

12/18/01

Date of Accident: 12/17/01

Place of Accident: Elephant Barn

Witness: [REDACTED]

Describe Accident:

[REDACTED] was sweeping barn floor "Ruth" was in front of [REDACTED] near H₂O. [REDACTED] asked Ruth to back up. then [REDACTED] yelled and I looked up and noticed [REDACTED] catching her balance. [REDACTED] hit Ruth once then made Ruth go threw a bunch of behaviors.

[REDACTED]

December 18, 2001

On Monday December 17, 2001 at approximately 9:00am, [REDACTED] was sweeping the elephant floor, [REDACTED] was bathing Emily and [REDACTED] was dumping a wheelbarrow. I approached Ruth who was drinking at the time to backup so I could sweep the hay under her feet, using the command back. There was no response from Ruth who looked at me + then pushed me to the side using her trunk, not in a forceful way, but made contact with me. No injury came of it. I then struck Ruth on her front leg using the handle part of my ankles + told her no in a stern voice + made Ruth backup into a corner. I walked to the other side of the barn + called her over. I worked her through several commands + laid her down + left her for 5 minutes to think about her actions. I then moved her up, called her over to me + laid her down for the second time. I had her immediately move up + worked her some more, at this time she was vocalizing to me. I then released her, but she stayed facing the wall till Emily's bath was finished, approximately 15 minutes.

[REDACTED]

4/20/02

[REDACTED]

I would like to bring to your attention a incident that happened in the Elephant Barn on Saturday 4/20/02. Ruth swung her trunk at me. This happened after I called her over to me twice and she did not respond so I went to go get her and she swung her trunk at me. She did not hit me. I responded by laying her down then working her. [REDACTED] saw what happened [REDACTED] was also in the barn she didn't see what happened because she was putting the hose on the power washer

[REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED]