

**Schuster, Lara**

**From:** West, Gary  
**Sent:** Friday, June 25, 1999 1:07 PM  
**To:** Froemming, Richard  
**Cc:** Schuster, Lara; Lindsay, William; Jacques, Cathryn  
**Subject:** RE: Toxic Trees - Elephants and an alternative

Summary of Tilly(already medical report sent to Cathy J.)

Tilly was treated for about 2 weeks with topical antibiotic drops and antiinflammatory drops and Atropine, then added anti-fungal drops, after referral exam by U. of Fla. The optho. consultants from U. of Fla. recommended surgery if no improvement in eye with Rx. There was little improvement and surgery was elected. Dr. Heard was contacted also, from Fla. as he has anesthetized elephants many times, and has equipment to monitor blood pressure, O2 sat., and blood gases, as well as oxygen equipment to supplement the elephant while anesthetized. Tilly was place in the barn ropes put on her to guide her in right direction during sedation. Hay was placed on floor to pad it. An IV injection of m99 was given and she went down on the correct side. the optho. team attempted local anesthesia on the nerves of the eye and had to perform a lateral canthoplasty to access the entire cornea. the corneal lesion was debrided, stained. a conjunctival flap was harvested and placed over the corneal defect. the canthoplasty was sutured. good anesthetic data was collected and Tilly did well. m50:50 was given IV and she quickly woke to her feet. antibiotics and banamine were prescribed and given for 1 week. the surgery may take 4-6 weeks to completely heal. Numerous tests were conducted on the eye lesion, and the diagnosis was some foreign plant material got embedded in the cornea and secondarily infected. she seems to be progressing normally at this time, although healing is slow. This lesion would not have healed with out surgical intervention. a nice relationship was established with U. of Fla. and for future anesthetics they will be a great help.

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**From:** Froemming, Richard  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 06, 1999 12:54 PM  
**To:** West, Gary  
**Subject:** RE: Toxic Trees - Elephants and an alternative

yes i did and congratulations on a job well done

would you prepare a summary report detailing the procedure ect for our records

richard

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**From:** West, Gary  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 1999 5:37 PM  
**To:** Froemming, Richard  
**Subject:** RE: Toxic Trees - Elephants and an alternative

Richard-

I assume you got messages regarding Tilly, everything went great. I called Patti Z. right after and told her it went well, and explained the neccesity of the procedure and how it likely saved the eye.

gary

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**From:** Froemming, Richard  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 29, 1999 10:24 PM  
**To:** West, Gary  
**Cc:** Lindsay, William; Steele, Jeff; Maxwell, Dale; Gaipo, Mark; Peterson, Randy; Cimini, Pete; Mahofski, Linda; Petraski, Tony  
**Subject:** RE: Toxic Trees - Elephants and an alternative

Dr. West

in addition to the upcoming list of good trees - why not work with purchasing say - twice a month at an agreed upon location with each General Manager to bring in Bamboo - i understand that on the Blue Unit it was a big hit.

lets not forget about shaved ice - in the heat !

thanks

richard

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