THE TORONTO ELEPHANTS

PAWS Photo Album
Photos taken between October 17 and October 24, 2013
October 17: With cranes in place, the loading of the three elephant crates begins. . .
October 17: Elephant team leader Margaret Whittaker (right), of Active Environments.
As darkness falls, Thika, inside her custom-designed crate, is the last of the 3 Canadian elephants to be loaded onto the transport trailer. Final checks will be made before departure.
At approximately 10:30 p.m. EST, the journey to California, for the three Canadian elephants, begins. Police escort for the caravan of trucks and support vehicles.
Border crossing at approximately 3:30 Friday morning, October 18. All elephants doing well.
LIVE ANIMAL
Frequent rest stops have been scheduled for feeding, watering and checking on the elephants.

Members of elephant crew taking care of business.
Dr. Andrea Goodnight, DVM, associate veterinarian at the Oakland Zoo, prepares a banana snack for Iringa, Toka and Thika.
Dr. Goodnight, checks on elephants.
Alaska Zoo Director Pat Lampi is one of the members of the impressive crew that has been assembled to move Iringa, Toka and Thika to California.
Stopping in Chicago for U.S. Fish & Wildlife inspection.
Scott Blais (left) and Jeff Kinzley. Scott is an international elephant consultant, and co-founder of The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee; Jeff is the elephant manager at the Oakland Zoo.
Oakland Zoo Director, Dr. Joel Parrott, DVM, makes his rounds, checking on all three elephants.
Margaret Whittaker watches Toka, Iringa and Thika in their crates. Each crate contains a camera, allowing the team to watch the elephants 24/7.
Pat Lampi, Scott Blais and Jeff Kinzley cleaning an elephant crate. A CBC *Fifth Estate* cameraman films the elephants’ journey for a documentary that will be shown in Canada on October 25th.
Dr. Parrott and Scott Blais cleaning one of the elephant crates.
Scott Blais, Dr. Parrott, Dr. Goodnight
Jeff Kinzley and Iringa
Active Environment’s Margaret Whittaker (left) and Dr. Goodnight.
Time for a rest stop.
Sunday, October 20, 5:30 p.m. — the first truck carrying Toka and Iringa arrives at ARK 2000.
Late Sunday night... after all three elephants are safe in the barn...
PAWS elephant manager Brian Busta gives Iringa and Toka a drink of water.
The morning after Iringa, Toka and Thika’s arrival — in the small yard outside the African elephant barn.
Thika Dusting
Bath time for Thika
Toka
Toka
Welcome Toka, Iringa and Thika.