

Description of Elephant Exhibit at Virginia Zoological Park

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Main Outside Yard – Approximately 1 acre of planted grass and dirt. Area for sand and mud baths. Includes large concrete rubbing rock with attachment areas for behavioral enrichment items. Large tree trunks (4-5) are placed in yard for elephants to rub, manipulate and/or strip. Tree trunks are replaced as needed. Large concrete pool (1700sq.ft, 10ft deep) with gradual steps for elephants bathing. Termite mound located near pool for behavioral enrichment items. Yard is enclosed by wooden posts with cables with a secondary hotwire fence.

Holding Yard – Smaller outside yard (3600sq.ft) located between building and main yard. Concrete run from building to main yard and to holding area. Holding area is composed of a clay/sand mixture.

Inside Stalls – A total of 4 inside stalls (3 stalls 400sq.ft, 1 stall approx. 1/3 larger) with a run along back wall of 3 stalls that includes an Elephant Restraint Device. Flooring is heated concrete. Stalls are divided by large pipe structure with hydraulic doors between each.