



## Jackson Zoo Animal News

### Elephant Move a Success!

#### *African Elephants Transferred from Jackson Zoo to Nashville Zoo Last Week*

African Elephants, 'Juno and Rosie', longtime residents of the Jackson Zoo were transported to their new 'state-of-the-art' elephant habitat at the Nashville Zoo last week.

"The trip went as planned without incident" said executive director, Beth Poff. "We are so glad to hear that the elephants are adjusting quickly to their new home and have already begun to bond with their new herd mates and care takers".

The animals were transported via 18-wheeler tractor-trailer truck and accompanied by their keepers to assist with the adjustment once in Nashville.

Connie Philipp, director of animal collections at the Nashville zoo commented: "The drive up from Jackson for both elephants went very well. They ate along the way indicating that they were very comfortable during transport. Both girls unloaded from the vehicles without any problems or injury. Currently, both Juno and Rosie are inside our elephant barn getting to know our two females, Sukari and Hadari. Our keepers are now working closely with Juno and Rosie to establish a close relationship. We hope to have all four together in our African Elephant Savannah habitat soon."

Members of the Jackson Zoo are reminded that they may visit Juno and Rosie in their new home free of charge as part of our reciprocal zoo program for our members!



Nashville Zoo's African Elephant Savannah is a 3-acre habitat complete with a 150,000 gallon wading pool, mud hole, tall trees for shade and plenty of grass. Nashville Zoo's elephant barn is climate controlled and offers individual stalls for each of the four elephants.

## **Zoo Mourns Loss of Male Chimpanzee 'Jackson'**

### *First Chimp Born at Jackson Zoo dies at the age of 32*

'Jackson' was born at the Jackson Zoo on May 23, 1978. He was the first born chimp at the zoo and was named after our city. The first offspring of 'Jeanette' and 'Stanley', Jeannete passed in December of last year and was the oldest female chimp in our collection at the age of 40.

Ever since his birth, Jackson faced physical hardships which would have made his survival in the wild unlikely. From a very early age, Jackson suffered regular seizures which were managed throughout his life with an oral medication administered by his caretakers.

In 1988, a back injury which left him partially paralyzed resulted from a suspected seizure. At that time, a team of experts from the Zoo, MS State College of Veterinary Medicine and a local pediatric surgeon worked together to insert a stabilizing rod along his vertebrae. With this surgery, he was able to return to his family group and live with them on their moated island at the zoo.

Unfortunately, 21 years later, the progressive paralysis had lead to a decreased quality of life which ultimately left staff no other humane choice than euthanasia.

## **Please continue to support the Zoo!**

The Zoo is open EVERY DAY.....Visit during one of our upcoming events

- Veterans Appreciation Day Thursday, November 11th

- Orangutan Awareness Day Saturday, November 13th
- Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 25th

Visit [www.jacksonzoo.org](http://www.jacksonzoo.org) for more information on these events

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Zoo admission is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 2-12, and \$7.20 for senior citizens (65 and over). Children under the age of 2 and Friends of the Zoo members are admitted free of charge.

The Jackson Zoo is located at 2918 West Capitol Street in Jackson and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit [www.jacksonzoo.org](http://www.jacksonzoo.org) to check out exciting special events, animal updates, one-of-a-kind education programs, membership and adoption packages, and so much more. The Jackson Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The AZA is America's leading accrediting organization that sets rigorous, professional standards for zoos and aquariums. The AZA is building North American's largest wildlife conservation movement by engaging and inspiring the 143 million annual visitors to its member institutions and their communities to care about and take action to help protect wildlife.

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