

Report Start Date
1/1/1900

Specimen Report for DICKERSON / 65

Report End Date
2/8/2005



Taxonomic name: *Elephas maximus indicus*

Family: Elephantidae

Common name: Indian elephant

Order : Proboscidea

Current information

Sex:	Female	Sire ID:	at Obtained From Wild
Birth type:	Wild Born	Dam ID:	at Obtained From Wild
Birth Location:	ASSAM	Rearing:	Unknown
Birthdate-Age:	~ 1950 - ~54Y	Hybrid:	Not a hybrid
Time since last Acq:	5Y,10M,11D as of report end date		

<u>Date in</u>	<u>Acquisition - Vendor/local Id</u>	<u>Holder</u>	<u>Disposition - Recipient/local Id</u>	<u>Date out</u>
18 May 1954	Purchase from SPRUCE PI / UNK	DICKERSON / 65	Loan Out to CHICAGOLP / 8475	8 Nov 1987
20 Apr 1991	Loan Returned to Us CHICAGOLP / 8475	DICKERSON / 65	Loan Out to LOWRY / 100349	20 Apr 1991
18 Aug 1993	Loan Returned to Us LOWRY / 100349	DICKERSON / 65	Loan Out to OKLAHOMA / 753105	1 Dec 1998
31 Mar 1999	Loan Returned to Us OKLAHOMA / 753105	DICKERSON / 65		

<u>Date</u>	<u>Identifier type</u>	<u>Identifier</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Comments</u>
18 May 1950	House Name	MINYAHK		
18 May 1950	Regional Studbook #	96	UNKNOWN STUDBOOK	96 "International Studbook Number" from ARKS 2 records

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Comments</u>
22 Feb 1982	live animal weight	6860.0	pound	6,860 LB
20 May 1985	live animal weight	8875.0	pound	8,875 LB

<u>Date</u>	<u>Note type</u>	<u>Comments</u>
18 May 1950	Collection data	Known to have been captured in the Assam Valley of N.E. India.
18 May 1954	Note	Public house name at DPZ is "C.C."
18 May 1954	Price	3000
18 May 1954	Delivery	949
26 Aug 1985	Medical procedure	Vaccinated 3,000 units Tetanus antitoxin.
9 Sep 1985	Medical procedure	Vaccinated 3,000 units Tetanus antitoxin.
27 Oct 1987	Medical procedure	Vaccinated 2cc Tetanus toxoid.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Enclosure</u>	<u>Reason</u>
20 Apr 1991	REMOVED	12:00:00 PM - Loan
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1 Dec 1998	REMOVED	12:00:00 PM - Loan

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Comments</u>
18 May 1954	Female	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rearing</u>	<u>Comments</u>
18 May 1954	Unknown	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Parent(s)</u>	<u>local Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Comments</u>
18 May 1954	Sire		WILD	
18 May 1954	Dam		WILD	

Name: Minyahk
DPZ #: 65
Studbook #: 96
Birthdate: 1949-1950
Birthplace: Wild
Owner: Dickerson Park Zoo
Previous Owner: Dusit Zoological Park, Bangkok, Thailand
Loans: To Lincoln Park Zoo, 8 NOV 87 to 20 APR 91
To Lowry Park Zoo, 20 APR 91 to 18 AUG 93
To Oklahoma City Zoo, 1 DEC 98 to 31 MAR 99

Reproductive History

Arrived at Dickerson Park Zoo, 11 MAY 54. Was the only elephant in the zoo's collection until the arrival of our young male in FEB 80.

Following the acquisition of our older male in SEP 80, breeding activity was observed on the following dates: 14,15 OCT 80, 3,4,5,6,7,9,12,13 APR 81, 16 JUN 81, 1 SEP 82, 26,27 OCT 83, 26 JAN 84, 25,26 APR 84, 10,11, 12 JUL 85, 15,16 OCT 85, 15 JAN 86, 13,14 APR 86, 6 JUL 86. Penetration was never observed.

Artificial insemination procedures were also attempted on this cow on the following dates: 19 JUN 85, 12 JUL 85.

Although she is post-reproductive, this cow is invaluable to our breeding program due to her status as herd matriarch and her experience with calves. Minyahk has been present for the 1985 stillbirth at DPZ, the live birth at Lincoln Park Zoo in 1990, and live births at DPZ in 1995, 1996, 1998 and 1999. She has served as auntie to these five calves and has proven to be a stabilizing presence to the herd.

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Keepers took Patience away and worked her and put her back on the chain at the north end of the yard (due to media that was arriving at that time). Once the media was gone, all four were taken inside, and Moola and Haji were separated from Patience and Kala with the chains between #3 and 4 again. In the afternoon keepers transferred Connie and Minyahk back to the bull barn and Patience and Kala back to the display barn. Kala responded well to leading the walk with a keeper holding his ear and Patience holding his tail. Connie and Minyahk were again placed with Haji and Moola in stalls #3 and 4. – M Carden

- 07 DEC 99 Patience and Kala were walked to the bull building this afternoon, then Connie, Minyahk, and Haji were walked to the Elephant/Giraffe building for Wednesday's public viewing. All went well. – D Luedde
- 20 JAN 00 Measured 8'5" at shoulder and back. Her glycoflex plus has been increased to twice a day. She hasn't shown much improvement in flexibility on one dose a day. – M Carden
- 08 FEB 00 1.2 were walked to bull building this afternoon after a major power outage in that part of the zoo caused by the transformer in the elephant/giraffe service area to produce a strong sulfa type odor. Walk went okay. Will re-evaluate on Wednesday. Power will be out for a couple of weeks; don't know how long the odor will be around. – D Luedde
- 09 FEB 00 Walked back to elephant/giraffe this morning with no problems. Electricity repaired, and odor in elephant/giraffe building gone. Heat back on. – D Luedde
- 15 FEB 00 Walked Connie and Kala from the bull building to the exhibit building to wean Kala. Patience was left on a front and back chain in stall #4 with a door cracked to Vicky in stall #5, while Connie and Kala were walked, and Minyahk was walked from the exhibit barn to the bull building. Patience was responsive to commands after the separation, so she was released from chains and put in the North yard with Minyahk and access to Vicky in stall #5 and corral for the day. Connie, Kala, Moola, and Haji were observed in the exhibit yard for the day. Some minor sparring occurred between Kala and Moola on occasion. Kala vocalized some this afternoon but was responsive to commands and ate his pellets well during the afternoon routine. – J Glazier
- 17 FEB 00 Vicky, Minyahk, and Patience are together during the day and separated (Vicky) at night through a cracked door. Vicky has a few minor abrasions on her head and rump from sparring with Minyahk.
- 18 FEB 00 The three cows were left together in stalls #4 & 5 in the afternoon. Vicky appears respectful of Minyahk and more friendly with Patience. – M Carden
- 25 FEB 00 Minyahk weighs 8,980 lbs. – S Duer

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- 19 MAR 00 Minyahk was walked to the elephant/giraffe building and Connie to the bull building this morning in order to separate Connie and Kala. Both were vocal during the walk. Connie settled down right away with Vicky and Patience in the North yard. Kala settled down within half an hour and was eating hay and occasionally vocalizing. - D Luedde
- 03 APR 00 Began treatment yesterday for urine burns on the insides of her back legs. Treatment consists of scrubbing the areas with Nolvason solution, rinsing with water and then applying Nolvason ointment once daily. - J Glazier
- 18 APR 00 Bleach soak two times daily for three days for urine soak. - D Luedde
- 09 MAY 00 Walked Connie to elephant/giraffe to be with Minyahk, Moola, and Haji, leaving Patience and Vicky at the bull building.
- 22 JUN 00 Connie and Minyahk have both been observed keeping Moola out of the barn and shoving/hitting her. - M Carden
- 24 JUN 00 Patience was walked to elephant/giraffe this morning to see how or if she would get along with Haji. After about 30 minutes of her "stalking" him, it was decided to walk her back to bull building and wait a few months before trying again. This stalking is the same we have seen from Patience before attacking other babies. - D Luedde
- 14 JUL 00 Keepers walked Connie and Minyahk to Bull Building. Will be doing concrete work on elephant/giraffe pool. - S Luedde
- 29 JUL 00 Weight today was 8,750 lbs. today. - D Luedde
- 30 JUL 00 Keepers walked Minnie to Elephant/Giraffe due to the behavior she had been exhibiting. She had been acting distracted and afraid. After walking Minnie, keepers saw Connie acting aggressively toward Patience. Connie was put in #1 with a cracked door to Patience (#2 in South yard). - S Luedde
- 13 AUG 00 Minyahk refused to stretch from a lay-down position this morning during a bath routine. She was encouraged to stretch within just a few minutes. Could not determine if she was refusing due to mental or physical situation (i.e. laying downhill?). - D Luedde
- 28 SEP 00 Vaccinated with 3 ml tetanus toxoid in the left rump. - M Carden
- 03 NOV 00 After observing sand in her stool on Thursday, keepers gave her one gallon of mineral oil on Friday. No more sandy stools were observed. - M Carden
- 09 JAN 01 Trunk washes performed today on all 3.4 and will be continued Wednesday and Thursday. - D Luedde

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- 10 JAN 01 Second of three trunk washes for TB testing collected today on Minyahk, Moola, Haji, Patience, and Connie this morning, Khun Chorn this afternoon. Onyx refused crush morning and afternoon. – J Glazier
- 11 JAN 01 Third of three trunk washes for TB testing collected this morning. – J Glazier
- 10 FEB 01 Diet decrease from two scoops to 1 ½ scoops twice daily – overweight.
– D Luedde
- 23 MAR 01 Keepers put Dolly in with Minnie and Patience. They all seemed to get along well. Keepers saw signs of Minnie being dominant to Dolly (i.e. putting her trunk on Dolly). Dolly was seen later backing into Minnie, and Minnie would tusk her. Patience was observed trying to bite Dolly's tail. When she was told to quit, she did and didn't try it again. By the end of the afternoon they were all eating and drinking together. Dolly was submissive. – S Luedde
- 05 APR 01 Dolly continues to settle in well. She lay down for blood collection on Tuesday morning and laid down for the bath routine on Wednesday afternoon without any problems. She continues to spend her days in the south yard with Minyahk and Patience, but is still being separated at night by a cracked door. The three seem to be very comfortable with each other. – J Glazier
- 01 MAY 01 Minyahk was walked to the elephant/giraffe building this afternoon to be with Moola, Haji and Connie. Patience was left at the bull building to be a buddy with Dolly. They will be separated with corral or cracked door until we are sure they will get along without Minyahk. – D Luedde
- 08 JUN 01 Due to the aggression shown by Minyahk and Patience toward Dolly, she was put back with Onyx. She seems more at ease with him than the cows. Patience and Minyahk were moved to the exhibit barn and observed throughout the day. Patience was very interested in Haji, following him around and leading him away from the other elephants, but she never attempted to harm him. While in the stall with the other cows around, Haji would push on and tusk Patience in the face and trunk. Patience was very tolerant and would just raise her head to avoid some of the contact. The other cows, Connie, Minyahk and Moola, were very attentive to Haji's vocalizations, and whenever Patience was around him, Connie in particular appeared to be guarding Haji and dominating Patience. – M Carden
- 17 AUG 01 Keepers walked Connie and Minyahk to the old Zoofari area. Stayed up there for about an hour. Patience and Moola were watched to make sure they would not be upset with the older girls gone. Everyone was fine. We did this in preparation for walking Haji on Tuesday. - S Luedde
- 20 AUG 01 Minyahk was observed pushing Patience and grabbing her tail this morning. Connie is still not eating very well. Moola's tail looks as though it had been bitten again. – S Luedde

- 21 AUG 01 On Saturday, Keepers Carden and S. Luedde walked Connie and Minyahk up to the old safari area to re-acquaint them with the area in preparation for taking Haji out for his first "fun" walk. On Tuesday keepers Carden, Luedde, Luedde and Bradford walked Connie, Minyahk, Moola and Haji up to the safari area while Glazier monitored Patience, who was left at the exhibit barn. The elephants were tailed up with Connie leading, Moola in the center, and Minyahk bringing up the rear. Haji stayed close to Moola overall, moving on either side of her trunk and occasionally would wander a few feet away, but would catch up quickly. Patience was calm during her stay at the barn. Overall, they played well at the Bush Camp and were calm on their walk back. Glazier came up and filmed while they played. – M Carden
- 12 SEP 01 Minyahk, Connie, Patience, Moola and Haji were all walked to the bull barn. They were put in stall #3 for a few minutes, then Connie and Minyahk were walked to stall #1, and Haji followed them. The door to stall #2 was shut. Connie, Minyahk and Haji were walked back to the elephant giraffe building. Patience and Moola were put in adjoining stalls while the others were walked. Later Patience and Moola were put in the South yard. Patience and Moola vocalized once, but calmed down quickly. Haji was shaking (and Patience, too) at the initial entrance to the bull barn. Haji was calm and eating after the separation and all day. Haji never vocalized during the separation or all day and ate well. – M Carden
- 13 APR 02 She has had an edema (right ventral) for five days. Dr. Hardy examined her on Thursday and requested keepers just keep up observations for edemas. Minyahk has had these edemas on and off on her two ventral flaps of skin much more frequently over the last year. – M Carden
- 19 APR 02 The door at the elephant/giraffe building was damaged this morning when the keepers arrived. After Maintenance looked at it, they said the door would not be fixed until it could be taken off the track and put back together. That would take a couple of weeks. Due to bad storms and cold evening temperatures, keepers walked 1.2 to Bull Building until further notice. All are doing well. Haji has had a few loose stools. We will keep an eye on him. – S Luedde
- 04 MAY 02 Connie, Minyahk and Haji walked back to elephant/giraffe building today with no problems. – D Luedde
- 18 DEC 02 3 mls tetanus vaccination given to 0.4 today (IM). – D Luedde
- 27 MAY 03 As per Dr. Hardy, 0.3 pellet ration has been reduced to 1 ½ scoop daily. – S Luedde
- 19 JUL 03 M. Carden ran P4 assay today. Connie was due to cycle anytime, so switched Moola and Connie. Now Connie and Patience are with Khun Chorn for breeding, and Moola is with Minyahk at the elephant/giraffe building. – S Luedde
- 22 OCT 03 Elephants all were given Probios. – M Carden

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- 19 NOV 03 Minyahk has had a runny nose off and on since the cold weather began (more often when exposed to the cold). – M Carden
- 31 DEC 03 Elephants received an injection of 3 ml tetanus toxoid IM in the right hip.
– J Glazier
- 29 JAN 04 Completed the third day on trunk washes for tb testing today. – M Carden
- 07 MAY 04 Minyahk was acting very lethargic this morning and did not want to eat her pellets. Gave her a gallon of mineral oil. She was acting a little better by the afternoon.
– S Luedde
- 08 MAY 04 Minyahk did not eat her pellets again this morning and is still acting a little slow. Gave her another gallon of mineral oil. – S Luedde
- 18 MAY 04 Connie, 1101, weighs 7740; Minyahk, 65, weighs 9610; Patience, 3320, weighs 8760; Moola, 4022, weighs 9270. – S Luedde
- 17 FEB 05 As of today, the elephants have completed three days of daily trunk washes for annual TB testing. – J Glazier