

Bruce Beehler  
10/13/2005 01:28 PM

To: anpetric@brookfieldzoo.org  
cc:  
Subject: RE: proposed elephant moves

Ann -

The elephant SSP recommended that we send our 22 year old African elephant Brittany to Kansas City for breeding. In return, we would receive their female Lady to be a companion for our remaining, 46 year old elephant Lucy. With mutual staff visits and discussion, we agreed that Lady would be too dominant over Lucy. I asked the SSP to come up with another suggested companion for Lucy so that we could go ahead and send Brittany to KC. Their recommendations are in pre-draft form now, but they said they probably would be suggesting your elephant Affie be sent to us. Because of the pre-draft stage, I then asked Mike Quick if it was OK to start discussing this with you, and he said OK. (See messages below about all of this.)

We would like to start discussions with you regarding sending Affie to Milwaukee County Zoo to be a companion for Lucy. If that is OK with you, then we would like to arrange mutual site visits to review elephants, programs, and facilities.

Thanks,

Bruce

----- Forwarded by Bruce Beehler/Zoo/Milwaukee County on 10/13/2005 01:22 PM -----



"Quick, Michael"  
<mquick@scz.org>  
10/13/2005 12:36 PM

To: <BBeehler@milwcnty.com>  
cc: "Debbie Olson \(\(E-mail)\)" <dolson@INDYZOO.com>, "Steve McCusker  
\(E-mail)\)" <mccusker@sazoo-aq.org>  
Subject: RE: proposed elephant moves

I believe this is what we have now. All recommendations once out will be in the draft stage and open to discussion by the institutions. I don't see why you can't start talking to Brookfield. I don't know if Ann has any idea about these recommendations. These could change, however.

CHICAGOBR

Brookfield Zoo  
Chicago, Illinois

Holding Institutional notes: Five-year carrying capacity is for three adult female elephants Institution has committed to being a holding facility. .

Institutional representative: Ann Petric

ID	Sex	Age	MK rank	AdditionalInfo
Disposition	Location	Breeding	With	Notes
86	F	34	---	Affie
	Send to Milwaukee			Hold
	Over 30/never bred			
203	F	23	1/5	Christy
	Send to MiamiCaldwell		Yes	19754
Assess repro, breed if viableAssess repro				
127	F	30	---	Petunia
	Receive fromDisneyAK		No	---
92	F	32	---	Robin
	Receive fromDisneyAK		No	---

Non repro

MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee County Zoological Gardens  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Holding Institutional notes: Five-year carrying capacity is for two adult

female elephants. Institution has committed to being a holding facility.

Institutional representative: Bruce Beehler

ID	Sex	Age	MK rank	AdditionalInfo
Disposition	Location	Breeding	With	Notes
26	F	46	---	Lucy
		Hold	Milwaukee	No
		Over 30/never bred		---
451	F	22	1/5	Brittney
	Send to	Kansascty	Yes	534
Assess repro				
8665	F	354	---	Affie
		Receive fromChicagoBR	No	---
		Over 30/ never bred		

Mike Quick

Mammal Curator

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-----Original Message-----

From: BBeehler@milwcnty.com [mailto:BBeehler@milwcnty.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2005 3:01 PM

To: Quick, Michael

Subject: RE: proposed elephant moves

Thanks for the info! Is it OK for us to go ahead and talk to Brookfield about this?

"Quick, Michael"  
<mquick@scz.org>  
<BBeehler@milwcnty.com>

To:

cc:

10/12/2005 01:44

Subject: RE: proposed elephant

moves

PM

Hello Bruce,

We are waiting on the first draft of the recommendations to be sent out for comment from the PMC at Lincoln Park. Here is what we have for Milwaukee.

Hold Lucy and receive #86 F age 34 Affie from Brookfield.  
Send Brittany to KC

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-----Original Message-----

From: BBeehler@milwcnty.com [mailto:BBeehler@milwcnty.com]  
Sent: Sunday, October 09, 2005 1:26 PM  
To: Quick, Michael  
Subject: RE: proposed elephant moves

Mike -

I haven't heard anything yet regarding potential companions for Lucy. Any suggestions?

Bruce

"Quick, Michael"

<mquick@scz.org>  
<BBeehler@milwcnty.com>

To:

cc:

07/16/2005 03:12

Subject: RE: proposed

elephant moves

PM

Bruce,

I will pass on your request to the committee and we will be back with you soon.

Mike

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-----Original Message-----

From: BBeehler@milwcnty.com [mailto:BBeehler@milwcnty.com]  
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2005 10:25 AM  
To: Quick, Michael  
Cc: MCZPachyderm@milwcnty.com; LizHarmon@fotzkc.org;  
CWikenhauser@milwcnty.com  
Subject: proposed elephant moves

Mike -

Milwaukee County Zoo and Kansas City Zoo have exchanged staff visits to consider moving our elephant Brittany to Kansas City for breeding, and moving Kansas City's elephant Lady to Milwaukee to serve as a companion for our remaining elephant Lucy, in accordance with the SSP recommendations.

MCZ believes that KC would be a great place for Brittany, and KC believes that she will do well there and is willing to take her. However, we have

concluded that Lady would not be a suitable companion for Lucy. Lucy is quite submissive and sensitive to dominant elephants. MCZ staff believe that Lady is too controlling in her dominance to be a suitable companion for Lucy.

It is essential that we provide Lucy with a suitable companion animal before we can send Brittany to KC. We hope to do this soon so Brittany can go to KC once they get a bull. Does the SSP have any suggestions regarding a companion animal for Lucy?

Thanks.

Bruce

**Bruce Beehler**

07/12/2005 11:57 AM

To: <LizHarmon@fotzkc.org>

cc: Chuck Wikenhauser/Zoo/Milwaukee County@milwco, Pachyderm Zoo/Zoo/Milwaukee County@milwco, Bess Frank/Zoo/Milwaukee County@milwco

Subject: elephant moves 

Liz -

We have reviewed all of our results from the visit to your Zoo and your staff's visit to ours. We believe that Kansas City would be a great place to send Brittany once you have secured a bull elephant for breeding with her.

We do not believe that Lady would be a good choice as a companion for Lucy. Lucy is quite submissive, and we feel she would not be comfortable in Lady's company. I plan to contact the SSP to see if there would be another elephant available that would serve as a suitable companion for Lucy.

Please keep us informed about your quest to obtain a suitable bull elephant. I'll keep in touch with you about our elephants. Thanks again!

Bruce

**Bruce Beehler**

06/30/2005 01:32 PM

To: <LizHarmon@fotzkc.org>  
cc:  
Subject: visit to zoo

Liz -

Thank you for your help and hospitality! Dana, Tracey and Collette had a very enjoyable and informative visit. Please extend our thanks to Brendan, Scott, and the entire elephant crew. We all appreciated their professionalism, openness, and friendliness.

I had a preliminary meeting today about the visit and what was learned, and we are discussing the pros and cons of the proposed moves. I will have our comments to you by next week.

Thanks again!

Bruce

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lizharmon@fotzkc.org

-----Original Message-----

From: BBeehler@milwcnty.com [mailto:BBeehler@milwcnty.com]  
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 3:56 PM  
To: LizHarmon@fotzkc.org  
Cc: MCZPachyderm@milwcnty.com; dwicker@milwcnty.com;  
EFrank@milwcnty.com; CWikenhauser@milwcnty.com  
Subject: elephant visit

Liz -

Thank you for sending Brendan and Scott to evaluate the potential elephant moves. All of us enjoyed meeting with them and sharing viewpoints. As I am sure you know, they recommend that we pursue the exchange of Brittany and Lady.

We hope to send three of our pachy crew to KC, arriving late on Sunday, June 26, and leaving in the afternoon of Tuesday, June 28. We hope they can see how you care for your elephants, including chute work and foot work.

If you approve, they will be armed with cameras and video recorders. We hope to steal ideas from your exhibits and service areas that can be applied to our upcoming renovations. For similar reasons, I also request that they visit your giraffe, rhino, and hippo facilities.

Please let me know if this will work for you and the KC staff. I will then start working out the details on this end. Also, please let me know what lodging you would recommend and their contact info, and whether or not we should rent a car.

Thanks!

Bruce


Bruce Beehler  
06/02/2005 09:25 AM  
To: LizHarmon@fotzkc.org  
cc:  
Subject: RE: elephant visit

Liz -

Do you have any suggestions for a motel or hotel? I am making final arrangements for the visit.

Thanks.

Bruce  
----- Forwarded by Bruce Beehler/Zoo/Milwaukee County on 06/02/2005 09:30 AM -----

Bruce Beehler  
05/23/2005 10:02 AM  
To: <LizHarmon@fotzkc.org>  
cc: Pachyderm Zoo/Zoo/Milwaukee County@milwco  
Subject: RE: elephant visit 

Liz -

Thanks! We'll make all the arrangements at this end after we get hotel recommendations from you.

Three people will be coming:  
Dana Nicholson - Pachyderm area supervisor  
Joan Volpe - Elephant manager  
Collette Konkell - Elephant controller

They will fly in Sunday evening, June 26, go directly to the hotel, and will report to work first thing Monday morning. Let us know the details of when and where to go that morning. Their flight back to Milwaukee leaves at 5:35PM on Tuesday.

I will not be coming on this one - the three that are coming know a lot more about Brittany and Lucy than I do. I hope to stop and see your zoo in August when I am at the Central Vet Conference.

Thanks again.

Bruce

"Liz Harmon" <LizHarmon@fotzkc.org>



"Liz Harmon"  
<LizHarmon@fotzkc.org>  
>  
05/22/2005 03:18 PM  
Please respond to  
LizHarmon  
To: <BBeehler@milwcnty.com>  
cc:  
Subject: RE: elephant visit

Bruce,  
Those dates are fine. I will get some information for you on a hotel. I think they will want to rent a car as we don't have any hotels very near the zoo. Are you coming?

Thanks,  
Liz

Liz Harmon

Bruce Beehler  
05/20/2005 03:55 PM

To: LizHarmon@fotzkc.org  
cc: Pachyderm Zoo/Zoo/Milwaukee County@milwco, Dawn  
Wicker/Zoo/Milwaukee County@milwco, Bess Frank/Zoo/Milwaukee  
County@milwco, Chuck Wikenhauser/Zoo/Milwaukee County@milwco  
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Thanks!

Bruce

**Bruce Beehler**  
05/02/2005 10:07 AM

To: keelem@metro.dst.or.us  
cc: john.lehnhardt@disney.com, Pachyderm Zoo/Zoo/Milwaukee  
County@milwco, Chuck Wikenhauser/Zoo/Milwaukee County@milwco  
Subject: Milwaukee County Zoo - elephant SSP recommendations

Mike -

With regards to the recent SSP recommendations, it is Milwaukee County Zoo's intent to send Brittany, F, 451 to Kansas City for breeding as recommended. We are working with Kansas City to determine if Lady, F, 65 would be a suitable companion for our remaining elephant Lucy, F, 65.

With regards to future carrying capacity, it is our intent to begin construction on an expanded pachyderm facility in 2008, and complete the project in 2010. the final holding capacity of the new facility will be determined in our 2007 planning phase.

Bruce Beehler  
Deputy Director  
Animal Management and Health  
Milwaukee County Zoo

## CWZOO

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**From:** CWZOO [cwzoo@prodigy.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2005 10:26 AM  
**To:** David.M.Jones@ncmail.net  
**Subject:** Elephant importation

David,

Sorry for the delay. We would be interested in importation of African elephants that would correspond with completion of our renovations in 2010. We will hold three animals.

Chuck Wikenhauser  
Director  
Milwaukee County Zoo

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## CWZOO

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**From:** CWZOO [cwzoo@prodigy.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2005 8:30 AM  
**To:** Keelem@metro.dst.or.us  
**Cc:** Bruce Beehler; mreed@scz.org  
**Subject:** Elephant Commitment

Mike,

The Milwaukee County Zoo is committing to the exhibition and breeding of the African elephant for the long term future. We will hopefully be renovating our exhibit from 2008-10 for a holding capacity of 3 elephants. We currently have an exhibit that has ample room for our 2 females.

Chuck Wikenhauser  
Director  
Milwaukee County Zoo

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