

Elephant Profile: Ty

History:

Tyronza or Ty, is a 38 year old African Female Elephant. Ty was wild caught by the Ringling Bros. people when she was approximately three years old. Ty was at Ringlings until she turned twelve years old and was placed on the surplus list. The Memphis Zoo purchased Ty at the age of 12 and she has been at the Memphis facility since.

Medical History:

Will not keep ivory. Whenever her tusks grow out, she breaks them off.

Has accelerated skin growth on her back.

No chronic foot disorders.

Rectal polyps which have not posed any problems thus far

Seasonal affliction, early summer, of temporal gland infection.

Socialization, Temperament and Behavior History:

High spirited, so much so that the Ringling people gave up on her.

Some what anti-social towards humans.

Has aggressive tendencies towards humans.

Managed fine in free contact at Memphis but has become a little more aggressive in protected contact as she has realized that we are not going in with her.

Can be worked both free and protected contact.

Reinforcement and Discipline:

Highly food motivated.

Time out is the only form of discipline.

Breeding Potential:

Poor, as she is 38 yrs. old.

Commands/Trained For:

See training log, next page.

Elephant Profile: Asali

History:

Asali is a 16 year old African Female Elephant. Asali was born at the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, Texas. Asali is on an indefinite loan from Gladys Porter. Asali was brought to Memphis at the age of 11.

Medical History:

Asali has only the left tusk. Has had one infection in the dry socket since at Memphis. Has a pink pigmentation around her right ankle, her father has the same mark. No chronic foot disorders. Seasonal affliction, early summer, of temporal gland infection.

Socialization, Temperament and Behavior History:

Untrained until coming to Memphis.
Will get aggressive if provoked.
High spirited individual.
Was socialized with a bull and 2 cows prior to Memphis.
Teenager and she likes to play.
Is learning some of Ty's bad habits, such as swatting and hitting the training barrier with tusks.

Reinforcement and Discipline:

Food motivated but more elephant motivated.
Time out is the only form of discipline.

Breeding Potential:

Good. Dr. Dennis Schmitt has given her a clean bill of health in the reproductive dept.

Commands/Trained For:

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