Inside The Sanctuary

As winter transitions into spring, the elephants at The Sanctuary are too in a season of transition. Five of The Sanctuary’s eleven elephants are now 50 years of age or older. Aging elephants have changing bodies and changing needs, but also changing behaviors and relationships. Though she is often thought of as a loner, now in her 11th year at The Sanctuary, Billie is choosing to spend more time with Ronnie; Tarra has developed new problem-solving tactics to help herself to hay from a neighboring barn stall; and Sukari is finding friends in Tange and Flora. At The Sanctuary, the elephants are allowed to make their own choices. They are provided space; and in that space, the opportunity to choose to graze together or explore farther stretches of their habitat on their own. With warm weather ahead, The Sanctuary’s staff look forward to spring, and seeing the continued growth and development from the 11 elephants in our care.

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Updates on all the elephants living at The Elephant Sanctuary are included in this spring issue of Trunklines.

Observe the elephants live via The Sanctuary’s live-streaming EleCams at www.elephants.com
Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee remembers African elephants Rosie and Hadari in this spring 2017 issue of Trunklines. (See pages 10 and 11.) Our grief at losing these two magnificent elephants is shared with their loving family of former keepers and dedicated supporters who all assisted, supported and celebrated their transition and progress into retirement. Rosie and Hadari flourished in their time at The Sanctuary—experiencing a vast and rich habitat in the company of other elephants. Both showed incredible social, psychological and physical growth in their time with us—and The Sanctuary is honored to have had the opportunity to give Rosie and Hadari their final home.

With the passing of each elephant, we are reminded of the great impact captivity has had on these amazing beings. It is very difficult, if not impossible, to replicate their natural, wild habitats and meet their complex physical and social needs in captivity. As a result, these elephants often suffer long-term health and behavioral issues. The Sanctuary has learned from our resident elephants that their well-being is improved when provided diverse and spacious habitats with opportunity to roam and the freedom to choose where they spend their time and with whom. The Sanctuary’s commitment to providing these opportunities helped Hadari make a friend in Tange and gave Rosie the assistance needed to lie down for the first time in years. At The Sanctuary, both Rosie and Hadari were able to once again sleep under the stars and see the sunrise. Our thanks to all of you who made their sanctuary possible!

Along with our commitment to provide home, herd, rest, refuge, and individualized care to elephants retired from performance and exhibition, The Elephant Sanctuary works to make a difference in the lives of elephants around the globe. We are very proud to collaborate with and support international organizations on four continents that are working to find solutions to elephant-human conflicts, habitat preservation and improved welfare for all elephants (see page 12 to learn more).

Our gratitude goes out to our supporters whose generosity helps us raise awareness of the challenges that face elephants worldwide, and allows The Sanctuary to be home to Sukari, Flora, Tange, Shirley, Tarra, Winkie, Sissy, Minnie, Ronnie, Debbie, Billie and those to come.

Thank you!

Janice Zeitlin, CEO

To learn more about The Elephant Sanctuary and its resident elephants, connect with us online at elephants.com
Winter was mild in Tennessee, with only a few days of low temperatures and light snow. For the elephants, shorter, cooler days meant fewer daylight hours to explore their vast habitat, but more time spent taking advantage of seasonal enrichment. More than 500 trees were donated to The Sanctuary’s Christmas Tree Collection from all over Tennessee and surrounding states. The elephants made full use of them—eating the pine needles and bark, chewing on the wood, and tossing whole trees around like toys. When it was too cold to stay out in the habitat, the elephants retreated to the heated barns.

“In the winter, little things remind us why we do what we do, like feeding the elephants in the barn in the morning and then watching them step out into the habitat—silent—except for the happy munching of their hay and diet,” said Lead Caregiver Kristy E. “All seem content and it’s such a peaceful sound.”

Winter has also been a season of change for the elephants in Africa Habitat. The first week of the year, The Elephant Sanctuary sadly said goodbye to African elephants Rosie and Hadari (Read more on pages 10 and 11). Since their passings, Care Staff have closely observed the emotional behaviors exhibited by Flora, Tange, and Sukari—all appearing a bit quieter and more tempered.

Sukari visited Rosie’s body before her burial and spent several minutes caressing, nudging, and pulling sand over her. In the following days, Tange was observed spending more time with Sukari, touching and caressing with her trunk—a behavior that was observed between Ronnie and Billie after the passing of her close companion, Frieda.
Tange and Sukari are now spending nights together, which has been going very smoothly.

With space to move about, the elephants are able to slowly introduce themselves to one another—growing more comfortable with every visit. Sukari and Flora, who only recently began sharing space, are now regularly spending time together as well. When they share a fence, Sukari and Flora have been observed being very tactile, sparring and touching trunks. Without a barrier, their interactions are mostly uneventful—grazing together or choosing to explore opposite ends of the habitat—however, Flora’s dominant personality has shown through a time or two. When food is present, Flora wards Sukari off—and Flora often wants to be the first to return to the barn, whether or not she is closest.

The more time spent together, the more at ease the elephants appear to be, and Care Staff are hopeful to have a herd of three Africans very soon.

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**ELEPHANT CARE**
- Pachyderm Pedicures
- Allergy Shots for Ronnie
  - Sand Clear
- Verruca Freeze
- General Medical Fund

**ONGOING NEEDS**
- Gatorade
- Quick Disconnect Sets for Garden Hoses
- Honda Rubicon ATV
- ATV Tires
- Walmart Gift Cards

**SPECIAL REQUESTS**
- Nikon D500 Camera & Lens Kit
- Dump Wagon for Asia
- 12x10 Rolling Steel
- Warehouse Door

For details on current items including total costs, go to www.elephants.com and select “Wish List” or contact Lorenda at lorenda@elephants.com (email); 931-796-6500 ex. 105 (phone).
Asian Barn & Habitat

In the summertime, The Sanctuary’s Asian elephants are known to travel miles through their vast habitat, wade in the lake, and dig their own mud wallows. In the wintertime, they are often seen napping. Supporters who tune in to The Sanctuary’s live-streaming EleCams will often catch sight of Sissy, Winkie, Shirley, and Tarra taking long naps in the afternoon sun.

Shirley, Tarra, and Sissy have been observed spending more time together, touching trunks, and of course, napping in each other’s presence. One afternoon, after a short time apart, Tarra greeted Sissy with her barking noises and Sissy responded by flapping her ears and popping her trunk back and forth. The two stayed together, grazing by the pond for the entire afternoon.

Tarra continues to impress Caregivers by expressing unique problem-solving skills. On a particularly cold day, which the elephants chose to spend in the barn, Tarra was observed utilizing a large stick as a tool to reach into the neighboring stall and sweep over some hay that Sissy was eating. At age 43, Tarra is one of The Sanctuary’s younger elephants, but she has now spent more than 22 years at The Sanctuary—over half of her life—among her companions, Sissy, Winkie, and Shirley.

At 68-years-old, Shirley is the oldest elephant at The Sanctuary, and the third oldest Asian elephant in North America. Despite suffering chronic, progressive conditions commonly seen in aging, captive elephants and her more than 40-year-old injury—a broken hind leg that was never properly set—Shirley has always been known to take
full advantage of her habitat space. This winter was no exception. After an afternoon nap, Shirley often seeks out a change of scenery.

“She looks like she has a great time foraging through the woods, and all over the habitat for hidden treats,” said Caregiver Scott B.

With the large habitat area closed for winter maintenance and the start of the dam project, cooler days were spent closer to the barn. A new sand stall has been installed for Winkie to help alleviate some of the discomfort associated with arthritis and other health issues common in aging elephants in captivity.

“What we’ve learned from Rosie and Billie was how valuable a sand stall can be for an elephant’s overall comfort,” said Stephanie DeYoung, Director of Elephant Husbandry.

Vitamin E, joint medication, Red Cell, flax, probiotics, electrolytes and others are provided as supplements and medications to address health concerns. Care Staff run taste tests—everything from onion powder to barbecue sauce to marshmallow—to uncover individual preferences that make medication easier to swallow.

With the elephants spending more time by the barns, Care Staff have been working overtime to create special enrichment to keep the elephants active and engaged. Donated Christmas trees set up in various configurations, strewn with hay and treats, were a favorite of the elephants this winter.

Care Staff look forward to seeing what lies ahead for the Asian elephants this spring.
Asian elephants Ronnie and Minnie celebrated their 51st birthdays in January. Caregivers left special gifts filled with hay, jellybeans, and popcorn for the two to discover in their habitat. They both enjoyed stepping on their gifts to find and eat the surprises inside. Debbie, who is never far away, joined in the party soon after and managed to have her fair share. All throughout the winter, Debbie, Ronnie, and Minnie continued to spend time together, grazing, exploring the woods, and enjoying naps in the habitat on warm, sunny afternoons.

Middle Tennessee had a snow day this winter, and Debbie, Ronnie, and Minnie were the only elephants at The Sanctuary who chose to leave the comfort of the heated barns. With the barn doors open, they went outside as if nothing was happening, and munched on hay while getting covered in a light dusting of snow. Debbie, Minnie, Ronnie, and Billie have all been enjoying the Christmas tree enrichment, gifted by donors during The Sanctuary’s first-annual Christmas Tree Collection. Billie was observed being very playful with the trees, trumpeting, running around, kicking her feet up in
the air, and even tossing the trees on her back.

Billie and Ronnie have also begun spending more time together. Last year was Billie’s 10th year at The Sanctuary. And though she chooses to spend much of her time on her own these days, she continues to impress Caregivers with her ever-changing nature. She appears more confident in the habitat, choosing to explore farther distances—and appears more comfortable in the presence of her habitat mates. During a recent play date with Ronnie, the two touched trunks, and Billie even allowed Ronnie to touch her face. The interaction went so well, Caregivers decided to grant them both access to the same space for the day. They spent nearly four hours together in Pond Yard by the barns. At one point, Ronnie ventured over to the fence line to greet Debbie, who was in “the 40,” but after just a little bit, Ronnie returned to spend more time with Billie.

Facilities Staff have been busy “Minnie-proofing” the fencing in the Nightyard Extension, a 52.5-acre habitat area, which only Billie has had access to up until now. Currently, Minnie is The Sanctuary’s largest elephant. Reinforcing the fencing in that habitat area will allow Minnie, Debbie, and Ronnie to explore new land, including South Pond, and will create more options for managing the elephants. A Protected-Contact training wall will also be added to the fence line between the Nightyard Extension and “the 60,” which would allow staff to safely work with the elephants while they remain out in the habitat. Care Staff also hope that granting the trio access to the Nightyard will allow more opportunities for Billie to socialize and interact with them over the fence, as she continues to form relationships with her herd mates.
The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee is taking animal education to a new level by sending students on a virtual field trip to The Sanctuary to observe elephants in their habitats without ever leaving the classroom. Last fall, The Sanctuary participated in its first “Skype-a-Thon” hosted by Microsoft in Education. On November 27th and 28th, The Sanctuary’s educators used the Skype web-conferencing program to “beam in” to seven U.S. states and four foreign countries. Primary students in Paisley, Scotland were interested to learn that young elephants are called “calves.” Students in Arizona giggled upon hearing that there was an 11,000-pound elephant named “Minnie” living at The Sanctuary. Their questions were as diverse as the students. “Where do the elephants sleep?” “Do elephants from different places speak different languages?” “Are elephants really afraid of mice?”

Cynthia Gozzard, a technical instructor at Delhi Public School in Ontario, Canada was one of 14 teachers who invited The Sanctuary to class. “The virtual field trip was one my students won’t soon forget,” Ms. Gozzard said. “They loved the live cameras showing the elephants in their habitats. It was accessible for everyone in every way. The students left the presentation asking when they could do this again.”

For years, The Elephant Sanctuary has used web-based “Distance Learning” programs as a way to educate the public about its work with retired elephants and the crisis facing elephants in the wild. “I think this event really demonstrated the global interest in what The Sanctuary is doing here in Hohenwald,” said The Sanctuary’s Education Manager, Todd Montgomery. “We are so thrilled with the possibilities that exist with these advances in communication technology and all of the new ways that we will be able to share the stories of the elephants retired to The Sanctuary.”

For more information about programs like these, visit www.elephants.com or call 931-796-6500.

Have You Herd?

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

This winter, 7-year-old Ainsley ‘Ace’ Crouse of Amity Township, PA dreamt up a creative way to contribute to a cause she cares deeply about. Combining her passion for elephants with her talent—Ainsley launched Embrace the Elephants, a mother-daughter effort to sew and sell stuffed elephants to raise awareness about the crisis facing elephants in the wild and in captivity. Ainsley chose The Elephant Sanctuary as the beneficiary for all proceeds. Together, Ainsley and her mother made more than 200 stuffed elephants and raised more than $2,000. Ainsley’s message to the world: “Even though you are little, you can still make a big difference.” Thank You, Ainsley!
Before The Sanctuary

Rosie was born wild in Africa in 1969. Captured and imported to the United States in 1971, Rosie changed owners several times before arriving at the Jackson Zoo in Mississippi in 1977. In 2010, Rosie and her companion Juno were transferred to the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere, joining African elephants Hadari and Sukari.

At The Sanctuary

Rosie’s needs were greatest within the African herd, having arrived at The Sanctuary with chronic joint and health issues. The Sanctuary Husbandry Staff, in consultation with the Veterinarians, continually invented new strategies to improve her quality of life. Two feet of sand were added to her stall inside the heated Africa barn to provide further comfort for Rosie’s feet and joints. Almost as if to signal her approval, Rosie was soon lying down to sleep, something she had reportedly not done in over 10 years. The Sanctuary’s Facilities Staff also created small mounds of dirt in Rosie’s Annex Yard with the hope that climbing the miniature hills would help her build muscle. In one year, Rosie’s strength and flexibility increased dramatically. She was observed traveling down into the habitat’s small valleys and back up again with relative ease—exploring all of the large habitat areas—and wallowing in the mud with her closest companion, Sukari.

Saying Goodbye

In early December, Rosie began exhibiting signs of increasing discomfort as a result of her irreversible chronic foot and joint disease. Veterinary and Husbandry Staff made adjustments to Rosie’s care. Radiographs revealed progressive foot infection necessitating surgical intervention to treat the areas associated with progressive, chronic foot disease. The procedure and recovery went well and over the next weeks, staff noted Rosie’s full cooperation in her care and treatments and overall improved comfort.

A few weeks later, on December 29, Rosie fell and could not get up on her own. Care Staff were able to assist her to stand. She was continually monitored by Veterinary and Husbandry Staff who noted a visible decline in her overall health and ability to remain standing, even with assistance. Due to decreasing quality of life, the decision was made to humanely euthanize. Rosie passed peacefully on Saturday, December 31, 2016 surrounded by those who loved her. Sukari and Tange were nearby and given an opportunity to visit her body. The Sanctuary is honored to have had the opportunity to give Rosie her final home during her time with us.

We miss Rosie’s incredible spirit and seeing Hadari prosper—Rosie had an incredible will to live, and every day Hadari seemed to explore more and become more social. We miss their presence deeply. Africa staff continue to talk about them, often sharing stories and photos with one another.

Kristy Eaker // Lead Caregiver

I’m so sad to hear of this terrible news, but I’m also so happy they had the opportunity to spend the twilight of their lives surrounded by peace, love, and joy. Thank you so, so much for the work you all do.

Marisa R. // Ypsilanti, MI

Remembering Rosie
Before The Sanctuary

Captured and imported to the United States when she was a year old, Hadari spent her first 14 years at Jungle Larry’s African Safari in Cedar Point, Florida before being moved to the Nashville Zoo in 1995. Hadari retired after 20 years to The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee on September 24, 2015.

At The Sanctuary

At The Sanctuary, Hadari was given time to adjust to her new surroundings at her own pace, and introductions with long-time residents, Tange and Flora, went extremely well. Having been described by her former keepers as an anxious, antisocial elephant, Caregivers were pleased to see Hadari sharing space and activities with other elephants. Hadari was quick to join Tange in checking out the recently expanded East Habitat last fall and traveling to the new pond. The two foraged side by side in the grass, choosing to spend the night under the stars in the new area.

“Seeing Hadari transition into a sanctuary elephant has been a highlight of my nearly 20-year career working with a variety of animals,” said Stephanie DeYoung, Director of Elephant Husbandry at The Elephant Sanctuary.

Saying Goodbye

Tragically, on Monday morning, January 2, 36-year-old African elephant Hadari passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. She was found by Care Staff in a favorite area of the habitat, and there were no visible signs of distress or injury. Hadari was known to be in good health, making full use of The Sanctuary this past year, traveling throughout the habitat, knocking down trees, and sharing space with other elephants.

Dr. Rita McManaman, University of Georgia’s Director of Zoo and Exotic Animal Pathology, and staff led the necropsy team. The Sanctuary veterinarians, Dr. Steven Scott and Dr. Lydia Young were joined by Dr. Andrew Cushing from University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and Dr. Heather Robertson, Director of Veterinary Services at the Nashville Zoo, to complete the team. Preliminary findings indicate cardiac arrest.

Rosie and Hadari were loved by all and their absence is deeply felt. We will continue to honor and celebrate their remarkable lives and the impact they had on the entire Sanctuary family, elephants and staff alike.

So sad. Sweet Hadari. What fun it must have been finding the amazing sanctuary was yours to explore without restraint. Although your life was short, you found out that friends were a good thing and enjoyed time together with Tange and Flora. You will be missed.

Joyce E. // Burlington, WI

Dear Friends, the news is so sad but as I sit here, I cannot help feeling a bit optimistic, and VERY grateful. Rosie and Hadari had finally reached a place of safety where they were given care, and comfort and, LOVE. You, the day to day caregivers, deserve my sincere thanks for all that you do for the elephants.

Marie M. // Kent Lakes, NY
International Activities

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee works to increase understanding of and support for conservation efforts to protect elephants in the wild, and promote practices to improve the wellbeing of captive elephants around the globe. The Sanctuary collaborates with and supports international organizations on four continents: Africa, Europe, Asia, and South America. Their programs focus on elephant-human conflict, anti-poaching, habitat preservation, field work to add to knowledge of elephants, rescue and rehabilitation, improved management and care in captivity, and providing veterinary care.

Take Action for Elephants

- Avoid palm oil. While it can be produced sustainably, production methods of palm oil often go unchecked and threaten local ecosystems. Choose clearly labeled oils, such as 100 percent sunflower oil, corn oil, olive oil, coconut oil, or canola oil.

- Do not buy or trade ivory. Help protect elephants and their tusks by supporting measures aimed at combating the global ivory trade.

- Purchase only fair-trade, shade-grown coffee. Clear cutting of forests for production threatens elephants’ natural wooded habitats.

- When traveling, choose ecotourism operations that support local elephant conservation projects, that do not offer elephant rides, and treat elephants with respect and dignity.

- Schedule a Distance Learning program for your school or community group to inform them about the importance of keeping elephants wild, and their contributions as a keystone species.

- Become an EleAmbassador and raise awareness in your community.

- Adopt an elephant or feed an elephant for a day through The Elephant Sanctuary.

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Baby elephants weigh approximately 200 pounds when born and the gestation period in elephants is almost two years.

Elephants are highly social animals that form close bonds and family units. In the wild, family herds follow seasonal migration routes, led by a matriarch with decades of ecological knowledge about droughts, predation, and other threats.

Loss of habitat, human-elephant conflict, and poaching for ivory and bushmeat are great threats to elephant populations. As of 2013, there has been an estimated 90 percent decline in the Asian elephant population and a 75 percent decline in the African elephant population over the last 100 years. People can and must make a difference in protecting elephants in the wild.

There are more than 100,000 muscle units in an elephant’s trunk, making it sensitive enough to pick up objects as small as a penny and strong enough to lift whole trees.

An elephants trunk is the fusion of its upper lip and nose, and is incredibly versatile serving as a nose, an arm, a hand, a voice, and much more.

Elephants favor either their left or right tusk, just as people favor one hand over the other. Tange is often seen carrying hay with her right tusk.

Asian elephants are more closely related to the extinct wooly mammoth than they are to the African elephant. Mastodons and elephants split about 25 million years ago, while mammoths split from the African elephant 7 million years ago and the Asian elephant 2.5 - 5.2 million year ago.
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- The Sanctuary is exchanging information, ideas, and best practices with the greater elephant care community to make a difference for all elephants in captivity, and
- The Sanctuary is funding international conservation and elephant welfare efforts on four continents while standing ready to to provide safe haven and care for more elephants.
- All of this is possible because of you! Your gift truly creates better outcomes for elephants.

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- Bringing elephants into classrooms and homes around the world, spreading knowledge and creating greater empathy for these magnificent beings without disturbing them in the habitats.

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The Big Payback Returns! Save the Date: May 3, 2017

On May 3rd The Elephant Sanctuary will again participate in The Big Payback, a 24-hour online giving day hosted by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee that also includes opportunities to vie for additional financial prizes. Please join us for the fun! Visit elephants.com on May 3rd and look for The Big Payback logo on our home page to make your donation.
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SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Shirley’s image is printed on the front of this unisex Port & Company T-shirt. Incredibly soft, with a worn-in vintage look, this shirt includes The Sanctuary’s logo on the back. Color: Light Blue
100% pigment-dyed, ring spun cotton

Billie T-Shirt
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
This essential Tee features Billie’s image on the front and The Elephant Sanctuary logo on the back. Color: Forest Green
100% pigment-dyed, ring spun cotton

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Minnie, Debbie, and Ronnie’s image is printed on the front of this unisex Port & Company T-shirt. Incredibly soft, with a worn-in vintage look, this shirt includes The Sanctuary’s logo on the back. Color: Eggplant
100% pigment-dyed, ring spun cotton

Shirley T-Shirt
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Shirley’s image is printed on the front of this unisex Port & Company T-shirt. Incredibly soft, with a worn-in vintage look, this shirt includes The Sanctuary’s logo on the back. Color: Light Blue
100% pigment-dyed, ring spun cotton

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Rosie T-Shirt
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
This essential Tee features Rosie’s image on the front and The Elephant Sanctuary logo on the back. Color: Cardinal Red
100% pigment-dyed, ring spun cotton

Hadari T-Shirt
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Hadari’s image is featured on the front of this peacock-colored unisex Port & Company T-shirt. Incredibly soft, with a worn-in vintage look, this shirt includes The Sanctuary’s logo on the back. Color: Peacock Green
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Last Chain on Billie: How One Extraordinary Elephant Escaped the Big Top by Carol Bradley
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