

CURRICULUM VITAE

Kari Johnson

Perris, CA 92570

EXPERIENCE:

1971-1980

Served apprenticeship under elephant trainer Robert "Smokey" Jones. Assisted in the care and training of elephants for zoos, commercials, film and shows.

Learned elephant foot care and nail trimming.

Performer and elephant presenter for stage shows and circuses. Appeared with elephants in magazine ads and on television shows.

1981 – PRESENT:

Elephant trainer and presenter for movies, television shows and commercials, parades, Indian weddings, religious ceremonies, circus acts, stage shows, magic shows, educational programs and rides at fairs, zoos and private parties, charitable fundraisers and special events.

Manages office and daily operations of Have Trunk Will Travel.

Teacher and co-producer of elephant training school for zoo keepers and elephant handlers.

Assists in elephant births, 24 hour watches before and after births, with artificial inseminations, ultra sounds, semen collections, blood collections and general medical care.

Transported and accompanied elephants by land, sea and air in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Hawaii and Thailand.

Presents oral and power-point educational elephant programs for Rotary Clubs, Women's Clubs, Scout Troops, schools, zoo docents, veterinary technician associations and college classes.

1981 to present, continued

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Corporate Secretary of Have Trunk Will Travel, Inc., founded by Gary and Kari Johnson to further a lifelong interest in elephants. The Have Trunk Will Travel mission is to work for the preservation of elephants and to provide the public with safe, educational and recreational access to earth's most wonderful mammal, the elephant.

Wrote and co-produced "The Guide, Tethers & Training – Aids in Elephant Care" in 2007 as informational background to educate American Veterinary Medical Association members regarding the importance of training elephants to facilitate their medical care.

Wrote and co-produced a film to demonstrate administration of oral medication to elephants. The purpose of this film was to introduce an advanced and more effective technique to be shared with fellow elephant managers.

Reviewer for American Veterinary Medical Association backgrounder "Welfare Implications of Elephant Husbandry"

At the request of the United States Department of Agriculture, November 1998 and July 2001, Have Trunk Will Travel hosted and participated in the presentation of USDA training courses for inspectors. The courses were held at Have Trunk Will Travel Ranch, using Have Trunk Will Travel facilities, equipment, staff and elephants to provide inspectors with hands-on demonstrations and experience.

At the request of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services, October 2007, Have Trunk Will Travel hosted an event to educate Los Angeles Department of Animal Services trainees regarding elephant care.

Developed and Presented Educational Demonstrations for;
Moorpark College, Exotic Animal Training and Management Course
Pierce College, Pre-Vet Animal Ethics Class
Mount San Antonio College Veterinary Program
Western University, Ethics Class

Have Trunk Will Travel is licensed by The United States Department of Agriculture and inspected by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, permit # 93-C-0066, licensed and inspected by California Department of Fish and Game, permit # 999. Licensed and inspected by City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services, permit #s 6435 and 6436 and the Orange County Animal Care Center, permit # 5764 as well as complying with on-site animal care inspections by city and county animal care agencies where the elephants are exhibited.

Have Trunk Will Travel participates in research programs to promote elephant health as well as to preserve and protect the species.

Have Trunk Will Travel has contributed to the preservation of the endangered Asian elephant through a privately funded breeding program that has produced four baby elephants.

Have Trunk Will Travel is the recipient of the Barham Award by the Western Fairs Association in honor of excellence in customer service and industry vision.

Have Trunk Will Travel is certified by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums accreditation commission as a related facility.

Have Trunk Will Travel supports the community by providing educational programs, shows and rides for underprivileged children, scout troops and senior centers.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

The International Elephant Foundation, alternate board member. Contributing author and reviewer of the International Elephant Foundation Elephant Husbandry Resource Guide.

The mission of the International Elephant Foundation is to support and operate elephant conservation and education programs both in managed facilities and in the wild, with emphasis on management, protection and scientific research.

Elephant Manager's Association: Current member and contributor to "Grey Matters", an EMA publication.

The Elephant Managers Association is dedicated to the welfare of the world's elephants through improved conservation, husbandry, research, education and communication.

Outdoor Amusement Business Association: Current member serving on Animal Welfare Committee and contributing author and reviewer of Animal Care and Training, Recommended Guidelines for Performing and Exhibited Animals.

The OABA Mission is to encourage the growth and preservation of the outdoor amusement industry through leadership, legislation, education and membership services.

Western Fairs Association: Current member serving on the Animal Welfare Committee and contributing author and reviewer of the Western Fairs Association Animal Welfare Manual.

WFA works to promote the prosperity and unity of the fair industry, to better serve public needs, in the United States and Canada, by providing member fairs and associates with professional leadership, educational programs and governmental communications.

American Zoo and Aquarium Association- Species Survival Plan, designated representative

The AZA mission is to provide, establish and maintain excellent professional standards in all AZA institutions through the accreditation program.

- 1. Establish and promote high standards of animal care and welfare.*
- 2. Promote and facilitate collaborative conservation programs.*
- 3. Advocate effective governmental policies for our members.*
- 4. Strengthen and promoting conservation education programs for our public and professional development for our members.*
- 5. Raising awareness of the collective impact of our members and their programs.*

California Department of Fish and Game, Directors Advisory Committee on the Humane Care & Treatment of Wild Animals: Current committee member, served on the original committee to rewrite Title 671 1985 through 1991.