

28 February 2005

Guy Lichty
Liaison
AZA Elephant TAG
North Carolina Zoo
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Dear Guy:

The Louisville Zoo would like to petition the AZA Elephant TAG for permission to pursue an artificial insemination (AI) breeding attempt with our female African elephant "Mikki" (studbook #238). Dr. Dennis Schmidt has completed a reproductive assessment on "Mikki" and we have been collecting and evaluating blood samples to characterize her hormonal cycles for several years. We have established a predictable pattern and would like to make the first AI attempt this March (2005).

We will be beginning a renovation of our barn and exhibit shortly and wish to carefully time our AI attempts with this renovation.

The Louisville Zoo is prepared to hold a bull calf indefinitely, should the need arise. In addition, we are planning a major exhibit expansion with a tentative completion date in 2012.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

John Walczak
Executive Director
Louisville Zoo

Report Start Date
1/1/2000

Taxon Report for Proboscidea

Report End Date
3/25/2005



100479 <i>Elephas maximus</i>		EndangeredApp. I		Asiatic elephant
<u>Date in</u>	<u>Acquisition - Vendor/local Id</u>	<u>Holder</u>	<u>Disposition - Recipient/local Id</u>	<u>Date out</u>
28 Nov 1973	Purchase from SOUTHWICK-UNK	LOUISVILL		
<u>Sex-Contraception</u>	Female -		<u>Birth type:</u> Unknown	
<u>Hybrid status</u>	Not a hybrid		<u>Birth Location:</u>	
<u>Enclosure</u>	ELE-ELEH		<u>BirthDate-Age:</u> ~ 1970 - ~34Y	
<u>Rearing:</u>	Unknown		<u>Regional Studbook #:</u> 152 - AZA	
<u>House Name:</u>	PUNCH			
101899 <i>Elephas maximus hirsutus</i>		EndangeredApp. I		Malayan elephant
<u>Date in</u>	<u>Acquisition - Vendor/local Id</u>	<u>Holder</u>	<u>Disposition - Recipient/local Id</u>	<u>Date out</u>
16 Jan 1998	Loan In from CINCINNAT-191018	LOUISVILL	Loan Transfer DICKERSON-UNK	9 Sep 2002
<u>Sex-Contraception</u>	Male -		<u>Birth type:</u> Wild Born	
<u>Hybrid status</u>	Not a hybrid		<u>Birth Location:</u> MALAYSIA	
<u>Enclosure</u>	ELE-ELEH		<u>BirthDate-Age:</u> ~ 1988 - ~14Y at transfer	
<u>Rearing:</u>	Unknown		<u>House Name:</u> SABU-HIT	
101038 <i>Loxodonta africana</i>		EndangeredApp. I		African elephant
<u>Date in</u>	<u>Acquisition - Vendor/local Id</u>	<u>Holder</u>	<u>Disposition - Recipient/local Id</u>	<u>Date out</u>
28 Jul 1987	Purchase from PREMIER	LOUISVILL		
<u>Sex-Contraception</u>	Female -		<u>Birth type:</u> Wild Born	
<u>Hybrid status</u>	Not a hybrid		<u>Birth Location:</u> AFRICAN REGION	
<u>Enclosure</u>	ELE-ELEH		<u>BirthDate-Age:</u> ~ Sep 1985 - ~19Y,6M	
<u>Rearing:</u>	Unknown		<u>Regional Studbook #:</u> 238 - AZA	
<u>House Name:</u>	MIKKI			