

Greetings from Asian Elephant Support!

Second Annual California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser

Coming April 2012

*A tasteful and tummy-satisfying way to help **Asian Elephant Support***

Last year we hosted our initial CPK fundraiser in St. Louis, Missouri. It was a delightful day of meeting and visiting with family and friends, as well as their friends and family! This year we are raising the bar by hosting a more 'national' event. We hope you will join us if you are within dining distance of one of our locations. California Pizza Kitchen fundraisers are simply easy and delicious! On the given date of the CPK Fundraiser in your area, take the event flyer to the restaurant and present it when you order. You may dine at any time during normal hours of operation that day--lunch, dinner, or both? ☺ And **20% of your dining bill will be donated to Asian Elephant Support!**

Flyers for the various locations will be included with our March newsletter, but here's a heads up on the dates at our various **California Pizza Kitchen** locations:

Maryland:

Bethesda - *Wed April 25th* - Bethesda Montgomery Mall, 7101 Democracy Blvd.

Gaithersburg - *Wed April 25th* - Washington Center, 136 Boardwalk Place

Annapolis - *Wed April 25th* - Annapolis Mall, 1870 Annapolis Mall

Missouri:

Richmond Heights - *Tues April 24th* - St. Louis Galleria, 1493 St. Louis Galleria

Creve Coeur - *Tues April 24th* - 10590 Old Olive Street Rd.

Des Peres - *Tues April 24th* - West County Center, 109 West County Center

Chesterfield - *Tues April 24th* - Chesterfield Mall, 284 Chesterfield Mall Rd.

Oregon (Portland area):

Happy Valley - *Mon-Wed April 23, 24 & 25th* - Clackamas Town Center, 11840 SE 82nd Ave.

Tigard - *dates to be announced* - Bridgeport Village, 7315 SW Bridgeport Rd.

Texas:

Dallas - *Mon-Wed April 23, 24 & 25th* - Berkshire Court, 8411 Preston Rd.

Grapevine - *Mon-Wed April 23, 24 & 25th* - 1051 W. State Highway 114

Plano - *Mon-Wed April 23, 24 & 25th* - Willow Bend Mall, 6121 W. Park Blvd.

Frisco - *Mon-Wed April 23, 24 & 25th* - Stone Briar Mall, 2601 Preston Rd.

Virginia:

Virginia Beach - *Wed April 25th* - Town Center of Virginia Beach, 200 Central Park Ave.

Richmond - *Wed April 25th* - Short Pump Town Center, 11800 W. Broad Street

Norfolk - *Wed April 25th* - MacArthur Center, 300 Monticello Ave #149

Virginia (Northern):

Fairfax - *Wed April 25th* - 4200 Fairfax Corner West

Arlington - *Wed April 25th* - Pentagon Center, 1201 S. Hayes St. Suite F

McLean - *Wed April 25th* - Tyson's Corner, 7939 Tyson's Corner Center

Washington:

Seattle - *Sat April 21st* - Northgate Mall, 401 NE Northgate Way

Not near one of these locations? You can still help **Asian Elephant Support** by hosting your own event at a **California Pizza Kitchen** near you! It is fun and easy! There are just three easy steps.

1. Contact your local CPK to reserve a date and fill out the paperwork.
2. Print the flyer provided by CPK for distribution. You may also distribute the flyer via email.
3. Tell all your friends and family to come enjoy a delicious meal and help us save Asian elephants.

The staff at **California Pizza Kitchen** is eager to help and they will provide all the information and forms you will need. Please contact us at info@asianelephantsupport.org if you are interested in being part of our 'national' fundraising event.

For more information about **Asian Elephant Support** and the projects we support, please visit our website at www.asianelephantsupport.org.

AES's support of Aswin Bangun in his pursuit for a Master's in Forest Conservation

As our mission states, Asian Elephant Support provides financial assistance for the education of deserving individuals working for elephant conservation in Asian range countries. In 2011, AES provided a scholarship grant to help Aswin Bangun, an Indonesian Forestry Department employee, pursue a Master's degree in Forest Conservation.

In 1999, Aswin graduated from the Agricultural Institute in Bogor (Java) with a degree in forestry. He began his career with the Forestry Police in the Department of Forestry in 2000, and was assigned to the Nature Conservation Agency (BKSDA) in Bengkulu province. During his nine years with the Forestry Department, he was assigned to the Rhino Protection Unit in Kerinci Seblat National Park, and was Manager of the Conservation Response Unit ([CRU](#)) in Seblat. During his tenure in Seblat, Aswin was responsible for the oversight of the CRU elephant back patrols, which use trained elephants, their mahouts (handlers) and forest rangers to monitor protected areas. In 2008, Aswin was transferred to the central Forest Department office in Jakarta to address forestry issues on the national level.



Aswin Bangun

While working in Seblat, Aswin became very interested in elephant conservation and decided to study human-elephant conflict (HEC) issues in order to better understand how to address the problem. Currently, there are approximately 2,000-2,500 Sumatran elephants left in the wild, and HEC is a major contributor to their declining numbers.

Upon completion of his studies, Aswin hopes to return to Bengkulu province to be directly involved with improving elephant conservation in that region, as the Seblat forest is the last stronghold for wild elephants in the province. We at AES would like to thank Aswin for his dedication to all of Sumatra's wildlife, and we wish him well!

Veterinary Workshop in Ahmedabad, India

In early 2011, we received an inquiry from a veterinarian from the state of Gujarat in Western India, who was faced with treating an extremely ill elephant. Gujarat is a semi-arid state and is not ideal habitat for elephants; however, there are approximately 30 temple elephants living in this area. Unfortunately, due to a lack of exposure and experience, the veterinarians in Gujarat do not have a lot of practical or theoretical knowledge of elephant healthcare and management.

Sadly, it was too late to save this gravely ill elephant, but during the process, we made inquiries among our advisors that resulted in our introduction to Dr. Kushal Konwar Sarma. Dr. Sarma is a professor at Assam Agricultural University in the College of Veterinary Science. His position within the Department of Surgery & Radiology provides opportunities to teach, to participate in research and field work, and to publish his work. Every year, he works with hundreds of captive elephants along with a significant number of wild elephants. Even with his busy schedule, he found time to help us when we contacted him.

From our conversations with Dr. Sarma, it was decided that a workshop on the basic skills applicable to elephant healthcare would be helpful for both the elephants and the veterinarians who are involved in providing healthcare to the elephants. On December 25, Dr. Sarma led a one-day workshop on elephant healthcare and managerial practices in the city of Ahmedabad in Gujarat, India. The workshop was held at the Jagannath Temple and was attended by 21 participants from 9 different cities.



Some of the workshop participants

The lectures in the morning covered important topics such as the biological features of elephants, techniques of drug administration, anesthesia protocols, commonly occurring diseases and their management, foot care, and musth management. After lunch, there were hands-on demonstrations of healthcare techniques including routine examinations, sites for injections, estimations of height and weight, and routine foot care. The day concluded with an open discussion where many questions were answered and doubts alleviated. The participants were very thankful for the opportunity and we are grateful that we could contribute to making the lives of these elephants, and the work of the veterinarians, a little easier.



Explaining footcare procedures to participants

Introduction of directors



Interactive session after completion

We would like to thank Dr. Sarma for taking time out of his busy schedule to share his knowledge and we look forward to working with him in the future. We would also like to thank the veterinary medical firm, Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd., for their help in making this workshop a reality.

Opportunities like this are only possible because of your generous donations. Please consider making a [donation](#) to **Asian Elephant Support** so that we may continue to support worthwhile projects like the veterinary workshop in Ahmedabad, India. Thank you.

THANK YOU

We at AES wish to extend a very sincere thank you to each donor who has voted their support with a financial gift. We value that confidence and will always do our best for the animals we all care for so deeply.

Please visit our website (www.asianelephantsupport.org) and follow us on [Facebook](#) (Asian Elephant Support). If you have questions, please [contact us](#). We appreciate your support. Please consider a [donation](#) to help Asian elephants and those who care for them.

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