

# INDIVIDUAL ELEPHANT BEHAVIORAL PROFILE

(4/07)

Megan

ISIS # 102530

Sex: 0.1

Birth Date: 1978

Studbook # 172

Information: South Africa 1979 Capture  
Ferndale Feb 1979 Transfer  
Kings Island May 1979 Transfer  
Kansas City 18 July 1994 Transfer



Distinguishing Physical Characteristics: Missing half of right ear, two tusks about the same length but turned in different directions

Behavioral Characteristics: Submissive, learns fairly quickly

Commands understood:

Alright	Get over	Salute
Back	Give	Shift
Blow (trunk wash)	Hold	Steady
Come here	Line up	Step around
Come in left	Move up	Step up
Come in right	No	Stretch (left only)
Come in line	Open	Switch
Ear	Pad	Target left
Foot	Present	Target right
Fore (target)	Relax	Trunk

#### Medical History:

- Contracted salmonella in June 1996, was restrained in ERD for 3 days, received in right ear, this caused necrosis of the ear and most of it had to be removed
- Tested positive for West Nile in 2002 & 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
- Mammary glands swollen periodically
- Has calluses on sides of head near temporal glands
- Completely anesthetized (used belly straps) in Feb 2005 in ERD to Access her chin abscess. Took radiographs and opened up abscess. The apex of current molar is broken and has a crack in the tooth, Infection in the bone and tooth root. Jaw bone is eroded from the Infection.
- March 2006 was completely anesthetized to relieve the tooth root abscess. The surgery was a success and doctors feel like she has made a full recovery.
- Weight assessment ~8,500 lbs.

#### Aggression History:

- Has shown aggression after chin treatments
- Has shown aggression in past restraint (pulls hands/arms) after tail/rear manipulation

#### Reproductive History:

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

#### Relationships within the Herd:

- Officially ranked 6 of 6 but was housed with Lady previously so tends to away with more when Lady is present
- Spends most of time with Lady and Tattoo.

#### Restraint History:

- Readily allows keepers to squeeze her down and put straps on
- Conditioned to accept belly straps and can be winched down and flipped on her side
- Immobilized and flipped in restraint with belly straps for 2005 procedure

#### Chaining Training:

- Accepts leg chains readily