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INFORMATION FROM THE ELEPHANT INTEREST GROUP QUESTIONNAIRE

This listing is a continuation of that presented in Elephant Volume 1. It includes members who are known to be involved or who have been involved with some type of elephant-related activity. Their activities or requests, as given in the questionnaires or by recent communications, are included. Our major source for this section was the Elephant Interest Group Questionnaire. Therefore, members whose names are not included or who wish to update information are asked to fill in and return the questionnaire at the back of this issue. Publications which were included in the questionnaires are listed in the appropriate sections in the Elephant Bibliography. Please note that the section AVAILABLE has been continued from the last issue. (Please contact the individuals listed here directly rather than writing to the EIG office).

ACTIVITIES

Adams, Jack: Is touring the U.S.A., presenting movie and/or slide lectures on elephants, through The Center for the Study of Elephants in Carson, California.

Burr, William C. (Cheyenne Mountain Zoo): Is the elephant keeper at the Zoo in Colorado Springs, Colorado, working with a female African (age 27) and a female Asian (age 36).

Calgary Zoo: See Lehnhardt, John R.

Carl Hagenbecks Tierpark, Hamburg: See Roocroft, Alan.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo: See Burr, William C.

Cring, F. Daniel: Is studying enamel prism patterns in proboscideans' teeth.

Dehiwala Zoological Gardens: See Gunewardene, Otara D.

Dunstan, Thomas I. (Metro Toronto Zoo): As a senior keeper, he is watching the growth and behavior of an African calf born Oct. 18, 1980 (female named Thika, first born in Canada) and recording all observations from birth.

Easa, P. S.: Is a research assistant in the Division of Wildlife Biology, Kerala Forest Research Institute, India, and is conducting an eco-behavioral study in Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary.

Goodnow, Paul G., (Woodland Park Zoo): Is the elephant keeper responsible for feeding, care, training, psychological and physical well-being of two female Asians and one female African.

Greenberg, Gary (Sedgwick County Zoo): Is determining the audiogram for an African female elephant at Sedgwick County Zoo, Wichita, Kansas.

Gunewardene, Otara D. (Dehiwala Zoological Gardens): Does volunteer work in Colombo, Sri Lanka, where there are two African elephants and 12 Asians (Ceylonese) including two babies. Also visits the elephant orphanage.

Hayashi, Teruaki (World Safari, Japan): Is a staff veterinarian, presently caring for 2 Asian female elephants, 7 African female, and 1 African male elephant.

Houseman, Glenn L.: Is interested in drawing elephants and utilizing various forms of printmaking.

Johnson, Donald L.: Is studying fossil pygmy elephants.

Kasman, Lonnie (San Diego Zoo): Has completed a two-year study on the correlation of urinary testosterone as related to musth behavior in wild African elephants. Currently she is studying the same in captive African elephants at the San Diego Zoo.

Koen, Julius Heinrich: Is conducting an ecological study of the small Knysna elephant herd with emphasis on nutrition and other population limiting factors.

Lake, Katy (Ellen) (Sedgwick County Zoo): Is writing a behavior study done on two female, ten year old African elephants at the Sedgwick County Zoo, Wichita, Kansas.

Lehnhardt, John R. (Calgary Zoo): Is an elephant trainer at the Calgary Zoo, working with three Asian elephants (Ceylonese sub-species). All are six years old, one male, two females, and came from the orphanage in Sri Lanka in 1976.

Metro Toronto Zoo: See Dunstan, Thomas I.

Roocroft, Alan (Carl Hagenbecks Tierpark, Hamburg): Has worked with elephants in zoos for eighteen years and is compiling a checklist of elephants in zoos, circuses and private collections in Europe since the 1800's.

San Diego Zoo: See Kasman, Lonnie.

Sedgwick County Zoo: See Greenberg, Gary and Lake, Katy (Ellen).

Shoshani, Jeheskel: Please send ectoparasites from wild elephants, Asian and African. Specimens should be preserved in alcohol or formaldehyde. If possible include the following information: host species, geographical location, sex, age, location of parasite on host, and any additional pertinent information. See also requests by Roth and Shoshani and Shoshani, in Elephant, 1(4):13.

Smith, Kathleen K.: Is doing a joint project on the biomechanics of movement in structures in vertebrates and arms and tentacles in cephalopods.

Spinage, Clive A.: Is studying the pattern of elephant ivory and historical ivory exploitation records.

Sukumar, R.: Is working on the ecology of the elephant with special reference to elephant-man conflict in the Eastern Ghats region of the States of Karnataka and Tamilnadu (South India).

Wilson, Vivian J.: Has two orphaned elephants (six years old) from the culling in Wankie National Park.

Woodland Park Zoo: See Goodnow, Paul G.

World Safari, Japan: See Hayashi, Teruaki.

FUTURE PLANS

Burr, William C. (Cheyenne Mountain Zoo): Will be training and caring for two new female African elephants (age 3).

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo: See Burr, William C.

Greenberg, Gary: Plans to compile an ethogram of African female elephants in captivity.

Houseman, Glenn L.: Plans to draw elephants in zoos.

Koen, Julius Heinrich: Will conduct further nutritional studies of major elephant food plants as well as the effect of secondary compounds.

Spinage, Clive A.: Intends to study elephant density and effects on habitat in the Central African Republic on a continuing basis.

Sedgwick County Zoo: Elephant keepers are trying to replicate Heffner's hearing study and modify it to include the African (vs. Asian) elephant and other sound localization tasks and learning patterns.

Sukumar, R.: Will be working on growth of captive elephants in South India and also on surveys of status and distribution of elephants in South India.

REQUESTS

Burr, William C. (Cheyenne Mountain Zoo): Is interested in information on training, diet and care of Asian and African elephants, both young and adult.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo: See Burr, William C.

Cring, F. Daniel: Would like to obtain molar teeth from Loxodonta, Elephas and other proboscideans to be thin-sectioned for SEM studies.

Dunstan, Thomas I. (Metro Toronto Zoo): Would like to locate the female Mysore cow born November 7, 1964. Her name was "Maharini Indira" (Indy); she was caught in the Mysore roundup, sold from Wasaga Beach-Ontario Zoological Park in 1971 to a circus in the United States. He worked with her years ago.

Goodnow, Paul G. (Woodland Park Zoo): Is curious about natural vs. captive diets, especially in regards to minerals, vitamins and browse.

Hayashi, Teruaki (World Safari, Japan): Is interested in any information on microfilariasis, especially in elephants from Thailand.

Koen, Julius Heinrich: Would like to obtain dung from different parts of Africa for mineral analysis.

Lake, Katy (Ellen) (Sedgwick County Zoo): Elephant keepers are searching for a copy of J. Reinert's work on elephant hearing done at the Zoological Institute at Munster. Any other related works on hearing ability would be greatly appreciated.

Metro Toronto Zoo: See Dunstan, Thomas I.

Sedgwick County Zoo: See Lake, Katy (Ellen).

Smith, Kathleen K.: Needs material on which detailed anatomical studies, including histological sectioning, of elephant trunks may be done.

Spinage, Clive A.: Would like to obtain one or two African elephant deciduous tusks, one or two African elephant first molars, and the two volume set of H. F. Osborn's Monograph of the Proboscidea.

Sukumar, R.: Would like any material on: 1) crop raiding by the African elephant, 2) tusklessness in African elephants, 3) temporal gland activity in African elephant, 4) the African forest elephant.

Woodland Park Zoo: See Goodnow, Paul G.

World Safari, Japan: See Hayashi, Teruaki.

AVAILABLE

Dunstan, Thomas I. (Metro Toronto Zoo): Has some teeth parts, small Asian tusks, African tusk and some tail hair. Also has many designs of ankus (bullhooks) which he will share - some of his own design.

Goodnow, Paul G. (Woodland Park Zoo): Has three years of daily reports on elephants.

Lake, Katy (Ellen) (Sedgwick County Zoo): Has available copies of several articles on behavior and hearing in elephants.

Lewis, Lillian (Mrs. George "Slim"): Has copies of "I Loved Rogues"; contact her directly.

Metro Toronto Zoo: See Dunstan, Thomas I.

Moore, Randall: Has two adult, female African elephants which he would donate for behavioral, physiological or other related studies.

Sedgwick County Zoo: See Lake, Katy (Ellen).

Wilson, Vivian J.: Has data from weighing and measuring no less than 30 elephants in Zambia from 1954 to 1964.

Woodland Park Zoo: See Goodnow, Paul G.