

Greetings from Asian Elephant Support!

Orphaned Calf, Raju

Raju was not even a month old when he became an orphan. With an increase in the number of humans and a decrease in elephant habitat in Sumatra, Indonesia, it is very possible that Raju's mother was shot and killed as a result of human-elephant conflict (HEC). Our partners at Veterinary Society for Sumatran Wildlife Conservation (VSSWIC) rushed to the village to provide assistance for this tiny calf, which is not an easy task due to the remote location of many villages. Raju initially began to gain strength after receiving IV fluids and was tolerating the milk replacement. However, the harsh reality is that with an animal that young, the chances of survival are low and unfortunately, he did not survive.

HEC is a problem that continues to increase throughout Asia. While it is taking a toll on the current elephant population, it is also affecting the next generation. More and more calves are being orphaned as the number of conflicts increase.



Emaciated Raju



Raju receiving the IV

By losing their mothers at an early age these orphans have an uphill battle to survive and calves as young as Raju have little chance of survival. HEC is an extremely complicated issue and it will take a holistic approach to achieve results, but the importance of this battle is apparent not only for the current population, but for generations to come.

Stay tuned for more information on efforts to mitigate HEC including the projects that AES supports with your help.

**34th Annual Elephant Manager's Association
Conference
October 6-10, 2013
Dallas, Texas**

Asian Elephant Support has had representation at many Elephant Managers Association (EMA) conferences, even before AES became a non-profit. Because we believe these conferences are a valuable resource in Asian elephant conservation, the AES Board members are willing to pay their own travel costs in order to attend.

The EMA is an international non-profit organization of professional elephant handlers, administrators, veterinarians, researchers, and elephant enthusiasts. These are the people who share the joys and never forget the sorrows that are part of being dedicated to the care and future of this magnificent animal. The EMA is dedicated to the welfare of the world's elephants through conservation, husbandry, research, education and communication. Members adhere to a code of professional ethics and are committed to providing care for elephants at the highest professional level.

The conference always begins with a social event for people to see old friends and start developing new relationships centered on working with elephants. October 7 and 8 were full of interesting presentations from elephant keepers, managers, zoo directors, conservationists, researchers, and veterinarians from around the world.

This was an opportunity for us to gain first-hand knowledge of the work being done around the world to improve the lives of elephants in captive situations and in wild populations. It is also a time to share the work that AES has been able to accomplish over the year as a result of the generosity of our supporters.



April presenting

Director, April Yoder, gave a presentation on AES and we were also given a display table so we could educate the attendees on our conservation efforts and of the needs of elephants in Asian range countries.



Directors April, Linda & Sharon at the display table

The individuals who work closely with elephants every day have a unique opportunity to share information with the general public. It is this knowledge and awareness that will truly make a difference for the future of Asian elephants.

While many of the people who attend the EMA conferences work directly with elephants in some capacity, it is not a requirement for membership. The EMA members who are elephant enthusiasts are a power force in the battle for the elephants' survival. Our president, Linda, received an award from the EMA board of directors for founding AES and for her continuing enthusiasm for elephants.



Linda receiving her award

The remainder of the conference provided similar opportunities to share knowledge and experiences. The day at the Dallas Zoo included behind the scene tours, demonstrations, and workshops. Even the evenings were full of events and plenty of conversations about elephants.

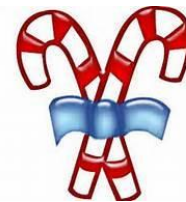
We would like to thank the Dallas Zoo staff for making the 34th annual conference a great experience and we encourage everyone to become involved in the EMA and the elephant community. The 2015 conference will be in Toledo, Ohio. YOU are invited! To learn more about the EMA visit www.elephantmanagers.com.

Trumpets to Little Rock Zoo AAZK!

We would like to send out a sincere thank you to all our friends at the Little Rock Zoo who dedicated one of their fundraising events to Asian Elephant Support. Donations are always important and most appreciated and are used with great care to benefit Asian elephants. AES is humbled that a group who is also dedicated to the care and conservation of elephants would honor AES in this way. Thank you Little Rock AAZK!



Happy Holidays!



The holidays are just around the corner. How did that happen so quickly? Life is often more chaotic and busy around the holidays and trying to find thoughtful gifts can be a challenge. To make your holiday shopping easier, consider donating in a loved one's honor and sending them an accompanying e-card. There are a variety of images to choose from and you can even personalize your message.

Most people want to make a difference in this world. Certainly there are people in your lives 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.

The process is easy! All you have to do is visit <http://asianelephantsupport.org/donate.asp>, go to the "Gift Giving" page, and follow the simple instructions. You will be asked to make a secure PayPal donation and then you can create an e-card that will be e-mailed to your friend or loved one. (Whew! That's one less thing on your 'to-do' list!)

Thank you for considering AES for your holiday gift giving! Your donation allows us to continue our work of conserving and caring for this magnificent species.

Wishing you and those dear to your heart, both the peace of this holiday season and the warmth of a safe and secure place to call home.

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.

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