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Greetings AES Supporters!

ELEPHANT VETERINARIANS SHARING KNOWLEDGE IN MYANMAR

In March 2014, Asian Elephant Support (AES) collaborated with other organizations to host the Second Regional Asian Elephant Veterinary Workshop in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. This workshop was hosted by the University of Veterinary Science and the Myanmar Timber Enterprise and was funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Asian Elephant Conservation Fund.

Workshop participants were veterinarians from around Asia who have field experience in elephant health and medicine. Participants represented several Asian elephant range countries including India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Other guest speakers came from Singapore and the United States. The presentations covered general elephant health issues, disease management, and foot care, while the practical sessions addressed laboratory protocols and wildlife immobilization. In addition, the workshop provided participants with the opportunity to visit several elephant facilities in the area, including the zoo and a working timber camp. One of the highlights for the participants was the chance to see the sacred white elephants, which are housed in a special pavilion in Nay Pyi Taw.



AES also helped host the first regional veterinary workshop in Sumatra, Indonesia, in March 2012. These regional workshops are an important opportunity for elephant veterinarians to network and to share experience and information. By continuing to provide these educational opportunities and by providing support for medical equipment and supplies in Myanmar, AES is demonstrating our continued commitment to improve the health of wild and captive elephants in Asia. We believe in the power of education. Helping people help elephants is a powerful way to brighten the future of Asian elephants! If you share our belief that support for educational opportunities is important to maximize learning and communication for veterinarians and other elephant care givers, please consider making a [donation](#) today.

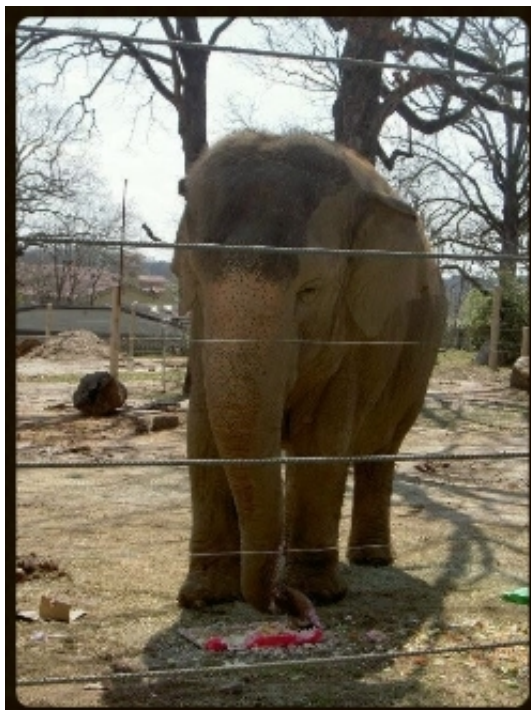


LITTLE ROCK ZOO & A BIRTHDAY BASH TO BOOT!

On Saturday, March 29, the Little Rock Zoo chapter of the Association of American Zoo Keepers (AAZK) hosted a "Birthday Bash" for their three female Asian elephants: Zina (53 yrs.), Sophie (45 yrs.), and Babe (39 yrs.). Asian Elephant Support was invited to participate in the gala and we were given a table at the event to interact with their visitors and introduce them to AES. AES president, Linda, also gave a presentation for the staff and volunteers on Friday to update them on our work over the past two years.



The "Birthday Bash" began at 10 a.m. and while "the girls" were enjoying a bright, but windy, spring day in their yards, the barn was opened to visitors. Throughout the barn, there were educational tables with kids' crafts and games. Zina, Sophie, and Babe's paintings, other art work, and some nifty silent auction events were offered for sale. There was also a table displaying some of the tools used in elephant husbandry with a keeper there to explain the "how's" and answer the "why's". At the AES table there were brochures, signs, and T-shirts and bumper stickers for sale. Linda was able to interact with the visitors, discuss important elephant conservation issues, and explain how AES's projects support the captive and wild elephant populations in Asia. A steady stream of visitors enjoyed the opportunities this event presented. At 2 p.m. the barn was emptied and everyone gathered around the girls' yards as they received their birthday presents and individual birthday cakes on this special day!



Zina, Sophie, Babe, their keepers, zoo staff and volunteers, and the entire Little Rock Zoo AAZK Chapter are all ambassadors for the elephants' wild cousins, as they most generously donated half of the proceeds from their sales that day to Asian Elephant Support! What an amazing birthday party when “giving” is every bit as celebrated as “getting”! AES is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization, which means Little Rock Zoo’s entire generous donation of \$664 will be put to work helping improve the health, welfare, and conservation of elephants in Asian range countries.



It was a wonderful day with good people who are dedicated to the animals in their care. Thank you, Little Rock Zoo staff, volunteers, and especially AAZK Chapter members and elephant barn keepers! And thank you, too, Zina, Sophie and Babe!

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THANK YOU!

shukriyaa *ce-zu tin-ba-deh*

We can't thank everyone enough for making the 4th annual California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser the best one yet! We haven't gotten all of the totals yet, but we have already surpassed last year's event.

A special **thank you** goes out to all the hosts and volunteers across the country. We could not have done this without you!

Alice Feffer
Madonna Walker

Robbie Clark
Rostam Reifschneider

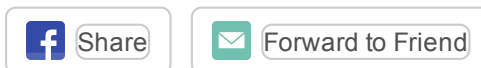
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