

Appendix 4. Incident Report

Buttonwood Park Zoo
Elephant Incident Report

Date of Incident: 4/27/03
Time of Incident: 3:00am

Keeper Filing Report: [REDACTED]

Elephant Involved: Emily Ruth

Keepers Involved (or present during the incident)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Description of the Incident

What were you and/or the elephant doing at the time of the incident?

giving a bath

In detail, describe what happened.

when giving Ruth a bath she swung her head and hit [REDACTED] left shoulder.

What action if any was taken to discipline the elephant?

[REDACTED] brought Ruth into basin lay her down hit her twice and then wash her for a few minutes

Were there any injuries sustained? Yes No

If yes, please describe:

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Date of Incident: 8/22/06 Keeper Filing Report [redacted]
Time of Incident: 4:50pm

Elephant Involved: Emily Ruth

Keepers Involved (or present during the incident)

[redacted] [redacted]

Description of the Incident

What were you and/or the elephant doing at the time of the incident?

Ruth was laid down on her left side while [redacted] was hosing her off.

In detail, describe what happened.

As [redacted] walked in front of Ruth she pulled her front right foot back slightly and kicked forward hitting [redacted] in her right hip.

[redacted] had walked in the back out of view for a minute.

What action if any was taken to discipline the elephant?

Ruth was immediately struck on her front right foot twice.

Were there any injuries sustained? Yes No

If yes, please describe:

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Date of Incident: 9/26/06
Time of Incident: 4:30pm

Keeper Filing Report: 

Elephant Involved: Emily

Ruth

Keepers Involved (or present during the incident)

  (present)

Description of the Incident

What were you and/or the elephant doing at the time of the incident?

Standing in front of Ruth (she was laid down for a bath) offered a jelly bear (positive reinforcement for laying down.)

In detail, describe what happened.

When I offered her the jelly bear Ruth clamped her mouth on my fingers up to my knuckles -

What action if any was taken to discipline the elephant?

hit in lower jaw w/ handle of guide to get her to release my fingers then "muted" her up" worked then layed her back down and then bathed her.

Were there any injuries sustained? Yes

No

If yes, please describe:

Date Reported: 9/26/06

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Buttonwood Park Zoo
Elephant Incident Report

Date of Incident: 11/21/02
Time of Incident: 1:30 am

Keeper Filing Report: [REDACTED]

Elephant Involved: Emily

Ruth

Keepers Involved (or present during the incident)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Description of the Incident

What were you and/or the elephant doing at the time of the incident?
[REDACTED] was working on Ruth's front left foot.

In detail, describe what happened.

Ruth raised ~~her~~ her head in a threatening manner (head was raised very high very fast after standing perfectly still). She was looking at [REDACTED] just before she threatened [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] had just turned her back)

What action if any was taken to discipline the elephant?

Ruth was struck by [REDACTED] on her left front leg and was then yanked after she was worked. Ruth's front left foot was placed back on the stand and foot work continued.

Were there any injuries sustained? Yes No

If yes, please describe:

[REDACTED]

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Date of Incident: 4-23-07
Time of Incident: 4:35 pm

Keeper Filing Report: [Redacted]

Elephant Involved: Emily Ruth

Keepers Involved (or present during the incident)

[Redacted] [Redacted]

Description of the Incident

What were you and/or the elephant doing at the time of the incident?

Ruth was standing at the edge of the pool.
[Redacted] was standing on Ruth's left side.
[Redacted] pulled her lower lip and
Ruth closed her mouth on [Redacted] left hand.

In detail, describe what happened.

[Blank lines for description]

What action if any was taken to discipline the elephant?

[Redacted] hit Ruth in her lower jaw to get her to release
her hand then hit her on her left leg twice
then moved her up and laid her down (time out)
with some help from [Redacted] After "time out" Ruth
was drilled.

Were there any injuries sustained? Yes No

If yes, please describe:

Scrape to middle knuckle sore hand and
fingers (left hand)

Date Reported: 4-23-07

* Public was present during incident.
[Redacted] went to the front of the exhibit
while Ruth was in the time out to
explain what happened. All people present
to understand [Redacted] notified.

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