

Elephant Veterinarian

Mel Richardson, DVM. Dr. Richardson has cared for wild animals for 42 years. As an elephant keeper and then veterinarian he has cared for elephants in zoos, circuses, and sanctuaries. He was an associate veterinarian at Woodland Park Zoo from 1989 to 1991 where he cared for Bamboo, Chai and Watoto.

Elephant behaviorist

Gaile Laule has a Master's degree in behavioral science for California State University, Dominguez Hills. She co-founded Active Environments to develop techniques to enhance the care and welfare of captive animals, including elephants. Over the past 20 years she has behavioral management programs for zoos, biomedical facilities and sanctuaries.

Elephant behaviorist

Margaret Whittaker earned her B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries from Texas A&M. She completed her master's in Anthropology at the University of Houston. Her work began 21 years ago when she managed a breeding herd of Asian elephants in Protected Contact. She joined Active Environments in 1996 as an animal behavioral consultant helping zoos, sanctuaries and biomedical facilities develop their programs.

Elephant Advocate/Presenter on elephants in captivity

Carter Dillard holds a B.A. from Boston College, a J.D., Order of the Coif and with honors, from Emory University, and an LL.M. from New York University. He frequently presents at animal law conferences including Harvard, Lewis & Clark, George Washington, and UCLA. He served as general counsel to Compassion Over Killing and as Director of Farm Animal Litigation for the Humane Society of the United States. He has also worked for the U.S. Department of Justice and served as a legal advisor to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Carter has been invited to speak at the UN World Civic Forum, has appeared on Fox Business News, and has been quoted as an animal law expert in the New York Times and the International Herald Tribune. He has had numerous works published by Yale, Duke, and Northwestern universities. Carter is also a research fellow for the Optimum Population Trust and a peer reviewer for the journal *Bioethics*.

Elephant behaviorist

Gay Bradshaw, Ph.D, Ph.D holds doctorates in psychology and ecology. She has published, taught, and lectured widely in these fields both in the U.S. and internationally. She is the author of *Elephants on the Edge: What Animals Teach Us about Humanity*, an in-depth psychological portrait of elephants in captivity and in the wild. She is the Executive Director of the Kerulos Center and is president and co-founder of the Trans-Species Institute. Her research expertise includes the effects of trauma recovery in elephants, grizzly bears, chimpanzees, and parrots, and other species in captivity.

Former WPZ Director and Elephant Expert

David Hancocks has been the director of many zoos including Woodland Park Zoo from 1976 – 1984. He is the author of *A Different Nature: The Paradoxical World of Zoos and Their Uncertain Future*, finalist for the L.A. Times Science Book of the Year Award, co-author of *Elephants and Ethics*, the Smithsonian Institution's seminal volume of scientific literature on elephants.

Elephant Expert

Dr. Dame Daphne Sheldrick, DBE, MDB, MBS, DVMS. Daphne Sheldrick is the Chair of the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, Nairobi, Kenya. She has operated the Orphaned Elephant Project for 30 years and was recognized as the 1992 UNEP Global 500 Laureate, won the BBC Lifetime Achievement Award in 2001, and received a knighthood from Queen Elizabeth in 2006. Through four books, an autobiography, lectures and television appearances, and an IMAX 3D film, “Born to be Wild”, she has promoted worldwide wildlife conservation.

Elephant Expert on exhibits, Welfare and Conservation

Pete Stroud has worked in major Australian zoos for 23 years as keeper, curator and director. From 1998 – 2003 he was Senior Curator at the Melbourne Zoo during the creation of the new exhibit for Asian elephants designed by Jones and Jones, an architectural firm based in Seattle WA who also designed Woodland Park Zoo’s elephant exhibit. He is a member of the Asian Elephant Specialist Group of the IUCN Species Survival Commission.

Elephant Conservation Expert and Elephant well being

Keith Lindsay, Ph.D, is an elephant ecologist, having worked in research and conservation with the Amboseli Elephant Research Project/Amboseli Trust for elephants (Kenya) since 1977, where he currently sits on their Scientific Advisory Committee. He has been involved in elephant management in southern Africa and in the well-being of captive elephants in Europe and North America.

Elephant Welfare and Conservation

Joyce Poole, Ph.D has spent over 30 years as a key field biologist with the Amboseli Research Project. She is on the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Amboseli Trust of Elephants, Hairobi, Kenya. Her work has focused on elephant reproductive and social behavior with a special emphasis on communication. She is director of ElephantVoices, and international effort dedicated to elephant research. She is the lead author of *The Elephant Charter*. Throughout her career she has actively engaged in issues affecting the welfare and conservation of elephants.

Elephant Management and Welfare

Scott Blais is Co-founder of The Elephant Sanctuary in TN and international consultant for captive elephant wellbeing. Scott has over 24 years of experience managing African and Asian elephants in zoos, circuses and at a natural habitat sanctuary. Scott’s career began when he was 16, working at an internationally renowned elephant training and breeding center in Canada where he gained a foundation of knowledge that led him to co-found The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee in 1995. Scott served this 2,700 acre sanctuary as the Director of Operations; managing and overseeing elephant care staff, participating in the daily care of the 25 resident elephants in both protected and free contact, as well as monitoring the behavioral dynamics of the individuals and the herds as they adapted to their vast habitat. Scott’s strong aptitude for design and construction complemented by his comprehension of the physical and emotional needs of captive elephants, helped to evolve The Elephant Sanctuary into an international benchmark for quality captive elephant care. Presently, Scott serves as an international consultant for captive elephant health and welfare, providing vital insight to promote healthier alternatives for ailing captive elephants.

Elephant Management and Welfare

Carol Buckley has over 30 years of experience in the care and management of Asian and African elephants. She co-founded The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee, the nation’s first natural-habitat refuge. She was honored for her innovative work by the 2001 Genesis Awards and as A

Hero For the Planet by TIME magazine. Her work has been featured in The Chicago Tribune, People, The New York Times Magazine and CNN. Carol attended the Exotic Animal Training and Management Program at Moorpark College and is licensed by the USDA and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

Elephant Welfare and Conservation

A. Christy Williams, Ph.D is a large mammal biologist who conducted his Ph.D from the Wildlife Institute of India on “Elephant and their habitats in Rajaji National Park.” He continues this study which was begun 1996. He coordinates the WWF Asian Elephant and Rhino conservation program that is being implemented in eight Asian countries. He is also involved in active research in Borneo, Malaysia, and Indonesia in helping range-country biologists study elephants using GPS-equipped satellite collars.