

PAWS: 30 memorable accomplishments & moments

1 In 1984 former Hollywood animal trainer Pat Derby and partner Ed Stewart **found the Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)** to rescue and provide sanctuary for wild animals used for entertainment. They open PAWS' first captive wildlife sanctuary in Galt, California in 1985.

2 1985: PAWS is the **first organization to investigate** and obtain undercover video of circus animal abuse.

3 1985: Working with California State Assemblyman Sam Farr, **PAWS passes AB 1620**, a bill setting humane standards for the care and handling of captive wildlife.

4 1986: PAWS becomes the **nation's first elephant sanctuary** when "71," an orphaned baby African elephant, arrives.

5 1986: **Pat Derby becomes a member of the California Department of Fish and Game Director's Advisory Committee on the Humane Care and Treatment of Wild Animals**, which sets standards for the care and handling of captive wildlife.

6 1987: **PAWS is featured in a major exposé** of the trafficking of culled elephants into the U.S., aired by the television show "20/20."

7 1988: Following the horrific beating of the elephant Dunda at the San Diego Wild Animal Park, **Pat Derby joins California State Senator Dan McCorquodale's Elephant Task Force**. This leads to passage of a law in 1989 prohibiting the abuse of elephants and specifying certain behaviors that qualify as abuse.

8 1992: **PAWS testifies** at a Congressional hearing in Washington, D.C., offering evidence of deficiencies in the USDA's enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act, in support of the "Exhibition Animal Protection Act" introduced by Representative Peter Kostmayer.

9 1992: Pat Derby and Ed Stewart are part of a group of animal protection leaders who **found The Association of Sanctuaries (TAOS)** to establish standards of care for sanctuaries, which later evolves into the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS).

10 1992: **PAWS presents its first "Animals in Entertainment" conference** in Sacramento, California.

11 1992: **PAWS passes the California "Canned Hunt" bill**, prohibiting the shooting of captive animals at close range. The bill followed the first investigation of canned hunts in California, conducted by PAWS.

12 1994: **PAWS exposes the Milwaukee Zoo's training video** showing Asian elephants Tammy and Annie, who were tied down with ropes and chains and cruelly beaten by keepers with bullhooks. Tammy and Annie were transferred to PAWS in 1995.

13 1997: After an elephant, Heather, is killed by heatstroke in a abandoned trailer — that also contained 8 llamas and 2 other elephants — belonging to the King Royal Circus, **PAWS holds demonstrations around the country** to publicize the atrocity. The USDA confiscates the circus' remaining animals, revokes its license, and levies a record-setting \$200,000 fine.

14 1997: **PAWS launches the "Free the Elephants" campaign**, with Academy Award-winning actress Kim Basinger acting as PAWS' spokesperson. She and Pat Derby deliver to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Daniel Glickman a petition with 400,000 signatures calling for an end to the use of elephants in traveling shows.

15 1997: **PAWS opens the Amanda Blake Memorial Wildlife Refuge**, a sanctuary for exotic hoof stock, and the Amanda Blake Museum, in Herald, California, in memory of the actress best known for her television role as "Miss Kitty" on Gunsmoke. Ms. Blake was a long-time PAWS benefactor.

16 1998: **PAWS hosts "Summit for the Elephants,"** a meeting that brings together representatives from national animal protection organizations, zoos, and sanctuaries to discuss elephant care and welfare.

17 1999: Congressman Sam Farr (D-CA) introduces HR 2929, **PAWS' "Captive Elephant Accident Prevention Act."** **Pat Derby, Bob Barker and others testify at a special hearing in Washington, D.C.**

18 1999: Ed Stewart, working with Rotary International, raises funds and travels to India to install solar electric fencing to mitigate human-elephant conflict and better protect humans and elephants. **PAWS investigates elephants Loki and the "Baby of Bandipur," exposing the cruel capture and training of wild elephants for captivity.**

19 2002: **PAWS officially opens ARK 2000**, a 2,300-acre captive wildlife sanctuary located in San Andreas, California, that today is home to 11 elephants, 21 tigers, four lions, seven bears and one black leopard.

20 2004: **PAWS undertakes the largest tiger rescue in U.S. history** when it saves 39 abused and neglected tigers from horrendous conditions at Tiger Rescue, a pseudo-sanctuary in Colton, California. PAWS constructs 10-acre natural habitat for the big cats at ARK 2000.

21 2007: The first bull elephant to be rescued and placed at a sanctuary, Asian elephant **Nicholas, and his companion Gypsy, arrive at PAWS' Galt sanctuary.**

22 2007: **African elephant Maggie — the only elephant in Alaska — is retired from the Alaska Zoo to ARK 2000.** In a landmark move, she is transported to California via a U.S. Air Force cargo jet.

23 2010: **The Bob Barker/DJ&T Foundation Bear Habitat opens at ARK 2000** and provides spacious, natural environments for rescued bears.

24 2011: The Toronto City Council overwhelmingly votes to send three female African elephants from the Toronto Zoo to ARK 2000. **Thika, Toka and Iringa arrive on October 20, 2013.**

25 2012: **The PAWS-backed "Traveling Exotic Animal Protection Act" (TEAPA)**, which would restrict the use of animals in traveling circuses nationwide, is introduced by Representative Jim Moran in Washington, D.C.

26 2012: **Circus PAWS, featuring only human performers, debuts at the Avalon Theater in Hollywood, California**, educating children and adults alike, including more than 600 under-served Los Angeles children.

27 2013: As part of "The Show Must Not Go On!" campaign, **PAWS plays a key role in passing a ban on bullhooks in Los Angeles, California**, making it the largest U.S. city to restrict this cruel weapon used to control elephants in circuses and some zoos.

28 2013: **PAWS' co-founder and president, Pat Derby, passes away on February 15, 2013**, which is recognized by news media worldwide. Local, state and federal governments honor her life's work through dedications, resolutions and by flying the U.S. flag at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

29 2013: **Pat Derby, Ed Stewart, the PAWS elephants and ARK 2000 are featured in An Apology To Elephants**, an HBO Documentary narrated by Lily Tomlin. Ms. Tomlin is later awarded an Emmy for her narration, which she dedicates to PAWS and to Pat Derby's memory.

30 2013: **PAWS takes a stand against the destruction of African elephants for the ivory trade**, participating in the historic international March for Elephants in San Francisco, California. Ed Stewart is a featured speaker at a rousing post-march rally in Union Square.