



## **Elephant Care Workshop**

### **A Practical Workshop on Elephant Footcare and Habitat Design to support elephant health**

- Bert Castro- Executive Director, Phoenix Zoo
- Alan Rookroft (Elephant Business- Private Consultant on Elephant Care)
- Phoenix Zoo Elephant Team; Heather Wright, Steve Koyle, John Register, Cheryl Frank, Shannon Dzikonski
- Gary West, DVM- EVP Animal Health and Collections, Phoenix Zoo
- Julie Swenson, DVM- Staff Veterinarian, Phoenix Zoo
- Dan Subaitis- Director of Animal Management
- Guest Speakers- to be announced

**September 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**  
**Phoenix Zoo**

**Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 - Optional Trip to Tucson's Reid Park Zoo**  
**Reid Park Zoo provides participants to observe African Elephant Footcare.**

**Limited to 25 participants- preference given to elephant caregivers**

**Workshop cost- \$200.00, additional \$35.00 for optional trip to Reid Park Zoo on Saturday. Payable at registration. Please bring cash, check, or money order with you. Do not mail in fees. Fees to be charged during registration on grounds at the zoo September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

**To Pre- Register, Contact:**

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## Elephant Care Workshop 2011

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - Arrival. Hotel and transportation arrangements from hotel to the zoo to be made by participants.**

**Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

8:00	Registration, handouts – CD with course notes and materials.
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome, introductions, meet the elephant management staff.
8:45 – 9:00	Introduction of participants to one another.
9:00 – 9:15	Overview of the course.
9:15 – 9:30	AZA perspective on elephant care – Bert Castro CEO
9:30 - 10:30	A Day in the Life of an Elephant
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:00	Tour of the facility
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 3:00	Habitat Design that supports foot health <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Substrate</li><li>• Feeding strategies</li><li>• Movement strategies</li><li>• Enrichment</li><li>• Utilizing space</li><li>• Protected Contact Training</li></ul>
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:15	Habitat Design (continued)
4:15 – 5:15	An Overview of Elephant Diseases
5:15 – 6:00	Enrichment photos from other facilities
6:00- ?	Dinner (hosted)

**Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

8:00	Transportation to zoo to be arranged by participants.
8:30 – 9:30	Anatomy and physiology of the elephant foot

9:30 – 10:45	General foot-care overview
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 11:30	Tools used in foot care (proper care and maintenance)
11:30 – 12:00	Body conformity as it applies to overall health
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	Slideshow/discussion of Foot Trimming
2:00 – 3:30	Practical Demonstration of Foot Trimming- Front Foot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training in protected contact</li> <li>• Physical examination of the foot</li> <li>• Things to look for as potential problems</li> </ul>
3:30 - 3:45	Break
3:45 – 5:00	Practical Demonstration of Foot Trimming- Back Foot

### **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

8:00	Transportation to zoo to be arranged by participants
8:30 – 10:00	Discussion of Radiograph Techniques and the Importance of Radiographs
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 12:00	Practical demonstration of Radiographing Elephant Feet
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30	Causes of Foot Problems in Elephants
1:30 – 2:00	Foot abscesses and what to do about them
2:00 – 3:00	Medical Treatment and Management of selected foot conditions
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:30	Practical Demonstration of Abscess Trimming
4:30 – 5:00	Questions/Discussion about Abscesses

### **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**

8:00	Transportation to zoo to be arranged by participants
8:30-10:00	Presentation and Discussion of visiting facilities foot-care issues and/or behavioral issues
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Discussion (continued)
11:15-12:30	Question and Answers/ Open Session and Group Discussion
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:30-?	Final Discussion, course evaluation, tour of zoo

### **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

8:00	Meet in Front of Zoo for transportation to Reid Park Zoo
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10:00 – 3:00 African Elephant Footcare, Facility Design, Lunch- times to be determined  
3:00 Departure and Return to Phoenix

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### **Nearby Hotels**

Less than 3 miles –

Papago Inn – 7017 E. McDowell Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 480 947 7335. (\*Recommended\*)

Country Inn Suites - 202 and Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 480 858 9898

Hospitality Suites – Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 480 949-5115

Executive Suites – Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 480 947-3711

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