

Greetings from Asian Elephant Support!

Happy Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate and acknowledge the love you have in your life. This can be the love between you and your partner, or it could be the love you share with your family, friends, neighbors, and animals (especially, of course, elephants!). This Valentine's Day, break from tradition and show your love in other ways besides chocolate and flowers by making a donation to AES. You can even send an accompanying e-card! There are a variety of images to choose from and you can even personalize your message.

Certainly there are people in your life who would be happy to know that a donation made in their name helped support the care and conservation of elephants in Asian range countries. This gift will not wither and die like flowers, nor will it disappear in a moment's time (and then show up on those hips later!) like chocolate. This gift will ensure that Asian elephants get the love they most certainly deserve.

The process is easy, too! All you have to do is visit <http://asianelephantsupport.org/send-an-ecard.asp> and follow the simple instructions. You will be asked to make a secure PayPal donation, then you can create an e-card that will be emailed to your loved one.

Wishing that you and those dear to your heart feel loved and cherished this Valentine's Day.



Field Course in Emerging Diseases of Asian Elephants Kerala, India – November 2012

Asian Elephant Support (AES) continues to facilitate the training of veterinarians in Asia who work with elephants, with funding support from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Asian Elephant Conservation Fund. As a follow-up to the Regional Asian Elephant Veterinary Workshop held in Banda Aceh, Sumatra-Indonesia in March 2012, a group of several veterinarians met in southern India in early November for a week long "Field Course in Emerging Diseases of Asian Elephants". This field course was held in the state of Kerala, and hosted by the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University in Pookode. Veterinarians from Indonesia, Myanmar, Laos, and from around India participated in the course which addressed veterinary topics such as diagnosis and treatment of diseases in wild and captive elephant populations, and proper sample collection. The lead instructor was Dr. Arun Zachariah, a veterinarian with the Kerala Department of Forests and Wildlife, whose

project “Emerging Diseases in the Single Largest Asian Elephant (*Elephas maximus indicus*) Population, Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, South India” was also supported in part by AES.

During the course, veterinarians presented information about emerging diseases of elephants in their regions, shared experiences, and learned laboratory techniques to assess samples for certain specific diseases such as the Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpes Virus ([EEHV](#)), a highly fatal disease which has been confirmed in populations of captive and wild elephants around Asia.



Dr. Arun making a presentation to field veterinarians and demonstrating laboratory techniques during the field course

Taking advantage of the time in this region, the veterinarians were also treated to some local field trips: to the Bandipur elephant camp where the efficient southern India Forest Department elephant camp management system was observed and discussed, and to the Wyanad Wildlife Sanctuary where the group was lucky to view wild elephants.

The experience exchange continues, as the veterinarians discussed the need for comprehensive reporting throughout the region, and agreed to develop guidelines to help field veterinarians collect appropriate samples for laboratory examinations. Such guidelines would help determine if certain elephant diseases are indeed emerging in populations around Asia.



Forest Department camp elephants in India

We thank you for the financial support that allows us to help make these educational opportunities happen. Please consider making a donation now to ensure our ability to respond when the next opportunity to help Asian elephants and those who work and live with them crosses our threshold.

Third Annual California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser



Pizza for Pachyderms!



It's only February and AES is already busy working to secure the dates and locations for the 3rd annual California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) fundraiser. Currently we have locations in Washington, Oregon, Missouri, Texas, and Virginia. As more locations become available, we will be updating our website, so please visit <http://www.asianelephantsupport.org/california-pizza-kitchen2013.asp> for the latest information and flyers.

Last year we had 23 locations participating in 8 different states. This year we would like to beat those numbers and we need your help! Do you have a CPK in your area? If so, please join us by being our local representative for an AES fundraiser. It's easy, doesn't require a lot of work, and you get to eat delicious pizza for a great cause!

Visit www.cpk.com/locations/ to see if there is a location near you!

For more information or to sign up to be a local representative, email us at elephants@asianelephantsupport.org

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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