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Exhibition Documentation Handbook for Volunteers

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Save Nosey Now, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to captive elephants achieve freedom

Thank you for volunteering to help elephants suffering in captivity!

Below are some general tips for documenting an elephant being exhibited:

- **LAYOUT.** First get a good overview of the layout of where the elephant(s) will be exhibited (circus, zoo, festival, fair or parade) and or be used for rides.
- **LOCATION.** Identify locations where you will be able to get good photographs or video. If at a circus, it is best to try to find a location where you can see both behind the scenes and in the ring.
- **BEFORE, DURING and AFTER EXHIBIT.** Ideally, arrive early and document before during and after the exhibition. Document how the elephants are being kept before and after the exhibition. Are the elephants chained? Are the elephants being supervised? What are the elephants doing, are they rocking/swaying back and forth and bobbing their heads (called abnormal stereotypic behavior)? Do they have food and water?, What are they standing on (asphalt, concrete, grass)? Is the area kept clean? How are they being treated by handler? How are the elephants being transported? Are the elephants kept in the trailers, etc.
- **BLEND IN.** Always remain quiet and professional. Do not raise your voice, become accusatory or confrontational. This can do more harm than good. Do your best to blend in with the other members of the crowd. The documentation evidence you collect is our best chance to help these elephants.

Please fill in what you can. Some listed items may not apply depending on the type of elephant exhibition. Do not worry if you cannot get all of the info. If you have any questions before, during or after, do not hesitate to call:

Sandra at (321) 446-5716 or Robin at (609) 576-8778.

Documentation Checklist

Date: ___/___/___

Time Observation began: _____ AM / PM

Time Observation ended: _____ AM / PM

Observation Location & Venue Name: _____

Elephant Exhibitor: _____

Elephants Exhibited: _____

Elephant Exhibition Description (rides, circus, parade, zoo, fair etc) _____

Weather Conditions during observation (include temp including heat index or wind chill): _____

Elephant Exhibition Photo and Video Documentation should include:

1. ELEPHANT PHYSICAL & MENTAL CONDITION

- Detailed photos/ of full body, skin condition, face, eyes from all angles if possible.

- Detailed photos of legs, toenails, and feet including bottoms of feet.

- Any Abnormal (Stereotypic) Behavior. Is the elephant rhythmically Rocking/Swaying/ head bobbing back and forth? Make note of how long behavior occurred during observation.

- Do you see any sores or wounds or other indication of illness? For example, Viola with Garden Bros. Circus has a large growth hanging from her Vaginal Area.

- Excrement. Does the elephant have poop piles (normal) or diarrhea (abnormal) ?

- Urination. Is the elephant urinating large volume all at once (normal) or is it continuously dribbling small amount of urine (abnormal)?

- Movement. Is the elephant walking evenly on all four legs or is there any visible limping?

- Weight bearing while standing and resting. Is the elephant standing and distributing weight evenly on all four feet evenly with feet flat on the ground, routinely resting one foot or constantly shifting weight?

- Does the elephant have enough room to move around freely and lay down? Is it chained tightly, or confined to very small space?

2. ELEPHANT HOUSING CONDITIONS Thoroughly document conditions of area where elephant is enclosed/housed/confined including:

- Food type and frequency elephant has access to during your observation.
- Water availability for elephants and frequency of access
- Surface elephant is standing on – is the elephant confined to area with hard surface such as concrete or asphalt, and if so for how long? Is any bedding provided?
- Is the elephant confined by chains or tethers, electric fence, confined to transport trailer or other barriers?
- Size of paddock or enclosure (you can estimate by pacing it off if possible)
- Access to shade
- All barriers used to contain the elephant in all areas exhibited making particular note of any gaps in the barrier or barriers left open where the public could come into contact with elephant.
- Is the area where the elephants are being kept clean and the urine and feces? cleaned up, is available food away from the elephant's waste?

- Document any rust, peeling paint, sharp objects, or weeds in elephant housing area the elephant could have access to or be injured by.
- Is there any trash or other debris the elephant has access to.
- Is the elephant fed by the public if so document feeding and what is being fed.
- Overnight living quarters – where and how is the elephant housed overnight (chained, in transport trailer, in barn, in paddock, etc) as detailed documentation as possible.

3. ELEPHANT HANDLERS

- Document of aggressive/abusive use of bullhook, electric prod or any other device. Is the handler poking, hitting, stabbing the elephant with the bullhook?
- Any interaction where handler pokes, hooks or strikes, kicks, or otherwise is abusive to the elephant.
- Are elephants being continuously observed by handler? Is there an employee with the elephant at all times.
- Are the elephants being forced to perform in excessive heat (90 deg +), with no shade, or in excessive cold or being washed (or power washed) in cold weather?

4. TRANSPORT VEHICLE

- Fully document condition of transport vehicle

- Document travel compartment where elephants ride, if accessible.
- If elephants are confined to the transport vehicle make note of length of time observed confined in vehicle. Document them inside vehicle.

THANK YOU!