

INDIVIDUAL ELEPHANT BEHAVIORAL PROFILE

(4/07)

Lois
ISIS # 1670
Sex: 0.1
Birth Date: 1978
Studbook # 176
Information: Matabele 1980 Capture
Ferndale 1981 Transfer
Kansas City 17 Sept 1982 Transfer

Distinguishing Physical Characteristics: Two tusks about the same length, right one is curved downward along her trunk, on of the largest of the six cows, big ears.

Behavioral Characteristics: Very smart, will mess with new keepers (and old), sometimes shows aggression towards keepers.

Commands understood:

Alright	Give	Present
Back	Head down	Relax
Blow (trunk wash)	Hold	Salute
Bow	Knee	Shift
Come here	Line up	Steady
Come in left	Move up	Step around
Come in right	Open	Step up
Come in line	No	Stretch
Ear	Nod	Switch
End (target)	Open	Target left
Foot	Pad	Target right
Fore (target)	Paint	Trunk
Get over	Pick it up	

Medical History:

- Had tusk surgery in the 1980's
- Cysts on ovaries documented in the past
- Tested positive for West Nile in 2003. Vaccinated for tetanus in 2003-04
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- Radiographs of all feet in 2004
- Eye exam 2004
- Yearly trunk washes performed to test for TB
- Occasional episodes of bloating
- Weight assessment ~10,000 lbs.

Aggression History:

- Has shown aggression to Tattoo and Megan periodically
- Has been aggressive towards keepers

Reproductive History:

- Has had trans-rectal ultrasound performed, is reproductively sound
- Has had no offspring
- Not being bred due to age

Relationships within the Herd:

- Officially ranked 4 of 6
- Is dominant to Tattoo and Megan
- Is submissive to Penny, Lea, and Lady

Restraint History:

- Readily allows keepers to squeeze her down and put straps on
- Conditioned to accept belly straps. She can be winched down and flipped on her side
- First flipped in January 2005
- Has been flipped with and without belly straps and has had floor dropped

Chaining Training:

- Accepts leg chains readily