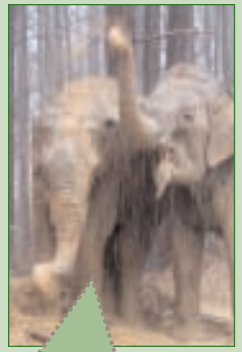


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Caravan
to
Freedom

The Hawthorn Elephant Rescue



Upon her arrival, Frieda has a re-assuring exchange with Scott

Last November, after two years of negotiations, frustrations and heartbreak, the Hawthorn Corporation finally signed an agreement to donate nine of their eleven remaining elephants to The Elephant Sanctuary. Many suggested that this was cause for celebration, but we were painfully aware that we must proceed with caution. Even with the signed contract, there was little to prevent a reversal, including any statement attributed to the Sanctuary that might demean the Hawthorn Corporation or its CEO. We were advised that the USDA was powerless to enforce the donation agreement and lacked the power to ensure that the elephants would never again be returned to the circus industry.

One hurdle remained before loading up “the girls” and moving them to Tennessee: state mandated blood tests. It was the last in the series of activities that required cooperation between both parties. Drawing blood from all nine elephants would prove to be heartbreaking. A team of professionals joined the attending veterinarian at the Hawthorn barn to collect blood. Although the Sanctuary had been promised the nine elephants, they were not yet in our custody. Hawthorn made the decisions about the elephants’ care and treatment while in their barn. To address safety concerns for three of the elephants labeled as dangerous, the attending veterinarian determined a sedative would be used to sedate the elephants for the blood draw. Billie avoided the sedation when the dart missed its mark, but Sue was standing ready to receive hers. It was the last obstacle to lifelong freedom, but something went horribly wrong. As soon as the dart penetrated Sue’s flesh, she collapsed. Unprepared for the reaction, Sue lay seemingly unconscious until a reversal could be administered. No response.

Over the next eleven days a gallant effort was made to save Sue’s life. Each day she would fade and then rally, giving those trying to save her life reason to hope. As each day passed and she could not rise unassisted, more therapies were administered, equipment purchased and experts consulted. A veterinarian whose career centers on

The history of the Hawthorn elephants reads like an epic novel complete with animal abuse, a villain, a congregation of do-gooders and an enforcement agency which, due to the constraints of the law, is less than effective. The entire placement period, which took more than two years, was excruciatingly painful for rescuers and animals alike. Sadly, some were not rescued. Tess died in the Hawthorn barn a year before her sisters were rescued. Then came the news that four elephants were being donated to a circus breeding facility. Ronnie, Debbie and Gypsy narrowly avoided this fate when the results of their blood work raised questions about the status of their health. Joy, the lone African elephant in the herd, was not as lucky. She got a clean bill of health and was shipped off to the ARK Foundation, a subsidiary of the Carson and Barnes Circus. The move was sanctioned by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA-APHIS).

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Scott, Tarra & Carol

Directors' Voice

Over the past two and a half years, eleven Hawthorn elephants have been released to The Elephant Sanctuary. At the start of our effort to rescue these elephants we were advised that the Sanctuary would not receive a single Hawthorn elephant. Then Delhi arrived, the first elephant ever confiscated by the USDA. Again we were told that we would receive no more of the Hawthorn elephants and then Misty and Lota arrived. Finally, we were assured that no other Hawthorn elephant would grace the Sanctuary's habitat. We never gave up, and neither did our membership. Tenacity was required to insure the rescue of these most deserving elephants.

The Hawthorn Corporation elephant exodus, affectionately dubbed "The Caravan to Freedom," began on January 30, 2006, as elephants were loaded two by two into the Sanctuary trailer en route to their new home. There were four trips—eight elephants in total: Minnie, Lottie, Queenie, Liz, Debbie, Ronnie, Frieda and Billie.

Our members are our lifeline, the elephants their motivation. Each of you played a part in this historic rescue. Children sent in the contents of their piggy banks, while adults lent their voices and their hard earned dollars towards the effort. The outpouring of concern and funding created the momentum necessary for success.

With this move, nearly all of the remaining Hawthorn elephants have been released. Sadly, Joy, the lone African, was sent to a circus breeding facility only weeks before the exodus began. Two others, Tess and Sue, died prior to the herd being released. Of immediate concern is the fact that two others, Gypsy and Nic, remain sequestered in the Hawthorn barn with no placement scheduled.

As we watch our ex-circus divas peacefully graze the pastures and play with full abandonment in the ponds, our thoughts go to Gypsy and Nic. We hope they will also find sanctuary soon. The future holds great promise for captive elephants. What has been accomplished by a small group of thoughtful citizens has had a powerful impact on the way people view elephant care. Each one of you has played a part in this shift in consciousness.

Carol & Scott =

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 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.*

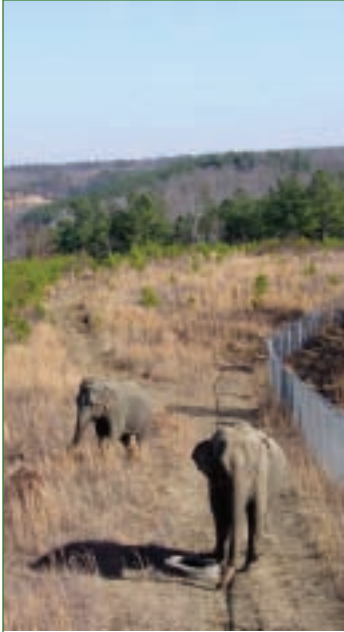
To learn more about The Elephant Sanctuary and all of the resident elephants, visit:

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The Migration



Winkie, Sissy & Tire



Bunny & Tarra

Our preparation for the arrival of the Hawthorn elephants was a multifaceted project. Most people assumed that it was as simple as loading up the elephants and bringing them to Tennessee, but nothing could be further from the truth.

During the year that the new Asian elephant house was under construction, the fence crew was working feverishly to complete the 20 miles of fencing which encompasses the entire 2700 acres of elephant habitat. As this three year fencing project neared completion, supporters and federal authorities hounded the Sanctuary to speed up the process to receive the Hawthorn elephants as soon as possible. Naturally those with the strongest motivation to rescue these elephants were the very people who had dedicated their lives to such a purpose. Unfortunately, the pressure hampered more than helped as the staff and contractors were already working at a breakneck pace.

To further complicate the situation, negotiations were continually hampered regarding how and when the elephants would be moved. Delays became expected and

resistance to accepting our offer for placement was a daily challenge. Finally the day drew near when it appeared the elephants could be moved. First, however, the resident herd, Tarra, Jenny, Shirley, Bunny, Sissy, Winkie and Delhi would have to migrate to the new barn. As always, we waited for the elephants to make the decision; they might want to make the two mile trek on foot or opt for a quick ride on the ele-taxi.

As anticipated, Tarra, Sissy and Winkie hiked over on foot, but it came as a complete surprise when Bunny also made the trip on foot through the uncharted territory. Her bravery was inspiring and from the grin on her face, it appeared Bunny was exceedingly proud of her accomplishment. Also, as anticipated, Jenny and Shirley decided to accept a ride on the ele-taxi. Had it been any other time of year except winter, they would have walked. Being January, however, the month when they historically remain in proximity to the elephant barn, making the long trek just did not interest them. Into the ele-taxi they went, together, and were driven to the other side of the property and their spacious new elephant house.

For different reasons, Delhi also preferred to ride. Delhi suffers from osteomyelitis and walks so slowly that it would have been long past dusk when she finally reached the new barn. We were happy she took the ele-taxi and avoided the cool winter temperatures when the sun set. The move went swiftly and smoothly with all of the elephants relocated within twenty-four hours of each other. Tarra and Bunny were so excited when Jenny and Shirley came lumbering out of the trailer that their trumpets carried all the way across the Sanctuary habitat, signaling to the caregivers at the quarantine barn that the girls were safe in their new home and happy to be back together again.

The elephants and caregivers alike spent the next few days and weeks becoming familiar with the new surroundings and spacious elephant house. Apparently, the new facilities have successfully passed the quality test. Everyone appears satisfied with their expansive new home and yard, all 2200 acres of it. =



We gratefully acknowledge Oliver Industries generous donation of a truck and driver for the ele-taxi.

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Billie arrives and is welcomed by her sisters—they smother her with affection!

captive elephant health was with Sue the entire time, taking turns with others sleeping on bales of hay, inserting tubes for fluids and administering therapies.

An open line of communication was held between the Sanctuary staff in Hohenwald and the Hawthorn barn. On her final day Sue showed signs of giving up. A float tank was brought in as a last ditch effort to get her on her feet. As the team of caregivers hoisted Sue into the float tank and watched it fill with water, she began to play. Her eyes sparkled as she splashed the water with her trunk. Then without warning, filled with the joy of knowing in that moment how much she was loved, Sue died. Caught completely off guard, everyone was stunned. The well of emotions that were held back for nearly two weeks flooded out, engulfing everyone who had fought so hard to save this innocent elephant's life. Those involved may never find peace with Sue's death, but knowing that she was pampered and lavished with unconditional love in those last weeks of her life will help us to accept that which we cannot reconcile.

Lydia Scheidler, Sanctuary caregiver, spent day and night in the Hawthorn barn caring for Sue. She writes:

“On our way to the airport, Scott told me to harden my heart in preparation for seeing the Hawthorn elephants. Although I could imagine their confinement and the poor condition of their surroundings, I knew seeing it firsthand would be a very difficult experience. I prepared myself by focusing on the job I had to do.

We were there to process the blood drawn from the elephants—the last step before they could come home. I focused on this as I walked into the barn the next morning. For most of the day, I stayed in one room, spinning down blood and filling out forms. Although I rarely saw the elephants, I could feel their presence. I

would hear a breath, an occasional squeak or chirp, the clink of chains. And then I knew something had gone wrong. The Hawthorn staff was running, shouting, and I later found out that Sue had collapsed.

“We stayed with Sue all night, which would later become the first of many nights. We slept on piles of hay or in wheelbarrows.



The elephants in their Hawthorn barn.

“She made numerous attempts to get up on her own, but in the early hours of the morning, she became more still and seemed to stop trying. We were prepared to do everything in our power to help her stand, but we also accepted that if she was ready to let go, we would not try and convince her to stay.

“I remember the immense joy the following day when Scott and I realized that something in Sue had shifted; she had decided to stay a little longer. Her appetite had returned and she was drinking well. She could move and stretch her legs. Juicy fruits were a particular favorite. She would slurp and suck on them as long as I stayed there to feed them to her. With her improved disposition, I was convinced that today would be the day Sue would stand.

“Each day turned into the day Sue would stand. Each day we devised a new strategy to help her to her feet, involving forklifts, straps, bales of hay and large tires to support her. But this brave creature was facing more than I can imagine, and her discomfort began to show. I did what I could to make her more comfortable. Pressure wounds from lying down had formed on her hips, shoulders and face, and I did what I could to keep them clean and soothed. Her appetite had started to wane, but I offered her a variety of fruits, vegetables and the occasional peanut butter and jelly sandwich. I wanted so badly for her to feel loved and cared for.

“On Sue's last day, we built her a swimming pool, thinking water would support Sue's body, allowing her

muscles to recover enough to eventually support themselves. Moving Sue into the initially empty tank was very difficult for her; her muscles were swollen and uncomfortable, and she was physically exhausted. All day I remained close to her to monitor her breathing and her brightness, but mostly I was just there for her. As we began pumping water into her tank, I perched on the side, close to her head and watched in awe as she began to splash, play and drink. Her muscles found more strength than they had in days. She was being an elephant, and we were again convinced that today was the day Sue would stand. I left her side for five minutes while Scott remained with her, and when I returned, he was holding Sue's trunk out of the water. In the midst of play, she had simply let her trunk fall limp as she slipped away.

"Days after she passed, I still felt the need to take care of her. I found, and continue to find comfort in knowing that she was loved and pampered for the last weeks of her life. For the first time, she was surrounded by those who loved her and put her well-being first. Although she will never physically find her way to the Sanctuary, we, and the generous supporters who donated supplies and time, brought it to her. I know she felt that." =

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all of the compassionate people who gave so selflessly in our attempts to save Sue's life. Although the Sanctuary did not have legal custody of Sue, her welfare fell into our hands. Many people helped. We would like to thank Lisa and Larry Kane, Sanctuary supporters from Wisconsin, who responded to our requests for assistance. They made multiple trips from the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at the University of Wisconsin to the Hawthorn barn in Richmond, IL with veterinary supplies. John Rippetoe of Nashville, a Sanctuary supporter and volunteer gave up Christmas day with his family to transport a truckload of hay from the Sanctuary to the Hawthorn barn for Sue. Debbie Leahy of IL accomplished the impossible by locating a rental forklift on a Sunday morning as well as spending many days on the road from Chicago to Richmond replenishing Sue's supply of pedialite, fresh produce and a variety of tools and equipment. Harry Camn, another Sanctuary supporter living in IL, responded several times to our request for pick up and delivery services. When a caregiver needed to return home, Harry selflessly got up before dawn to drive him to the airport. In Sue's final days Dr. Barb Royal of IL volunteered her professional services with acupuncture treatments which Sue responded to favorably. Thanks to all of the selfless people who rallied around Sue in her final days.

Nicknamed the 'Divas' ~ the Hawthorn elephants are the new stars of the Sanctuary!



The Fabulous Five are a tight group.



Frieda, Liz & Billie have formed a trio.



The stage is set for discovery, play and relaxation.



Sleeping divas ~ what a sight!

Misty Update



Misty is as playful and curious as ever.

Since her arrival on November 17, 2004, Misty has been kept in quarantine while undergoing treatment for tuberculosis. A most accommodating individual, Misty has been incredibly cooperative, actively engaging in her treatment and forming trusting relationships with her caregivers. The compassion and camaraderie Misty exudes causes one to deeply respect not only Misty, but her entire species as well.

Labeled a killer as a result of the death of a keeper two decades earlier, Misty continued to live up to her reputation until the day she was loaded into the trailer for her relocation to The Elephant Sanctuary. Her final act of aggression was to hit her former owner, knocking him down just moments before entering the transport trailer. Her action appeared to be in response to the hysterical atmosphere created during her loading. After being yelled at, threatened and struck with a bull hook, Misty struck back. Regardless of her motivations, Sanctuary staff was cognizant of her behavior in a stressful situation. Knowledge of an elephant's past response to stress helps a caregiver avoid situations which might result in negative behavior.

Over the years government authorities and elephant experts have questioned the wisdom of managing notorious elephants under the Sanctuary's non-dominance system. Passive Control allows no discipline, retaliation, or the withholding of food, water, treats, companionship, or freedom of choice. Many do not understand that the

*"With Kindness and a Smile You
can lead an Elephant by a Thread."*

A Persian Proverb



system of Passive Control was designed utilizing the knowledge of how elephants process information and respond to stress. Although this management system is not necessarily species specific, it was purposely developed with a clear understanding of the thought processes and responses that are perceived as specific to elephants. Misty is yet another in a long line of notorious elephants whose aggressive behavior has not surfaced under Passive Control. The change in Misty's response to stress and the reactions of other elephants known to be aggressive, increases the body of knowledge regarding aggressive elephants and what prompts their actions.

Misty receives daily tuberculosis treatment administered by two trained caregivers under the direction of a team of veterinarians and doctors specializing in tuberculosis. The process is seamless and by all accounts stress free for Misty. In order for the procedure to run smoothly Misty must be completely cooperative. She appears to sense that the choice is hers. Being social by nature with a strong desire to be accepted and included, Misty is more than willing to cooperate in exchange for the reward of affectionate interaction. She defecates at our request prior to being medicated. She enters the barn and her restraint chute voluntarily, without coaxing or pressure. Once inside the chute she allows a harness to be secured across her chest and another around her tail; all this while calmly eating her dinner of grain, produce and hay. Once secured inside the chute, a series of drugs are administered rectally; the entire procedure takes less than ten minutes.

Upon completion, Misty is showered with praise and affection to which she responds with purrs so deep the entire barn vibrates with her pleasure. The chute is opened, allowing Misty to exit the barn along with her entourage of personal caregivers. They then spend some quality time together in her yard. This post treatment ritual is vital for both Misty and the caregivers as a way to strengthen their bonds and demonstrate to Misty how much her cooperation is appreciated.

Once Misty completes her year long treatment the plan is to reunite her with her sisters, the herd affectionately referred to as our Divas. =

What About the Africans?

Comfortably secluded far away from the recent migrations and rescues, the African elephants continue to thrive. What a joy to watch their daily meanderings through forests and glade—tearing at tree branches, preparing resting nests and foraging for tender shoots to munch on. These elephants are in tune, immersed, and completely at home in their environment. Without a care in the world, their days are casual and rich. Of course, they still enjoy a good chase of a 4-wheeler and Tange insists that although adopted kitties are fun to pet, turkeys must be reminded of who “owns” the habitat. Families of white tail deer and turkeys, indigenous residents of the African elephants’ habitat, wander freely in the area showing little interest in their exotic neighbors.



Recently the discussion of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in captive African elephants has raised many questions. Dr. Gay Bradshaw is currently studying PTSD in the survivors of elephant cullings. Most of the African elephants on exhibit in zoos and circuses were captured in the wild after experiencing the massacre of their families during mass cullings (killing families of elephants to reduce the population). In most cases the adults were killed, but the young calves were spared and sold to zoos and circuses around the world. Some scientists believe the traumatic experience of watching their entire families gunned down can cause emotional scarring, resulting in antisocial and masochistic behavior in the survivors.

All three of our African elephants, Tange, Zula and Flora, were orphaned as a result of cullings. Tange and Zula were paired at a young age immediately following their trauma.

They were fortunate to have lived in the park-like setting of a spacious animal compound located in a temperate climate prior to being relocated to the Sanctuary. Following her trauma, although her caregivers loved her, Flora went through rigorous training and spent her formative years as a solitary elephant traveling and performing in a circus. All three elephants employ different coping mechanisms and respond differently to stress, suggesting that such a trauma at a young age may be a contributing factor but not the only factor affecting behavior. Researchers have also discovered that the disorder is not exclusive to captive elephants. Accounts of dysfunctional behavior in orphaned elephants living in the wild are well documented.

The Sanctuary is participating in non invasive research of PTSD in elephants to increase our knowledge regarding this disorder and to better understand the impact it has on captive elephants. Tange, Zula and Flora are unaware of the contribution they are making to this body of knowledge which promises to benefit not only captive elephants but the wild population as well.

In the meantime, Zula continues to dig her rain collectors—precise circular holes, three feet in diameter, where trapped rain water is used to make a thick mud bath. Tange endlessly dashes from here to there, anxious not to miss out on anything, while Flora makes steady progress improving her social skills in this supportive environment. =

= *Introducing... The Divas* =



Billie

- 8,450 pounds • 53 years old • Born in Asia
- Performed in circus her entire life
- Labeled a dangerous elephant and handled protected contact prior to arriving at the Sanctuary
- Best friends with Liz and Frieda. Billie is insecure and extremely cooperative. She loves her morning baths, dousing herself with water and chirping joyfully. Her favorite part of the bath is catching the water from the hose in her mouth. Although she arrived with a serious reputation she has shown no signs of aggression.



Frieda

- 6,370 pounds • 40 years old • Born in Asia
- Performed in circus her entire life
- Labeled a dangerous elephant and handled protected contact prior to arriving at the Sanctuary
- Best friends with Liz and Billie. Frieda is extremely vocal and affectionate. She is precocious and ready to explore her surroundings, especially if Liz goes with her. Her reputation as a dangerous elephant is completely contrary to her behavior. She elicits affection and has shown no signs of aggression since her arrival.



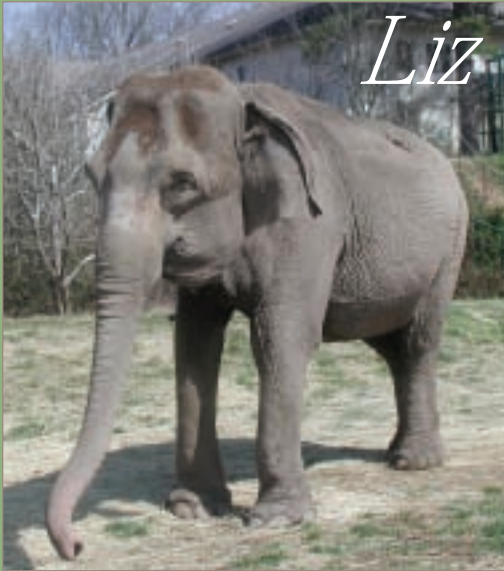
Minnie

- 11,130 pounds • 40 years old • Born in Asia
- Performed in circus her entire life
- Best friends with Lottie. Minnie is smart and playful; full of energy. In constant motion, Minnie is the one to explore uncharted territory and lead the others on exploratory excursions. Her harmonic trumpeting creates the most beautiful music when the herd engages in group song.



Queenie

- 7,420 pounds • 47 years old • Born in Asia
- Performed in circus her entire life
- Best friends with Minnie and Lottie. Queenie is everyone's friend. She enjoys the company of all the elephants, was the first to drink from the water troughs out in the habitat, and spends the early morning hours playing with the rubber door flaps.



Liz

- 6,020 pounds • 49 years old • Born in Asia
- Performed in circus her entire life
- Solitary upon arrival, now best friends with Frieda and Billie. Liz is vocal, engaging and fearlessly adventurous. She runs surprisingly fast and has a most unique dialect. Affectionally dubbed the puppy dog, Liz will follow a caregiver anywhere for an apple.



Lottie

- 8,550 pounds • 43 years old • Born in Asia
- Performed in circus her entire life
- Self appointed leader
- Best friends with Minnie. Lottie is calm and serious. She likes to slip off to an unexplored area of the habitat and bellow for her family to join her, which they do immediately.



Debbie

- 10,380 pounds • 35 years old • Born in Asia
- Performed in circus her entire life
- Best friends with Ronnie and Gypsy (still at the Hawthorn Corporation). Debbie is calm and predictable. Wherever Ronnie leads Debbie follows. Debbie can be independent but spends most of her time within the herd. Most days she can be found swimming in the upper pond or grazing alongside Ronnie.



Ronnie

- 7,880 pounds • 40 years old • Born in Asia
- Performed in circus her entire life
- Gave birth to Nic twelve years ago
- Best friends with Debbie and Gypsy (still at the Hawthorn Corporation). Ronnie is very animated and food motivated, always the first to arrive at the 4-wheeler for a meal. She loves to play in the ponds and explore new areas.

An Elephant's Need for Space: The Debate Continues

For centuries elephants have walked this planet, their planet, migrating in family groups called herds, raising their young and contributing to the health and stability of the ecosystem that is their home. Keystone is a term that we humans use to describe this species. The term denotes a value beyond themselves. Ambassador is another term used to define elephants, not in their wild state, but in the sterile unnatural setting of captive exhibition. These ambassadors are deprived of space, family and the freedom to live according to their own desires. They are captive creatures on exhibit for humans to admire. Unfortunately, outside of their natural habitat these elephants are a poor example of their species.

So why is there resistance to providing spacious environments where captive elephants can thrive? Some in the zoological industry would like us to believe that captive elephants do not need space, citing a lack of scientific data to support the elephant's need for space. Logic suggests that instead of questioning the obvious, the onus should be on proving the opposite. Scientists around the world concur that elephants need space; the fact that an elephant is held in captivity does not negate the need.

With the wealth of information available regarding the lifestyle of elephants, what could be the rationale for continuing to exhibit them in small spaces, with limited social opportunities and a complete lack of stimulating activities? The answer appears to be two-fold: money and the lack of it. Elephants are rated as one of the most popular zoo attractions, responsible directly or indirectly for a good portion of the zoos' annual revenue. Conversely, providing proper facilities and adequately trained staff to accommodate an elephant's mammoth needs takes a greater investment than most zoos are prepared to expend.

Zoos and circuses have failed to provide the diverse and rich environments that elephants require to thrive. Instead of recognizing their deficiencies and making the appropriate changes, exhibitors are responding to the challenge by questioning the species' need for space. By their very nature, elephants are physically designed to move tens of miles each day in search of food, water, social activities, and psychological and physical stimuli. The suggestion that captive elephants lack the same psychological and biological needs as their wild counterparts is like suggesting that incarcerated humans no longer need physical activity or mental stimuli once they are not free to pursue them.

The American Association of Zoos' own elephant studbook documents that elephants have not fared well in zoo environments. A disproportionate number of elephants have died or been killed due to unrelieved pain from arthritis and osteomyelitis. The most obvious indication that elephants need space is the increasing arthritis, foot problems and tooth abnormalities in captive elephants. These captivity related diseases are the result of an elephant being confined to a small space without opportunity for adequate exercise and appropriate fodder. The inability to walk and standing on hard surfaces contribute to arthritis. Ulcers form on the cushioned pads of an elephant's foot, festering until the chronic infection migrates through the flesh of the foot to the bone. This condition is called osteomyelitis, a captivity induced disease which is completely preventable. Although osteomyelitis has been treated, to date no zoo has been able to cure this slow insidious disease. After months or years of a daily cocktail of painkillers, the pain finally exceeds the effectiveness of the painkillers. The bones of the foot disintegrate, causing the foot to collapse, leaving the elephant crippled and in excruciating pain. At this point the zoo has no other option but to euthanize the elephant. It is important to note that according to researchers and veterinarians familiar with wild populations of African and Asian elephants, osteomyelitis and arthritis are diseases which do not affect wild elephants.

Additionally, elephants fail to fully develop socially when kept solitary or in small groups. Restricted space denies the elephant an opportunity to interact in a healthy manner if new elephants are introduced into the herd. As a result of the inability of the elephant to retreat to a comfortable personal space, aggression may occur.

As more captive elephants suffer and die from environmental deprivation, the public has grown increasingly concerned. Grass roots groups have sprung up in many cities where elephants are kept on exhibit. Their effort is born out of a concern by individuals who support their local zoo, becoming intimately involved in the zoos' activities as docents, volunteers and even paid employees. The pressure that these well informed groups are bringing to bear on the zoo industry and circuses is having a positive effect on the welfare of captive elephants. Exhibitors are challenged to reevaluate the way they keep elephants.

The Sanctuary exists as an example and a solution. For over a decade, we have opened our doors to any female elephant in need. First we focused on rescuing elephants being kept in isolation, alone without others of their own species. Then we set our sights on elephants living in the most seriously deprived environments and those labeled as dangerous. A great amount of headway has been made, but now a new roadblock has been erected: the industries' denial that elephants actually need space.

The twenty-two elephants that we have rescued over the past eleven years have taught us a very simple fact: unhealthy environments breed unnatural behavior and a lack of wellness in elephants. Our decade of research has provided the data to suggest that a change of environment from deprived to enriched can reverse an elephant's physical condition and psychological disposition. By providing a healthy environment, even an elephant that has displayed neurotic, antisocial and/or aggressive behavior for decades can revert back to a gentle, cooperative and social creature, characteristic of her species. =

“Let a person walk alone with few wishes, committing no wrong, like an elephant in the forest.”

Verse from the Dhammapada, Sayings of Buddha



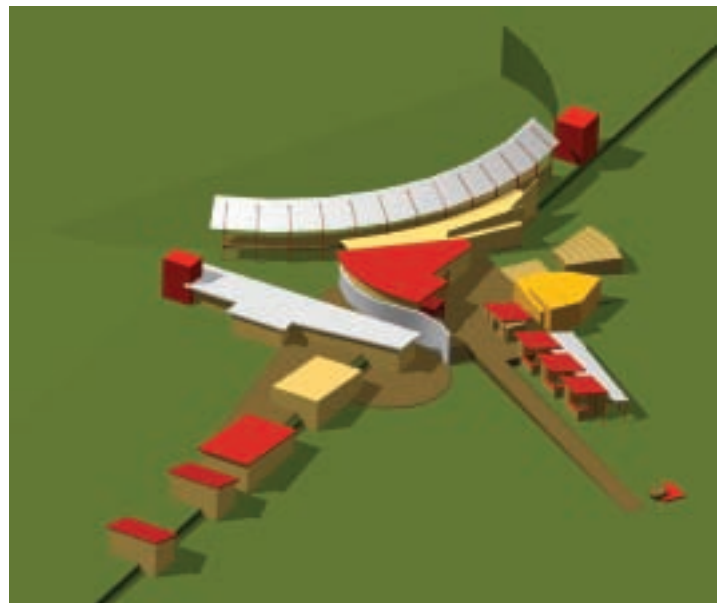
On the Horizon...Literally...The Education Center

After a decade of development the Sanctuary now has surplus space for needy elephants, a luxury never before experienced by our fledgling organization. Since sitting idle is not our style, we are preparing to embark on our next major project, a tremendous undertaking: the anxiously anticipated education center.

The ideal location for the center has been surveyed, a lofty area overlooking the entire Sanctuary refuge. From this prime location visitors will immerse themselves in the surrounding habitat while not a single elephant activity will be disturbed.

Manuel Zeitlin, acclaimed Nashville architect, has put on paper the preliminary design of this innovative center which will be situated in a retreat-like setting. The open air design will provide an opportunity for the visitor to feel as if they are one with nature—co-existing with elephants and the native flora and fauna of the region.

One goal of the center is to encourage visitors to consider the power we humans have over the well-being of captive animals. With the aid of high-powered field cameras, visitors will enjoy watching as the Sanctuary elephants continue to spend their days migrating across the property. Like birds in a tree, visitors will silently watch the natural elephant behavior that can be viewed



nowhere else in the U.S. True to our mission, protecting the elephants' privacy while inspiring visitors will be a paramount consideration.

Naming opportunities will be available for this unique facility. If you have questions or are interested in helping fund this enormously important project, please contact ann@elephants.com or call 931-796-6500 x 4#. =

The New Asian Elephant House: Our Members Made It Happen

The good news is that the Sanctuary has been in a perpetual state of expansion for the past decade. Exhausting as it has been at times, the rewards are rich. Growing from 100 to 2700 acres of elephant habitat divided into three separate and species specific facilities, complete with four custom built elephant houses, has meant long hours and endless effort, but effort that has been well worth it.

We often hear the question, how do you pay for it? Honestly, we don't have a formula for success; simply put, we feel passionately about the welfare of captive elephants. This single motivation, putting the elephants needs first and foremost, is the key to the Sanctuary's success. Our puritan philosophy attracts ele-lovers by the thousands—62,000 to be exact. We did not set out with a goal of growing membership, it turns out that support is a by-product of our work. The Sanctuary believes all captive elephants must be afforded a full and healthy life. Our membership, an eclectic collection of people and organizations worldwide, is drawn to this premise: that captive elephants can enjoy lives that closely resemble those of their relatives in the wild. To accomplish this goal one needs only to think outside the box.

Over the decades there have been few examples to draw from; captive elephants have either been placed on exhibit in restricted spaces for the public's pleasure or trained to do athletic feats for the public's amusement. Both of these scenarios fail to address one intrinsic need of our planet's largest land mammal—SPACE, they need space.

Thanks to the involvement of our active membership, the Sanctuary elephants have space, 2700-acres of it. A minute amount compared to the 500 square miles utilized by many families of wild elephants, but humongous in comparison to the minuscule quarter acre occupied by a majority of other captive elephants.

Our most recent expansion project, the New Asian Elephant House, completed in January of 2006, is



another prime example of a group effort. Through our web site and newsletters we put the word out to our membership that funds were needed to build a new barn. This new barn was required in order for the Sanctuary to rescue the herd of Hawthorn Corporation elephants. Our membership's response was immediate and somewhat overwhelming. Thanks to their networking, the necessary funds were raised in less than six months.

This environmentally innovative building is the latest in our efforts to create eco-friendly and elephant-friendly facilities for elephants. Abandoning traditional concrete walls for new polycarbonate sheeting was a breakthrough in thinking. The nearly transparent walls allow natural light and radiant heat to flood the building, reducing the use of costly utilities while providing a more natural and healthy indoor environment for elephants. Our concerns regarding building a plastic barn for elephants drove us to implement creative ways to protect the integrity of the building to accomplish this win-win situation.

Amenities such as radiant floor heat, rubber poured floors, electronically controlled gates and doors, rain water collection system, a hoisting crane accessible to any location in the barn and a by-pass chute that spans the entire length of the 150 foot long barn, meet our expectation of a fully functional, elephant friendly, environmentally sound, elephant house.

The resident herd spends chilly nights in the new elephant house lit up by the moon and radiating soothing warmth absorbed from the powerful rays of the sun. We extend a huge thank you to our members for the Sanctuary's continued successful growth. =

The Ark Watch Foundation Continues Their Support

When The Elephant Sanctuary needed to expand our land holdings, the Ark Watch Foundation was there. When funds were needed to build a new barn in order to rescue a herd of circus elephants, the Ark Watch Foundation helped. When continued support was needed to ensure sanctuary for the Hawthorn elephants, again the Ark Watch Foundation assisted. As we embark on another decade of elephant rescues and humane education, the Ark Watch Foundation has pledged to continue their support.

La Petite Begets La Belle

Last July we received word that a baby Asian elephant was in need of a home. The information forthcoming was sparse, but the source appeared to be credible. An impassioned biologist associated with the zoo that housed her requested that we accept the elephant known as La Petite.

Our research contradicted the information that we had received. La Petite was not a baby elephant but instead a young adult of twenty-one years. With quite a problematic past, it seemed that La Petite was a perfect candidate for the Sanctuary. Records showed that La Petite was originally imported to France where she performed in a traveling circus for several years until her bouts of aggression forced the circus to place her at the London Zoo. When a keeper was killed with no witnesses to document the circumstances, it was La Petite who was suspected of doing the deed; she was again moved, this time to a zoo in Ramat Gan in Tel Aviv, Israel. Here it seemed La Petite would finally find her place among a herd of breeding elephants managed with no human contact at all. Here, La Petite was free to bond with other elephants and begin a family of her own, without threat of human dominance. This hope was realized, but dashed, when moments after delivery, La Petite killed her first born calf. La Petite remained in the herd for nearly two more years until some of the herd members, including the breeding male, began to forcibly push her around. After an episode of aggression towards La Petite which nearly crippled her, the decision was made to separate La Petite from the herd. Once again she was in need of a home.

Here was a situation of an elephant living alone after suffering an attack by not one, but two of her herd members. After the failure to locate a zoo in Europe willing to accept La Petite, we were optimistic that our offer to take her would be accepted. To our great disappointment the zoo turned us down. The explanation given for their refusal of our offer was the zoo industry's position that captive elephants of breeding age be required to participate in a captive breeding program. They would then contribute to the captive elephant population, providing exhibit animals for zoos globally. But six months later, in an unexpected turn of events, the zoo reversed their position and offered La Petite to the Sanctuary. We immediately began the complicated permit application process which was well underway when word came that the zoo curator believed La Petite to be pregnant, estimating that she was entering her second trimester. The timing could not have been better. This meant La Petite would be transported mid pregnancy, the safest time to move a

pregnant elephant. Then news arrived that no one had anticipated. In the still of the night, alone in her tiny stall, separated from the other elephants, La Petite had delivered her calf. The female baby, "La Belle," was healthy, suckling, and the best news of all, mother and calf had bonded. The zoo cheerfully informed us of their plans to keep La Petite. Although disappointed that La Petite will not know the freedom of the Sanctuary, we are elated that she had a successful delivery and that she and her healthy baby have bonded; they both deserve to experience such joy. If La Petite and her calf can be successfully reintroduced into the herd, such a situation would be ideal. If indeed a reintroduction is not possible, we hope that the zoo will offer to release La Petite and her calf to the Sanctuary.

Gone are the days of seemingly effortless rescues like Barbara, Shirley and Flora, elephants offered to us without reservation. Now it seems every relocated elephant comes only after a huge public outcry and zoos pitted against groups of local citizens concerned for the welfare of the elephants living in "their zoo." The ensuing battle invariably comes right to the front gates of the Sanctuary. Animal welfare groups demand that the Sanctuary align with them to expose the poor living conditions of captive elephants, a claim that zoos adamantly and indignantly deny. We are truly caught in the middle. To publicly address the issue of elephants living in deprived captive environments would guarantee a resistance by the zoo industry to engage in discussions regarding placement of their elephants. In fact, the zoo association requires their membership to place elephants only in other accredited zoos, inaccurately claiming that sanctuaries are unable to meet zoo standards. The truth be told and we wish it were, Sanctuary standards for facilities, care, and management of elephants far exceeds the standards required by the zoo industry. The Elephant Sanctuary not only exceeds the zoo association's standards, we exceed our own Association of Sanctuary standards, setting the example and the standard for others to strive for.

The lines have been drawn and some zoos view the Sanctuary as being on "the other side." The more we pull back from the battle the harder both sides try to thrust us into the middle. Our efforts are best utilized by steering clear of the battles and instead focusing on the care of the elephants entrusted to us, educating a new generation of humans regarding the possibilities for captive elephants, and furthering our mission to help any elephant in need. =

**As this newsletter was going to print we were informed that the Nature and Parks Authority of Israel is investigating La Petite and La Belle's current living conditions.*

Ways You Can Help the Sanctuary

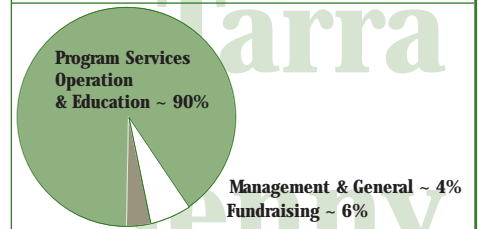


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Use the form on the enclosed envelope to provide information and indicate which giving program you have chosen. Be sure to include the name and address for any In Honor gifts so we can send the honoree(s) a certificate and *Trunklines*.

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Membership

Choose your level and become 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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Feed for a Day

Tarra, Bunny, Jenny, Shirley, Sissy, Winkie, Delhi, Tange, Zula, Flora, Misty, Billie, Debbie, Frieda, Liz, Lottie, Minnie, Queenie and Ronnie 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" generates a certificate and a bio with a picture of the elephant(s) you choose to feed.

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

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

\$15 T-shirt ~ (includes shipping/handling) & b/w photo of your favorite elephant _____ : \$ _____
Name of Elephant

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 \$10 or more also receive a certificate.

Square Elephant \$3 x _____ = \$ _____

Space for an elephant to stand at rest ~ 6' x 12'

Sleepy Square \$5 x _____ = \$ _____

Space for an elephant to lie down and take a nap ~ 9' x 14'

Dumbo \$55 x _____ = \$ _____

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

Jumbo \$350 x _____ = \$ _____

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

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

Space for a herd of elephants to explore ~ 1 acre

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

Elephant Sanctuary Merchandise

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

Sanctuary Clothing

Tan T-Shirt with Green Logo \$15.00

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

Black T-Shirt with Yellow Logo \$15.00

Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)

Commemorative T-Shirts \$10.00

Logo, website address, elephant's name and the date she came to The Elephant Sanctuary printed in green.



- Tarra..... Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)
- Barbara... Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)
- Jenny..... Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)
- Shirley... Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)
- Bunny.... Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)
- Sissy..... Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)
- Winkie... Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)
- Delhi..... Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)
- Tange.... Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)
- Zula..... Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)
- Flora..... Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)
- Misty.... Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)
- Lota..... Adult (M) (L) (XL) Youth (L)

Caravan To Freedom T-Shirt (4-color) \$15.00

Our 'Divas' commemorative shirt

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

Tina Memorial T-Shirt (4-color) \$15.00

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

Logo Sweatshirts \$20.00

Grey w/Blue Logo

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

Youth (S) (M)

Black w/Blue Logo

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

Youth (S) (M)

Blue w/Gold Logo.....Youth (S) (M)

Purple w/Pink Logo...Youth (S) (M)



Baseball Cap \$15.00

Embroidered logo on tan hat with:

Denim Bill Green Bill

Tote Bags

Sanctuary Logo Tote Bags

Beige with black lettering \$10.00

Beige with green lettering \$10.00

Commemorative "Jenny" Tote Bag

Beige with 4-color imprint \$24.00

Videos & DVDs

"Information Video" \$15.00 (VHS) (DVD)

"Our Girls" \$15.00 (VHS) (DVD)

"Tarra Paints" \$15.00 (VHS) (DVD)

"Tina's Memorial Video" \$15.00 (VHS) (DVD)

"The Urban Elephant" \$30.00 (VHS ONLY)

The Sanctuary wishes to thank Chris Huston for volunteering his time to create our brand new online gift shop!

Cards, Posters

Tarra Paintings (print) Note Cards

Mixed pack of 12 w/envelopes \$12.00

Blank inside



Elephant Photo Holiday Cards

Pack of 12 w/envelopes \$20.00

Inside message "Peace on Earth, Sanctuary To All"



Caravan To Freedom Poster

24" x 36" Unsigned \$15.00

24" x 36" Autographed by Carol Buckley \$25.00

Books

"Travels With Tarra" by Carol Buckley

Hardcover; ideal for grades 3-7.

All proceeds benefit Tarra's Endowment Trust.

Unsigned \$17.00

Autographed by Carol Buckley \$30.00

Autographed by Carol Buckley & stamped with Tarra's signature \$100.00

Miscellaneous



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1 Adult \$5.00 1 Youth \$5.00

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Elephant Sanctuary Mouse Pads

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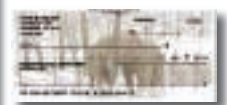
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Lota Memorial Fund

Lota's years of suffering had a profound influence on the public's awareness of the plight of captive elephants. Your contribution to help other needy elephants in memory of Lota, will be her legacy.

- My check or money order is enclosed, made payable to The Elephant Sanctuary
- Please charge my credit card: \$ _____

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Executive Producer, Theatrical and Corporate Events

Caravan to Freedom T-shirts



In honor of the rescued Hawthorn Elephants

Two by two they came, carefully guided in a caravan that would end in Hohenwald, Tennessee. Celebrate the freedom of the Hawthorn girls by purchasing their special Caravan to Freedom T-Shirt, featuring the colorful artwork of Canadian artist Bee Bassage. Price is only \$15 and is available in Adult sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL and for Youths in S, M. To order, please use the envelope included in this newsletter or visit our gift shop online at www.elephants.com. All proceeds benefit the elephants!



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