultimately chose to put her needs ahead of their desire to keep her close. Local media devoted significant air time in the weeks leading up to Tina's move to educating people about elephants' lives in captivity. The viewers couldn't get enough! They learned that elephants are plant-eating, migratory mammals, that they are very family-oriented, and that their status as an endangered species is the result of human/elephant competition for land and food in their natural habitats. Reporters did an excellent job of explaining that Tina's life in a small dirt yard had caused her to develop a foot disease, requiring that she be moved from the zoo.

After watching Tina's community rally around her, we believe that more and more humans will see the captive elephants they encounter as beloved friends, not mere entertainers. British Columbia expressed its love for Tina through its willingness to let her go. Their enlightened generosity has made us even more acutely aware that we must continue our efforts to help each and every captive elephant living in a confined space, deprived of room to roam and isolated from a healthy herd environment. Tina is a symbol of our hope that all captive elephants will someday live a life that sustains them, body and soul.

The elephants are depending on you. Sincerely, Carol Buckley and Scott Blais

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To learn more about the Elephant Sanctuary and all of the resident elephants visit www.elephants.com.

The Entourage

It all started with an e-mail and offer of assistance. Marcella Smith, a resident of Kansas and sculptor by trade, was determined to help the Sanctuary during Tina's move. She had read on our web site that we needed a rental car to bring staff from Vancouver to the Sanctuary. Marcella made an offer that was far too generous to turn down. Her enthusiasm was obvious in the words she

Last year I bought a new vehicle, wonderful ride; I can drive up to

Vancouver, at my expense, and drive the Sanctuary crew back to Tennessee. That will save the Sanctuary the cost of a rental car and gas. I am a decent driver, also a nurse in case someone (human) gets sick. What do you say? — Marcella

Marcella had a clean driving record and a sincere desire



Marcella Smith, Mike Knowles, Angie Lambert, Scott Blais, Tony Guenther, Paul Rowand

to help. What she proposed would save the Sanctuary money and allow her to be involved in this grand adventure - something that appeared to be very important to her. We couldn't say no!

No stranger to the business of moving elephants, Mike Knowles, the wonderful truck driver who drove Sissy from Texas and Winkie from Wisconsin, had already signed up for Tina's move. We were so thankful to know that our precious cargo would once again be in Mike's steady hands. Mike has been featured in Road King Magazine for his dedication to our cause!

But Tina's move would be different from the others because of the distance - nearly 3,000 miles! To shorten the drive time and to try to keep Tina as comfortable as possible, we decided we needed to use two truck drivers for this trip. The call for volunteers went out on our web site. Several replies came back, including this one...

Hi, I read the article about your Sanctuary and was very moved by your devotion to these animals. I noticed that you need semi tractor drivers from time to time and I would like to help. I have a class A, CDL and 7 years over the road experience. I live in Finger, Tennessee; please let me know if I can help. Sincerely — Angie.

With an impeccable driving record and glowing references, Angie joined our team. She quickly learned, with Mike as her mentor, what an important task she had committed to.

As planned, Marcella picked up Sanctuary co-founder Scott Blais when he arrived in Vancouver. Mike and Angie drove the Sanctuary's custom-built elephant trailer from Tennessee to Vancouver and met them there. The entourage also included Tony Guenther, one of Tina's long-time keepers, and a third vehicle carrying BCTV journalists Paul Rowand and Samantha Shatsky.

With this spectacular team assembled, the adventure was about to begin.

On August 8, 2003, with a crowd of onlookers to wish her well, Tina's keepers escorted her into the trailer and the

entourage was on its way. One more hurdle to leap -Canadian and U.S. customs. Never before had the Sanctuary transported an elephant across international borders. Even though we had been assured that all paperwork was in order, everyone breathed a sigh of relief when the final customs officer

flagged the entourage through. Tina was now on American soil and on her way home.

Three and a half days of driving across country, sleepless nights, 3,000 miles and a midnight hay pick-up were all part of the adventure this amazing group shared. When the entourage arrived at the Sanctuary they were greeted with a huge "Welcome Home Tina" sign and lots of smiling faces. Tina was in no hurry to leave the trailer but when she did, she came face to face with her new family. Tarra was very anxious to meet Tina. They exchanged trunk touches and shared hay. Sissy and Winkie also said hello. Jenny, Shirley and Bunny have not been back to the barn since March. Their introduction to Tina will take place as soon as the weather cools enough for the threesome to seek out the shelter of the heated barn. In the meantime, Tarra spends a considerable amount of time with Tina during the day while Sissy and Winkie share the barn with her at night. Although Tina left the barn and wandered outside on her first day, she remained in the barn for nearly another month before finally making her outside excursions a daily event. Her moves are slow and deliberate - this is due not only to her personality, but also to her foot pain. She has learned to appreciate river cane, which is native to this area, and gotten over her fear of those pesky flying bugs... butterflies. Each day we see an improvement in her foot health and know that Tina is finally home.

Everyone involved in Tina's move shared the adventure of a lifetime; an experience that will tie them together forever.

Tina Has Arrived

Born — April 26, 1970

Birthplace — Portland, Oregon, USA

Life before the Sanctuary — Oregon Zoo, Greater Vancouver Zoo, African Lion Safari Reason for coming to the Sanctuary — Living solitary with a debilitating foot disease

Tina was born on April 26, 1970. She was the third of four calves, all female, born to Rosy and Thonglaw at the Portland Zoo. At two, Tina was sold to the Vancouver Game Farm in Aldergrove, BC, Canada. With the exception of a brief stay at the breeding facility at African Lion Safari in Cambridge, Ontario, Tina remained at the Game Farm in Canada until her recent move to the Sanctuary.

Tina had 16 siblings; four are known to be alive. Packy, age 41, and Rama, age 20, live at the Portland Zoo; Hanako, age 40, lives at the Point Defiance Zoo in Tacoma, Washington; and Cora, age 38, was sold to Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus where she remains to this day. Cora is Tina's only surviving full-blooded sibling. Sadly, there is no opportunity for these sisters to meet again because Cora is being held in Ringling Brothers' facility for geriatric elephants suffering from tuberculosis.

For many years Tina lived alone at the Game Park except for a St. Bernard dog named Susie. Occasionally the owner's children camped out in her barn. Apparently Tina loved both the dog and the camp-outs.

In 1986 Tina was joined by a young female African named Tumpe. In the early 1990s, the Game Farm was sold to new owners. Tina was overweight and experiencing foot problems, so consultants were hired to instruct the staff on proper diet and foot care. Tina and Tumpe were on exhibit together until 2002, when Tumpe was sent to a zoo in North Carolina. Tina was once again alone.

Tina was blessed with a caring staff that did its best to give her a good life. But after Tumpe left, many people recognized that Tina's solitary environment was detrimental to her well being. Her caretakers joined the effort to find her a more suitable home.

On August 11, 2003, after a 3,000 mile, 3 1/2 day cross-country trip, Tina arrived at the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. Sanctuary co-founder Scott Blais and Tina's long-time keeper, Tony Guenther, accompanied her on the journey. She is the Sanctuary's eighth resident, its first Canadian, and the first captive-born elephant to join its herd. Her future is bright.



Winkie reaches for Tina



Tina and Tarra

The TINA Sculpture

Recently we received another e-mail from Marcella the "chauffeur." This time her message was accompanied by a photo of her latest project, aptly named The TINA Sculpture. Remember, Marcella is a sculpture by trade. She had studied Tina during the trip and returned home to create the first ever TINA Sculpture. The likeness to Tina is uncanny. The sculpture is available in three versions: white porcelain, approximately 4 inches tall, \$39; clear resin cast with "frosted glass" effect, approximately 7 inches tall, \$119; bonded bronze, approximately 7 inches tall, \$139. Each comes on a one-inch wooden base, is numbered, signed by the artist and includes a certificate of authenticity. A small brass label on the base reads:



TINA Retired August 2003 Elephant Sanctuary www.elephants.com

Marcella has made The TINA Sculpture available for sale through the Sanctuary. Prices are quoted in U.S. dollars and

do not include S&H, which is \$5 shipped anywhere in North America. In keeping with her most generous nature, Marcella has donated all proceeds from the sale of the sculpture to benefit Tina's Endowment Trust.

Caring Individuals Make it Happen

Thanks to many caring individuals, Tina's relocation from British Columbia to Tennessee was a major success. From the US and Canadian government officials who responded quickly to the urgency regarding Tina's permits to the local businesses who graciously donated their services, scores of caring people from both sides of the border offered their assistance and support. Much of what we needed – from

lodging to professional driving services – was donated. Anything that wasn't donated in-kind was underwritten by cash donations. We want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped ensure that Tina's move was swift and safe. Please accept our sincere apology if your name has been unintentionally omitted.

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Endowments

In addition to its capital campaign efforts, the Elephant Sanctuary is working to raise Endowment Trusts for each of the elephants who live here. The goal is a minimum of \$185,000 to be set aside, in perpetuity, as an endowment for each rescued elephant. The money is invested, and only the income it generates can be spent to care for its beneficiary. When an endowed elephant passes away, her endowment

can be used to guarantee permanent residency for another needy elephant.

Thanks to the generosity of many caring people, Tina's Endowment Trust is currently \$10,475 and growing steadily. But we need your help to secure Tina's future at the Sanctuary. Gifts of any size are a welcome investment in Tina's new life here.

Our sincere gratitude to all those who have already contributed to Tina's Endowment Trust:

Edna Allan Karmen Blackwood Margot Bowen Gail F. Bowman Brenda Bridges Kathryn Carpenter Elaine Chatwin Nicole Chorney Debra J. Deane Pat Dunn Francoise Freeman

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The EleCam Is A Huge Success!

Over the past three years the EleCam, our live camera in the elephant habitat, has developed a huge following of enthusiastic and loyal viewers world-wide. The instant gratification and educational value of being able to watch the elephants in real-time, anytime and from any computer with web access, has made the EleCam very popular.

Thanks to the generosity of Tappedinto.com the Sanctuary has been able to provide this unique service free of charge. Over 55,000 people were online to watch Tina when she arrived at the Sanctuary; like a pay-per-view event for free! Tappedinto.com and the Sanctuary were pleased to be able to provide this valuable service; a window into the world of free-roaming elephants, living in a natural habitat.

However, the popularity of the EleCam is a mixed blessing. The greater the use the more expensive the service and the cost now exceeds the in-kind donation from TappedInto. In order for the Sanctuary to continue to provide the EleCam as a free service we must secure corporate sponsorship. Due to the incredible traffic, the space around the EleCam screen is a valuable piece of prime web site "real-estate" for sponsorship branding. Appropriate sponsors will have the unique opportunity to co-brand with this world-famous live video feed with options for links, depending on the sponsorship level. To inquire about corporate sponsorship of the EleCam please contact Cathy at the Sanctuary office 931-796-6500 x 26.

In the meantime, enjoy your window into the world of these amazing elephants and spread the word.

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 all at once or once a month for as long as you specify.

The Elephant Sanctuary is a nonprofit 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(s) and Trunklines.

Membership

Choose your level and become a part of the nation's first 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.



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Acres for Elephants

You can be the first in your group, neighborhood, classroom, or office to buy real estate for elephants. Help the Sanctuary's expansion give elephants the room they need to roam. Acres for Elephants donors receive a subscription to Trunklines. Donations of \$30 and more also receive a certificate.



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Feed for a Day

Winkie, Bunny, Shirley, Jenny, Tarra, Sissy, and Tina 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 gift generates a certificate and a bio with a picture of the elephant(s) you choose to feed.

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Tina's Feet

Thirty-three years of living on hard packed earth and concrete has taken a toll on Tina's feet. An elephant is anatomically designed so that her massive weight (in Tina's case, that's 9,500 pounds!) is evenly distributed across the bottom surface of her feet. In the wild, Asian elephants live in forests that provide a thick padded surface to walk and lie on. In captivity they frequently live on hard packed earth or concrete, which leads to painful bruising of the foot pads and nails.

When a foot injury occurs, the elephant changes her posture and foot falls. As result she applies excessive pressure to one area of the foot to avoid applying pressure to the injury. Prolonged pressure to a specific area of the foot can result in serious problems. Usually the injury becomes abscessed. As is the

case with Tina, if the cause of the injury is not addressed, the problem becomes chronic. In the worst scenario, the infection actually migrates to the bones of the foot, crippling the elephant. Foot disease is the number-one-killer of captive elephants. But there is a simple solution - elephants

should not be forced to stand on concrete or hard packed surfaces for prolonged periods. With room to roam and the opportunity to move at will, an elephant's feet will remain healthy.

Tina's Prognosis

When Tina arrived at the Sanctuary her foot pads were overgrown. The outside nails of both front feet were damaged and ulcerated. The excess pad on the inside of

her front feet forced her to stand at an unnatural angle, which caused tremendous pressure on her outside nails. In response to this pressure her nails bruised, separated from the foot, split open and eventually tore completely away from her foot. This pattern of injury can span a captive elephant's lifetime, resulting in a premature death. Now that Tina is living in a healthy environment, with the prospect of an

active life, her recovery will be speedy. The excess pad and rotten nails on her feet have been trimmed away. New nails will grow to replace the diseased ones. In a matter of months, Tina's feet will be completely recovered.



What's All the Trumpeting About? The Elephant Sanctuary Is Going African!

The Elephant Sanctuary has embarked on a mammoth project, expanding its habitat from 200 acres supporting seven resident Asian elephants to an enormous 2700-acre natural habitat preserve that can sustain up to 100 elephants. Until now, the residents have been strictly Asian elephants retired from zoos and circuses across America, but the expansion means that for the first time, African elephants will call the Elephant Sanctuary home. Three African elephants are scheduled to move to the Sanctuary later this year. Two are zoo elephants who currently reside at The Parks at Cheraw in Albany, Georgia; the third is a retired performing elephant.

With eight years of successful operation under our belt and remarkable support from a growing membership, the Sanctuary board and staff have decided to take on this \$6 million expansion as part of its overall \$13 million capital campaign. The Sanctuary land will be divided with separate habitat and facilities for each species. This is appropriate because Asian and African elephants have different languages, behaviors and dietary needs.

Architect Cary Dunn and long-time Sanctuary supporter and engineer William Dudley, both of Nashville, have donated their services to design the new African elephant house. The spacious new facility will be rich in natural lighting and perfectly suited to a species that naturally spends



African Elephant House Construction

its entire life outdoors. Tony Shankle, owner of Principle Builders Group, has worked pro-bono with Dunn and Dudley in preparation for building the elephant house. Construction began in May and is scheduled to be complete by October.

The Elephant Sanctuary is the largest natural-habitat refuge developed to meet the special requirements of elephants. Every detail of the Sanctuary's operation, from its location to the design of its buildings to the schedule of it staff, is designed with the elephants' needs and natural behaviors in mind. This expansion is critical to the Sanctuary's mission of providing a haven for more old, sick and needy elephants.

The Elephant Sanctuary Board of Directors and Executive Council are excited about this new development. Your support is critical to creating a safe, healthy, nurturing environment for many more elephants. If you are interested in making a donation to our capital campaign, please contact Cathy at the Sanctuary at 931-796-6500, x 26.

Upcoming Exposure

- The Sanctuary will be featured in the November 7, 2003 issue of Weekly Reader's Current Science Magazine. http://www.weeklyreader.com/homepage.asp
- Tina will be featured in the October issue of Animal Wellness Magazine.

http://www.animalwellnessmagazine.com/

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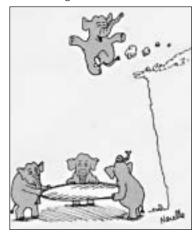
Calling All Federal Employees!

The Sanctuary has been accepted to participate in the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign. It is listed among national/international unaffiliated agencies as number 1312. If you are a federal employee, you can now contribute to the Sanctuary through the Combined Federal Campaign. *Thank you!*

Art imitates life...

The following is an excerpt from Ele-Diary entry for May 5, 2003 – and the inspiration for the cartoon below!

Late this evening, during the 10:00 pm feeding, Jenny and Shirley showed how intelligent, considerate and comfortable with their environment they are. Jenny had climbed a steep hill with Shirley in tow. When they heard the four-wheeler with their groceries approaching, they turned to come back down the hill. Shirley descended first and then turned to see Jenny climbing down another area of the slope approaching a steep drop-off. With instinctual precision, Shirley moved into place, perpendicular to the embankment, which was nearly shoulder high. She calmly created a solid barrier for Jenny to lean into as she gracefully slid over the edge of the embankment and down onto the ground



Eventually Shirley needed more help keeping Jenny safe.

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where Shirley was standing. Shirley has learned that she cannot prevent Jenny from doing what might appear to be dangerous. Instead she has learned how to assist Jenny so she does not hurt herself. Their connection with each other is effortless.

After this Ele-Diary entry was posted on the Sanctuary web site, the cartoonist Brian Narelle was inspired to create this cartoon. Thank you, Brian, for permission to print the cartoon here and on our web site.



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