

Elephant End of Day Protocol

To bring Joni in at the end of the day, make sure you are prepared before you start. Prepare to bring Joni in at 4:45pm daily.

Make sure you have the evening food & a plan for who is going to “lead”.

- Open the barn door, if it isn't already open.
- The “lead person” will call Joni from the top area (behind the chain), ask her to get her tires & move up.
- Wait for Joni to stand & wait by the lower chain, before lowering it. If Joni is stood too close to the chain, the “lead” person will ask her to move back.
- Joni may drop her tires in the upper yard & wait by the upper chain.
- If this happens, the lead person will ask her to get her tires, & move back to the back wall & “hold”.
- Both staff members will remain behind the posts (protected contact).
- The back-up person will then unlock the upper chain, while the “lead person” controls the elephant with verbal commands.
- When the upper chain is lowered, and the back-up person is clear of the chain, the “lead person” will ask Joni to move-up.
- Joni will enter the barn & drop her tires, as she waits for her evening meal.
- The lead person will have Joni come to the back corner of the barn, hold her front foot up & hold while the barn door is closed.
- The lead person will then move Joni to the back center of the barn & salute, while the back-up person puts the food down in the corner nearest the keeper barn entrance.
- When the back-up person is clear of the corner, the “lead person” will release Joni to eat.
- **DO NOT try to touch Joni when she is eating. Joni is very protective about her evening meal.**
- Bid Joni a goodnight, & switch the barn lights off as you exit the barn.
- Lock the barn keeper entrance door.
- Make sure both barn doors are secured.