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Minnie splashed and played in the rising waters

The May Floods

It began with a day of extraordinarily heavy rainfall in Middle Tennessee on May 1st, 2010. At the Sanctuary on Sunday morning, May 2nd, we were acting as we normally do on rainy days in spring, bundling up and getting ready to go to work. But this day brought a little more than we had all bargained for.

Before Scott could leave his house, the phone calls started coming in from caregivers unable to make it to work from Buck Hollow Road. It is not uncommon for one bridge on this road to be under water after heavy rains—we would just simply hike to Mr. Ammon's field and climb over the fence. But this time both bridges were out—this was a first.

It was decided Q-Barn caregivers coming to work would meet at the Asian barn, where they would mount 4-wheelers and try to reach the Q-Barn from the backside. Meanwhile, Sam and Clint, the caregivers living at the Quarantine security house, awoke to a raging, heavily flooded creek. It was to have been their day off, but they knew the condition of Buck Hollow Road would prevent other caregivers from making it in to work, and the Girls were going to be waiting for their breakfast. With phone service down and no way to reach Scott, they took the initiative and decided to try to cross the creek to the barn to tend to the Girls—a decision they would later decide wasn't such a good idea.

Back at the Asian barn, Scott and Kat took passengers Barbara and Angela, primary caregivers from the two Q-Barns, and left the protection of the high ground on 4-wheelers to head down to the Divas. The rainy trip was nearly successful, until they reached "Field 6" at the creek crossing and stopped in their tracks. The 8-foot culverts had been completely blocked with logs up to 40 feet long and sticks and debris that had washed down the hillsides. This literal log jam forced the water over the culverts, leaving a basin of raging water. It's amazing to witness Mother Nature's best and worst—the power behind this water was indisputable. With no way through, they decided to double back to Africa, and then drop down the hill on the other side of this creek. Before they turned around, they took in the awe and beauty of this green valley beyond the flooded creek. There, they spotted Minnie and Lottie... completely saturated by the torrent of rain, grazing contently like it was just another day.

When the 4-wheelers arrived in Africa, primary African caregiver Vkivu came out of the barn to greet them. The African barn is also nestled on high ground and isolated from the rising waters. There, two beautiful elephants seemed to want to spend this Sunday morning observing their soggy back yard from the comfort of their covered barn patios. Vkivu closed a few gates to ensure safe passage past Flora and Tange.

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Lottie enjoyed the record rainfall

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Our Mission

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

The Elephant Sanctuary exists for two reasons:

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

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

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Director's Voice

The Sanctuary has never been immune to the ups and downs of everyday life: we've had our share of glorious moments, complexities and heartache. But something happens inside the walls of sanctuary—the elephants have created a vibration here that inspires us all to dig a little further to learn more, and to honor and recognize the glory and the struggle. They are both equally profound. The elephants share their lives with us, helping us to learn their path through this delicate balance.

This year we continue to be reminded of the struggle to steady the good times with the difficult ones; Lizzie's TB treatment has been a roller coaster ride from the word 'go.' Some days, things look really good for Liz, other times, ominous and depressing. Every step we take forward that brings a greater consciousness of elephants is a moment to celebrate. We realize this new understanding is necessary to prepare us for the next lesson that may be a little harder and a little more challenging. Misty's TB treatment several years ago greatly expanded our knowledge of the disease and anti-TB medicine, helping to set the foundation for Liz's treatment—only to leave us with more convoluted questions. These days, we have to dig a little deeper to find the strength to keep pushing towards the goal of curing Liz.

Throughout these challenges, our supporters have reached out and touched us with their warm understanding, making us realize they often share the very same heart and soul commitment that it takes to be a caregiver—not just for elephants, but for any living beings.

Through the summer of 2010, our growth continues—internally, as the elephants continue to unlock the deep reaches of our hearts, and externally with extraordinary structural developments. Topping this list is the installation of our new camera network, opening the far reaches of the habitat to non-invasive observation and education. We have used these tower locations to add multiple watering stations, installing over 12,000 feet of water lines that will provide fresh water to more locations in all three habitats. We won't soon forget moving countless truckloads of gravel to remedy the erosion in the May floods, while our fence crew repaired hundreds of feet of damaged fence. This year reminds us again that it takes a village to run the Sanctuary; caregivers, administrative staff, directors, contractors, maintenance crews, and of course friends, family and all of our supporters.

This is our life's work, but it requires and thrives off your kindness and passion. Thank you for continuing this journey with us as we grow together in the spirit of the elephants.

Scott



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Elephants in the Digital Age

Exciting technology upgrades underway at the Sanctuary will soon expand our observation opportunities and education programs without intruding on the elephants.

It was considered ground-breaking technology eleven years ago when The Elephant Sanctuary first introduced the “Elecams” on its website, bringing live streaming video to anybody with a love for elephants and an internet connection. For educating students in classrooms, our “Project Diane” teleconferencing program was able to reach schools around the country through the use of ISDN telephone lines. These systems have served us well, but in recent years a digital explosion and high speed internet lifestyle have emerged, and like last year’s laptop model, much of what we have in place has suddenly become woefully obsolete and often in need of repair.

Thanks to a very generous donor whose estate will immediately underwrite a majority of the associated costs, the Sanctuary is pleased to announce it will soon launch a brand new Distance Learning Project using modern technology infrastructure and more than a dozen new Elecams! Due to the Sanctuary’s isolated rural location, it was evident that high speed internet was just not going to be available to us in the foreseeable future, so the solution was to essentially design and build our own high speed internet service. Through a network of towers erected throughout the property, outfitted with a series of solar cameras and wireless technology, we now have the ability to beam digital data and communications between the barns and offices in speeds comparable to cable.

This infrastructure upgrade was necessary so that we could bring you part two: The Girls! More than a dozen of these towers will soon be outfitted with digital video cameras for the Elecams on the website, for on-site security and improved caregiver monitoring, and for our expanded



Towers under construction



A view from one of the towers—Sissy and Winkie at Dr. Scott’s!

Distance Learning Project through our Education Gallery. Our ability to “beam” this live video using mostly solar technology means we will not have to rely on a habitat-destructive and very cost-prohibitive system of laying underground cables and power lines across thousands of acres. While that process may have taken years to complete, the towers were completed in a matter of weeks.

In order to support and expand our mission in education, we are committed to the implementation of new technology. We realize that the rescue of even 100 captive elephants here will not impact the crisis that endangered elephants face worldwide. However, distance learning will help carry the lessons that influence how children and adults view the species—both in captivity and in the wild. This new, high speed network of live video cams, combined with classroom curriculum designed for various age levels, and the addition of a full time Education Director will ensure our ability to devote the resources necessary to better connect the Sanctuary to people around the world.

At press time, we are in the midst of connecting this expansive technology infrastructure, which will be followed by the installation of the new video cams. Stay connected to our website for our expanded Elecams offerings, which will premier sometime this fall. Soon, you just may tune in and catch live views of Sissy and Winkie at Dr. Scott’s Pond, Tange and Flora playing in the mud, Dulary and Misty—plus lots more new location surprises! 💎

Elephant Update



Misty & Dulary

It has been a hot summer, and days in new Asia revolve around bodies of water—three to be exact; Dr. Scott’s Pond, North Pond and the lake. Misty and Dulary gravitate towards the one located near the barn, North Pond, swimming at different times throughout the day from dawn till dusk. Sometimes the desire to swim is so tempting that Misty feels she just has to bring her food with her. She wades in, carrying a trunk and mouthful of hay, then proceeds to dump it all in the water, picking at it until the pull of Dulary’s company is too much to ignore. They have their lazy swims; floating with just their eyes and the tips of their trunks peering out over the surface of the water. And they also have their playful swims filled with splashing, dunking, climbing on each other—accompanied by many vocalizations. Then, it’s out of the water for some dusting, followed by Dulary grazing and dusting some more, while Misty re-energizes herself by taking one of her several daily naps.

meadows on rolling hills with a backdrop that goes for miles. The pond, which is home to many a bullfrog, is tucked off to the side, lined with tall grasses along the back. Sis and Winks wander the trails that snake through these woods to find respite from the sun in the afternoons. Often, when we come down the utility pipeline that cuts through the habitat to look for them, we’ll spot Sissy’s head peeking out of the trees making sure their location is known to us.

Winkie has continued along her path of growth and self-confidence. She will now regularly wander away from Sissy while she is napping. In the past, if they had been split up, you could feel Winkie’s concern and stress over the situation. Nowadays, it just results in a slow walk to seek out Sissy, followed by that “I haven’t seen you in forever!” celebration when they get back together. This comfort with separation is just another progression in Winkie’s development that we have witnessed lately.



Winkie & Sissy

Sissy and Winkie have been spending a large portion of their time at Dr. Scott’s Pond. Although it doesn’t have the same “wow factor” as the lake, there is something about it that is breathtaking—it is little wonder they have chosen this as their private sanctuary. Perhaps it is the view as you approach through the trees where it breaks open into lush

Shirley, Tarra, and of course Bella, have spent most of their summer at the lake. A spring-fed creek leading into the lake is banked by fields lush with tree cover. The cold creek water is perfect for drinking. This elephant/canine threesome enjoy different methods of cooling off, from coating themselves in mud puddles, to wallowing in the deep dark mud at the entrance to the fields, to spraying themselves off



Tarra & Bella



Shirley

in the creek, and even full-on swimming in the lake (which is Bella's favorite).

Shirley seems to have gotten a little bit of her "spunk" back this summer. Perhaps this is another part of the healing process that she's come through since Bunny's passing. Sometimes Shirley has a squinty-face, back-leg-swinging, head-of-steam going on. Shirley still solicits affection from caregivers more than she did in the past, but that little naughty glint in her eye has returned. She continues to climb up and down the fairly steep hills behind the lake, never letting her age show.

Shirley continues to playfully keep Tarra in line, especially when it comes to stealing her food. For the past decade, one of Tarra's favorite things to do when eating in Shirley's company is to start with a couple bites of her own produce, then go over to Shirley and try to steal hers. Tarra takes slow, cautious steps, always making it obvious what she's about to do. Then she submissively approaches Shirley, hind-end first, barking the entire time. Tarra's tail extends straight out, slowly lifting her back foot, followed by an attempt to sweep some food out of Shirley's snack pile. As this familiar ritual ensues, Shirley seems to contemplate just what she is going to allow this time. Sometimes she doesn't seem to mind, while other times she waits until Tarra gets really close and then puts her trunk up on Tarra's back and 'bites' her butt—although it's more like 'lipping' her. This gesture is never hard and doesn't leave marks—just enough to send her a message. The only flaw in this plan is that Tarra seems to thoroughly enjoy it, and she will even proceed to stick her tail right by Shirley's mouth as if to request that be bitten also. Tarra squawks, ignoring the food, while

rubbing herself all over Shirley. By the time Tarra is finished playing and refocuses on Shirley's food, there's nothing but hay left. So, she will contentedly stand



Billie

with Shirley, sharing her hay before going back to finish her own meal. This ritual plays out over and over again, with Tarra getting no food out of it most of the time, leaving us to wonder if her true motive is that she simply enjoys needling Shirley.

At the Quarantine Barn, we are continuing Liz's TB treatment. She has made it over several hurdles in recent months, but continues to struggle with drug side effects. (see separate story) She has ups and downs but her caregivers are attentive to her needs. Some days, the biggest challenge is finding something—anything—Liz is in the mood to eat. This can mean special trips to the grocery store to find and test new treats, gathering tree branches for browse, mowing fresh grass clippings, finding fresh bales of Bermuda hay, adding new vitamin supplements, and more. Fortunately we have a "village" of dedicated caregivers who are ready and willing to help Liz through this difficult time, and supporters who help with Liz's medical supplies.



Liz & Frieda

Despite her treatment challenges, life holds many of its normal routines for Liz. She drinks lots of water and likes to bathe herself frequently. Some days she prefers that caregivers help her out. She'll approach a caregiver and open her mouth wide, which signals, "Would you get the hose and spray here?" Of course her request is immediately honored. When Liz finishes bathing, she likes to go rub up against her favorite sycamore tree—or, when she's feeling particularly affectionate, against Billie and Frieda.

Frieda has remained calm and stable through all of these trials; she's Lizzie's rock. There's just not a whole lot that can disturb Frieda. Even during the uncomfortable heat wave this summer, Frieda seems content as always. The lower part of the Phase I quarantine habitat has become her private getaway, since Billie and Liz don't frequent that area as much. Here, Frieda has her pick of the vegetation. She remains very ...continued on page 6

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social and often has her trunk up in the air to smell and explore her surroundings.

Billie's chosen turf seems to be the hill area. She is usually up there in the mornings, waiting for her breakfast to be delivered. When she comes back down, she's quite vocal about her arrival, as if to announce, "I'm home!" If the Girls have taken shelter indoors from a storm, Billie is the one to broadcast their GPS coordinates in elephant speak: "We're in the barn!" She never hesitates to speak her mind. But even with these outgoing strengths, Billie is still insecure in many ways. At times, she can be a bit nervous if Frieda is not in eyesight. To help in her emotional growth, we try to avoid situations where she has



Ronnie & Debbie

to worry about Frieda (i.e. we feed them in close proximity with no visual barriers). Billie continues to make progress in learning to trust her caregivers. Extra toys have helped to bring out more of her playful side. After more than fifty difficult years in the circus and only a few years here at the Sanctuary, she is still relatively new to this life and is full of surprises—it has been so wonderful to watch Billie slowly unfold.

Minnie and Lottie have been the stars of the ElecCam this summer, as their pond and favorite dusting place are very close to a camera. It sometimes makes it a challenge for caregivers to clean up the manure from this spot since they hardly ever leave! But with a bit of planning and a dash of diversion (such as their early evening meal), the elephants always return to see that "housekeeping" has been there. Debbie and Ronnie have settled into a morning routine between 10:00 and 11:30—they pass up the water sources available to them in the habitat and insist on returning to the barn for a special drink from the hose. No matter where they have been, near or far, a caregiver could check the time, peek around the back of the barn, and sure enough, there are Debbie and Ronnie, ready for the



Tange

hose. Showers often accompany their drinks, whether they want the caregiver to spray them or take the hose and do it themselves. It is certainly a welcome relief from the summer's heat. But on a few days they surprised us and didn't return—perhaps they didn't want to wash off all the premium dust and dirt they'd carefully caked on their backs for sunscreen and bug repellent.

This summer, Tange and Flora have also been returning daily to their barn, but for more than a personal bath with the hose—this area is where their favorite mud holes are! Leading the Girls back out into their habitat afterwards is always an adventure when they love to break from routine. Some days they run as if they were on a mission; other times they slowly meander. Occasionally, they seem to want to play hide and seek by going a completely different way than their caregiver. Every time they do venture out, they make new roads and changes to their landscape. Flora and Tange knock down dozens of trees a week, a behavior which doesn't change between seasons. On occasion, we find that Tange and Flora have gone into hard-to-get-to areas—down into gullies, up on hillsides—and have made clearings in the weeds that resemble giant bird's nests (or Elephant's nests?). We are left to wonder if they are simply works of art, or if they have a true purpose. As with all of the Girls, we'll just have to continue to watch and see what they teach us. ✦



Flora has some enrichment fun with an empty beer keg

Liz Update

The current recommended protocol for treating TB is mimicked from treating humans: three anti-TB drugs for two months and two drugs for ten more months, for a full year of treatment. Similar to humans, not every elephant will respond to certain drugs the same way.

With Liz, she has definitely seen her share of struggles. Some drugs blocked others from absorbing when used together, others caused immediate and severe side effects, and still others were not absorbed at all. Recently, we were feeling pretty confident that we finally had three drugs working together—one injectable and two others that were administered rectally. Liz was pretty tolerant and accepting of her therapy. She lost a little weight and muscle mass, but she continued to eat, socialize and even play. With only three weeks left with the “three-drugs for two-months” regimen, we had to stop one of them. This drug can cause short-term renal difficulties, so we had been monitoring Liz’s blood levels closely.

We first noticed a shift in her demeanor and comfort and her blood work showed slightly elevated values. After consultation with our TB advisory group, we felt Lizzie was still strong enough to push forward a little longer, hoping to make it three more weeks, keeping a close eye on her blood levels every 3 to 4 days. Less than a week later, her levels climbed higher, forcing us to stop one of the drugs immediately. Over the next few days, Lizzie’s appetite increased, her energy level renewed and her spirits lifted. The good news is

that Lizzie was feeling better while still on two drugs, the bad news is that we will likely have to look for another drug to assure that we are effectively killing this incredibly evasive and resilient bacteria.



Throughout this, Lizzie has been strong and remains playful and talkative, constantly interacting with her two best friends.

Some have asked why put an elephant through this? The answer is quite simply because of the risk to everyone around her. The longer the disease goes untreated, the greater the risk in transmitting the disease to human caregivers and other elephants. Even with only partial treatment, this risk is elevated further because there is a chance that the disease can develop a resistance against the drugs being used. The reality is that TB is a very complex organism, and with elephants, there are very few ways to diagnose, and fewer ways to monitor the success of treatment.

We will continue to fight through this with Liz, supporting her in every way we can—including giving her probiotics, homeopathy, special foods when she wants them, and all the love and kindness the caregivers and her supporters can offer. With Lizzie’s strong spirit, we know she will help push us forward to a healthier future for elephants affected by this disease. 💎

Elephants & TB

When we accepted the eight Hawthorn elephants in 2006, we did so with the knowledge that they had all been exposed to tuberculosis (TB), a progressive and serious infection. This past year, our dear Liz was confirmed with active TB. Liz is not alone; of the almost 500 captive elephants in the United States, some 10% have a latent form of TB infection. Fortunately, only a small number (so far) are actively ill or have died from it.

Much less is known about the diagnosis and treatment of TB in elephants than is known about TB in humans. The Sanctuary is fortunate to have a national consultative committee of veterinarians and physicians with special knowledge of TB to assist in the management of Liz’s disease. The medicines to treat TB in elephants (costing about \$50,000 a year) are the same as those that have been used so successfully in treating human TB. Through frequent conference calls and emails, our consultants are helping us to select the appropriate medicines as well as to adjust the dosages and the methods of administration.

Persuading the patient to accept the treatment is a real challenge in elephants. We use positive reinforcement therapy to administer the daily medications to Liz and hope that the disease was caught soon enough to allow her to survive.

The sad truth is that elephant TB is still an infant science with only a few careful studies to guide us. Some facilities are reluctant to admit that their elephants are TB-positive. The Sanctuary would like to become a leader in sharing the small amount of information we have, even organizing professional conferences to address the illness in the tradition of the best veterinary and human medicine.

We hope that by communicating openly with others we will stimulate new and better ideas that will prolong the lives—as well as the quality of life—of our precious elephants.

Please check our weekly Ele-notes and diary entries to follow Liz’s treatment and recovery. 💎

If you have questions about TB in elephants, please send them to the TB Advisory Committee at elephant@elephants.com or P. O. Box 393; Hohenwald, TN 38462

The May Floods... (cont.)

That done, the adventure to reach the Q-Barn continued., Heading down through the trees where flooded creeks turned to rivers on two sides, the two four wheelers and four caregivers neared their destination. They discovered part of the new fence waist deep in water—but holding strong—and another section completely submerged. From this perspective, they witnessed another log jam over 60 feet wide pushing against the corral, with water flowing over, through and around it. Again they stopped short of their goal. At this point they were only 1200 feet from the back of the barn, and decided to push forward through water 20 inches deep. Slowly moving onward, getting swept only slightly to the side with a little current, they finally made it. After 15 years on the property and several “100 year” floods in these low lying valleys, we have witnessed creeks washing out and some water damage before, but never anything like this.

We found Minnie and Lottie still happily outside in the elements, grazing on a higher section of pasture with plenty of green spring grass and certainly no shortage of water to drink. Ronnie and Debbie were happily indoors waiting for their breakfast.

Barbara and Angela began to tend to their Girls. The barns here were still well above any flood level and the main caregiver’s house was still on high ground. With Liz, Frieda and Billie safely inside Phase I barn still munching hay from the previous night’s feeding, our property assessment continued: The hay barn was in good shape, an empty caregiver security cabin was still there but slightly under water, and Sam and Clint were in one of the landscape trucks stranded in the middle of high water. WHAT!?

Apparently in their valiant attempt to get to the Girls earlier, living up to the responsibilities of security and first line of response in case of emergency, they had inadvertently risked their own lives. Half way across the creek, they realized the serious danger of the rapid waters and managed to find emergency refuge in this big truck. Barbara and Angela threw them a line, and they were able to safely cross the rest of the swollen creek.

Scott and Kat returned through Africa, and found Flora and Tange both enjoying the mud with a new level of excitement: two ATVs coming back through their domain! Tange began to run as fast as she could, trumpeting with excitement back towards the barn, with Flora trying her best to keep up. Flora is not quite as sure-footed as her sister on slippery ground, and takes really fast but careful baby steps. We wish we’d had the video camera right then... she was too cute for words, determined not to miss out on the excitement!

Arriving back at the Asian barn, Sissy, Winkie, Dulary and Misty had their Sunday morning breakfast in the barn, then brunch at 11, watching the rain continue to fall, all the while from the safety and comfort of the barn. Kat left to look for Shirley and Tarra.

Shirley was easily found at the entrance of Marcella’s, bathing in a puddle of mud, smiling with her youthful spirit and relishing in the elements. Tarra had been down at the lake the night before and was likely still there, but the problem was trying to get to her. After attempting several different routes, there in the back corner just grazing by the tree line were Tarra and Bella, apparently wondering what took us so long to find and feed them.

A little while later a break in the weather suddenly came, the rain subsided, skies brightened and Sissy and Winkie made a run for it, literally running out of the barn, into the rain-soaked mud heaven. Dulary and Misty followed shortly after, coating themselves in fresh mud from head to toe.

During this reprieve, the waters started to recede and Scott returned to Q-Barn to start up the tractor and deliver three of the parked dung trailers to the caregivers to continue their daily chores. The first two were easily moved. When Scott returned for the third one, the front right tire of the tractor suddenly dropped into an eroded hole. Water began to splash up onto the underside of the engine block and stalled it. Just as this happened, the rain suddenly began to pick up and waters rose again—only a matter of a few inches—but with enough force to push it into a swirling abyss and deeper into the hole. Scott was able to make it out safely before waters began to swallow it up. (In the weeks that followed, we managed to get the tractor running again.)

By the end of the day with relieved caregivers and happy elephants, we turned on the news to realize the catastrophic flood damage throughout our region that was beginning to make national news. A record of nearly 16 inches had fallen in just two days. In Nashville, famous landmarks like the Grand Ole Opry were under water. While we began to focus our immediate concerns on staff, friends and neighbors in Hohenwald, we were surprised to begin receiving messages of concern for the elephants, including one of the local news channels. Our cell phones were still down, but we managed to get an email out to inform them we were all okay. It was a day we will likely never forget—not only for the challenges it presented and lessons learned on personal safety, but also in the realization of how blessed we are at the Sanctuary in so many ways. ♦



History of the Elecam

The Elephant Sanctuary was quick to embrace new technology back in 1999, being one of the first organizations to pioneer a live web cam and offering supporters the chance to view the elephants in live streaming video from its web-site. Not surprisingly, it was dubbed our “Elecam.”

With this emerging technology, many people got a chance to view natural elephant behavior for the very first time. Instead of seeing a listless elephant confined in a zoo yard, or a circus elephant performing acrobatic stunts, people witnessed the authenticity of Shirley and Jenny’s loving interactions, elephants grazing in fields, sleeping under shade trees, Sissy and Winkie’s delightful swims in the upper pond, and even a little “white speck” on the



The Founding Herd at dusk



Shirley watching over Jenny while she naps



Tarra and Bella



Lota's arrival

episodes. People recall how they cried when they watched

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monitor that would scurry in the meadows behind Tarra, first introducing us to a stray dog named Bella.

The Elecam also played a big role in being able to share the arrivals of new elephants. Thousands of miles away, residents in Vancouver who advocated for Tina’s retirement had the unique opportunity to watch her safely arrive at the Sanctuary and take her first steps to freedom. After outfitting the newly-built African barn with video cameras, supporters also watched Tange, Zula and Flora begin their new lives in Tennessee. Without realizing it, the Elecam had become a popular “channel” for lots of supporters, where some events are often recanted like favorite

a shockingly emaciated Lota step off the transport trailer, or the day Lottie and Minnie arrived and proceeded to exit the barn in record time, anxious to check out their new habitat and home. Days when Delhi and Scott played “soccer” in the Quarantine yard—The Elecam offered us the unique opportunity to witness these live memories unfold together, from computers around the world.



Tina's memorial service was a live Ele-cam event



When Sissy laid her tire on Tina's grave



Tange and Flora rearranging their habitat

But over the years our Elecam equipment has begun to deteriorate. Flora managed to locate and dig up the video cables in Africa and that was the end of “Afri-cam.” With the expansion into new Asia with thousands more acres, it just wasn’t feasible to try to lay new cables over such a vast habitat. Without available Elecams, some began to feel as if they were missing out on the new adventures of the Founding Herd they had watched almost daily over the years. It seemed we had reached a dead end.

Enter the latest in wireless data technology—the ideal solution to reconnect all four corners of the habitat. With the completion of this new communications infrastructure, utilizing a network of digital towers, 2010 will mark a brand new phase in our Elecam technology!

Beginning this fall, the Sanctuary will at last be able to bring you ALL the Girls again from all three habitats, utilizing more than a dozen new video cameras in locations that up until now were just story references on the web-site, like the “Blackberry Gauntlet” or “Dr. Scott’s Pond.” We are incredibly excited to be able to take our Elecam to the next level, making it possible to usher in a whole new era of wonderful elephant memories we can all watch and share together. ♦

News from Main Street in Hohenwald Education Gallery and Welcome Center



The Elephant Sanctuary logo sign has gone up on the downtown buildings and the awnings have been installed, changing the face of the downtown area.

In early May, Administrative Staff and Internet Sales Staff packed their files and Sanctuary catalog merchandise and moved everything into their new offices and work spaces on Main Street in Hohenwald. Staff members, who had previously shared a crowded room at the offices on Darbytown Road, have relocated downtown and now have their own personal workspace, file storage, and updated computers. There is also a designated area for organizing merchandise and for packing, shipping and receiving incoming and outgoing packages.

Many supporters helped make this move possible. Office furniture was donated by a generous supporter from Nashville, including a rolling ladder for reaching stored merchandise and a multi-use work table for sorting mail, folding t-shirts, and staff meetings. As part of our sustainable design commitment, a new energy star refrigerator was donated by supporters for the staff's new kitchen and breakroom area, along with a new microwave oven and coffee maker.

In early June, Susan Whitaker, Commissioner of Tourism for Tennessee, became the first official visitor to our new offices when the Sanctuary participated in a collaborative

launch of tourist sites bordering the historic 102-mile Natchez Trace Parkway. While the Sanctuary grounds will, of course, remain closed to the public, the new Education Gallery & Welcome Center downtown will eventually be a destination included as a recommended stop for tourists following this trail through Tennessee.



Susan Whitaker, Commissioner of Tourism for Tennessee, stands in front of a cardboard cutout of Tarra.

The Welcome Center opens in August by appointment for groups and supporters visiting the area. Visitors are invited to watch video presentations about the Sanctuary and its very special residents, talk to staff and/or volunteers about elephants, and pick up printed information about the Sanctuary and the local area.

The Education Gallery space remains in "white box" stage as we continue to seek grants and other fundraising opportunities for the underwriting of the exhibits and the growing educational programming supported through the implementation of the expanded Distance Learning Program.

Beginning in October, 2010, the downtown doors will open to the public for special monthly programs featuring our elephant caregivers. "Meet our Caregivers" programs are being planned by Sanctuary Community Outreach staff and will be hosted by volunteers from the Friends' Council. Please call or visit the website for date, time and program information. ✦

The Elephant Sanctuary's Elephant Acceptance Policy

The Elephant Sanctuary of Tennessee, located in Hohenwald, TN, has available space and is willing and open to providing sanctuary for any female elephant.

With 2700 acres of natural habitat and presently enough barn space to provide housing for at least twenty-five elephants, we provide a healthy, safe environment that includes free-choice to a natural habitat.

Although financial support is always appreciated, The Elephant Sanctuary will underwrite the expenses of moving elephants to Tennessee, in addition to providing for their ongoing care.



Dulary & Misty

The Elephant Sanctuary typically does not house male elephants; however, we are here to help all elephants in need. Please contact us anytime.

Ways You Can Help the Sanctuary



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

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

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

Membership

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

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_____	\$500-\$999	Sustainer
_____	\$100-\$499	Supporter



Friends

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

Feed for a Day

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



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

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

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

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

Acres for Elephants

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

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

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

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

Dumbo \$55 x _____ = \$ _____

Space for a small herd of elephants to stand ~ 1,440 sq. ft
 This donation generates a certificate to the recipient

Jumbo \$350 x _____ = \$ _____

Space for a big herd of elephants to stand ~ 1/4 acre
 This donation generates a certificate to the recipient

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

Space for a herd of elephants to spread out ~ 1 acre
 This donation generates a certificate and a free Sanctuary logo t-shirt.
 Please specify size: (M) (L) (XL)

Elephant Sanctuary Merchandise

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) Youth (L)
 (XXL) \$17 (XXXL) \$17



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

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

**CLEARANCE SALE:
While supplies last!**

**All Commemorative
T-Shirts \$10.00 \$7.50**

Logo, website address, elephant's name and the date she came to The Elephant Sanctuary printed in green. XXL sizes are ~~\$12.00~~ \$9.00.



Ronnie & Debbie

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Zippered Hoodie Sweatshirts - \$40.00

(Larger sizes \$42 where noted) Stay warm in these new 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

Logo Sweatshirts - \$20.00

(Larger sizes \$22 where noted) Super-comfortable Sanctuary sweatshirts from Gildan Active-wear in Heavy Weight Blend 50/50.



Green w/White Logo

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL)
 (XXL) \$22 (XXXL) \$22

Grey w/Blue Logo

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL)
 (XXL) \$22 (XXXL) \$22
Youth (S) (M)

Baseball Cap \$15.00

Comfortable, casual and adjustable 50/50 cotton/poly blend with Sanctuary logo embroidered on the front and website on the back. Two colors to choose from.



Denim Bill

Green Bill

All proceeds benefit The Girls!



Tarra & Bella T-Shirt (4-color) \$19.00

Women's adult & youth sizes in green, toddler sizes and XXXL in royal blue

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



Long Sleeve Organic Brown T-Shirt \$20.00

This long sleeve tee is 100% certified organic preshrunk cotton. Logo is imprinted on the chest in gold. Made by Anvil Organic. Unisex sizes. (XXL \$20)

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL)
 Adult (XXL) \$22



Flora T-Shirt (4-color) \$19.00

Womens adult sizes in green, youth & toddler sizes in blue

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

Tote Bags

Sanctuary Logo Tote Bags - \$10.00

Beige with blue lettering or beige with green lettering.

Tarra & Bella Tote Bag - \$15.00

Beige with 4-color imprint (not pictured)

Commemorative "Jenny" Tote Bag - \$24.00

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!



Elephant Sanctuary Merchandise

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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)
- "Our Girls: The Early Years" \$15.00 (DVD)
- "Tina's Memorial Video" \$15.00 (DVD)
- "The Urban Elephant" \$30.00 (DVD)

Greeting Cards

Elephant Note Cards - \$10.00
Blank inside; ideal for any occasion! Featuring illustrations of Queenie, Tarra & Dulary, Debbie and Frieda; Mixed pack of 12 w/envelopes.



Childrens' Elephant Art Cards
Illustrations by Lewis County grade school students

- Mixed pack of 12 w/envelopes; Blank inside \$12.00

Elephant Photo Holiday Cards

Pack of 12 w/envelopes
Inside message "Peace on Earth, Sanctuary To All"

NEW!



Version 6 \$20.00
Box includes 4 different scenic cards; Shirley & Bunny, Tarra and Sissy with Bella, Minnie and Lottie.



Version 5 Tarra & Bella \$20.00
Inside message: "Peace to All Creatures Great and Small"

Version 4 \$15.00
The Divas

Elephant Sanctuary Bookmarks - \$10.00

These whimsical bookmarks were created by 2nd grade students at Lewis County Elementary School. 4 different designs, one of each in a pack. 10% of the proceeds from the sale of these bookmarks will be donated to Lewis County Schools. Also available individually. Please call or email for details.



NEW! Limited Edition 15th Anniversary



Aladdin Eco-Friendly Travel Mug \$20.00

Support the environment & help us celebrate the Sanctuary's 15th Anniversary while using this new travel mug with The Elephant Sanctuary 15th Anniversary logo imprinted on the side in black. Limited quantities.



The Elephant Sanctuary's special 15th Anniversary T-shirt features a collage of photos that include all the Girls & Ned in a fitting tribute to their beauty & inspiration. Made of 100% cotton preshrunk. Choose from green or gray. Unisex sizes. Limited quantities.

15th Anniversary T-Shirts - \$20.00

Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL)—Available in gray only

Miscellaneous

Elephant Sanctuary Mouse Pads \$10.00

- Tarra & Bella
- Founding Herd
- Billie-Sue, Frieda & Liz



Color Mugs \$15.00

- Ned
- Dulary
- Tarra & Bella

Elephant Sanctuary Eco-Friendly Turbine Key-Ring Light - \$8.00

Ultra-bright, two LED keychain fits in the palm of your hand. Batteries never need replacing. A convenient crank makes for safety-conscious and eco-friendly use!



Vehicle License Plate

- \$20.00

Flora Bumper Sticker \$3.00

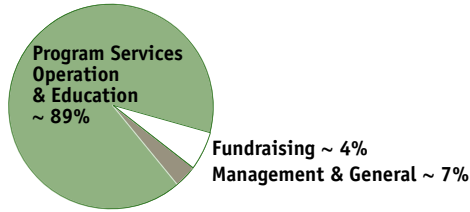
- Measures 4" x 4"--here's your chance to take Flora with you everywhere you go!



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Babe



Babe at Black Beauty Ranch

In late 2009, the Sanctuary formally announced it would soon be welcoming the African elephant named "Babe" from Black Beauty Ranch in Texas, owned by The Humane Society of the United States. However, a routine health exam brought up a few concerns, so the move

was postponed to give her vet team and keepers more time to accurately assess her health and ability to successfully make the move. In the end, unfortunately, Babe's destiny did not include a move to Tennessee. On June 14, she passed away in the company of her Black Beauty Ranch family.

Our hearts and sympathies go out to Babe's caregivers, veterinarians and all of the HSUS staff as they mourn the loss of their beloved friend. HSUS and The Elephant Sanctuary had been in frequent communications during the months, weeks and even days prior, and we all hoped she would make a recovery that would allow her to enjoy sanctuary here and form new friendships with Flora and Tange. Regrettably, Babe's condition took a turn for the worse and she died of heart failure.

We know that Babe's dedicated team did all they could in her final days, keeping her comfortable, nourished and most importantly letting her know that she was loved. We will all mourn Babe's loss and search for peace in our hearts, knowing that Babe is once again free from the confines of captivity. As her tribute on the Black Beauty Ranch website so beautifully expressed it, "Babe, we love you and will miss you greatly. May your heaven be beautiful, wide open lands where you live wild and free and in the company of your own magnificent kind." ♦

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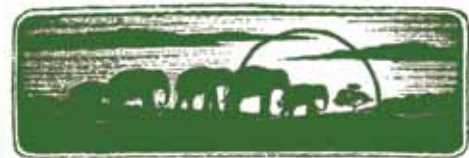


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