

# PAWS' 25 Years of Highlights

## Years 1-5

- ❖ “The Lady and Her Tiger” is published by Dutton in 1977 and is named a “Book of the Month Club” featured selection. Today it is in its 6th printing.
- ❖ **71**, a baby African elephant orphaned during a cull, **is rescued by PAWS**.
- ❖ The PAWS story begins. The Galt sanctuary for rescued captive wildlife opens its doors.
- ❖ PAWS co-founder, Ed Stewart, becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> person to investigate and video tape the unloading of elephants and other animals in traveling shows.
- ❖ PAWS initiates major exposé on the trafficking in culled elephants into the U.S. on “20/20” television.
- ❖ PAWS joins California State Assemblyman Sam Farr to introduce AB 1620, a bill setting humane standards for the care and handling of captive wildlife. The bill is signed into law in October 1985.

- ❖ PAWS takes part in major rescue – bringing 2 bears, 2 lions and a jaguar to the Galt sanctuary.
- ❖ PAWS leads efforts to investigate and shut down a notorious animal breeding facility and pseudo sanctuary. Because of this investigation, PAWS becomes founding member of The Association of Sanctuaries (TAOS) – providing guidelines for accrediting real sanctuaries.
- ❖ PAWS provides video exposé of circus treatment of animals to the California State Legislature.
- ❖ PAWS expands elephant program to include Asian and African elephants.
- ❖ PAWS co-founder, Pat Derby, is asked to sit on the California Department of Fish and Game’s committee to set standards for the humane care and handling of captive wildlife.
- ❖ PAWS hosts the first Gala and Celebrity Benefit with special guests actresses Amanda Blake and Lindsey Wagner.
- ❖ Legendary actress, Amanda Blake, joins Pat Derby and Ed Stewart and moves to the PAWS sanctuary.
- ❖ PAWS appears at the State Capitol in Sacramento to present first videotape of abusive circus elephant training.
- ❖ Pat Derby continues serving on the California Department of Fish and Game’s

committee to set humane standards for captive wildlife.

- ❖ PAWS hosts a Celebrity Benefit with Bob Barker and Amanda Blake.
- ❖ PAWS appears on *Entertainment Tonight* to expose the cruel training of performing orangutans in a Las Vegas show.
- ❖ Pat Derby is invited to be on California State Senator Dan McCorquodale’s Elephant Task Force.
- ❖ Legendary actress and PAWS benefactor, Amanda Blake, passes away.
- ❖ The California “Elephant Bill” — prohibiting elephant cruelty — passes.
- ❖ PAWS assists in rescue efforts of animals living in deplorable conditions in Mexico – bringing Amanda, the lioness, to Galt sanctuary.
- ❖ PAWS rescues Panama Zoo lions – moving them to Galt sanctuary.

## Years 5-10

- ❖ Mara, the African elephant rescued from travelling shows, arrives at the PAWS Galt sanctuary.
- ❖ PAWS is featured on “20/20” exposing the trafficking of baby elephants.

- ❖ PAWS coordinates protests with Bob Barker and Kevin Nealon at the Milwaukee Zoo, over the treatment of Lota, an Asian elephant.
- ❖ Pat Derby and Ed Stewart videotape the traveling conditions of Circus Vargas' elephants, including the father of Nicholas, an Asian elephant, and Gypsy and Wanda, two female Asian elephants. Today, Nicholas, Gypsy and Wanda are all living peacefully at PAWS' ARK 2000.
- ❖ PAWS hosts the first annual "Animals in Entertainment" conference.
- ❖ PAWS conducts the first investigation of canned hunts in California.
- ❖ PAWS launches and advocates for successful passage of the Canned Hunting Bill in the California legislature.
- ❖ PAWS initiates Congressional hearings on USDA's enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act and the treatment of animals in entertainment. PAWS presents testimony during hearings.
- ❖ PAWS publishes "Everything You Should Know About Elephants."
- ❖ PAWS' investigation of the cruel circus training of Mickey, a baby elephant from King Royal Circus, begins.
- ❖ PAWS is featured on a five-part segment on elephants on "The Crusaders", a national television show.

- ❖ PAWS exposes a cruel training tape of Tammy and Annie, two Asian elephants from the Milwaukee Zoo.

## Years 10-15

- ❖ PAWS sues USDA for non-enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act.
- ❖ PAWS is featured on "Court TV," "Inside Edition" and "The Leeza Show."
- ❖ Due to PAWS' efforts, Tammy and Annie are removed from the Milwaukee Zoo and arrive at PAWS' Galt sanctuary.
- ❖ Academy Award-winning actress, Kim Basinger, appears as National Spokesperson for the Free the Elephants campaign
- ❖ "In The Presence Of Elephants" – a pictorial essay of PAWS' young African elephants, by Pat Derby and Genaro Molina, is published.
- ❖ PAWS publishes "Surplus Animals – The Cycle of Hell" – an exposé of the cruel traffic in captive wildlife.
- ❖ The Amanda Blake Memorial Wildlife Refuge – a sanctuary for exotic hoof stock, opens at Rancho Seco Park near Sacramento.
- ❖ After years of investigation of the exotic pet trade and the horrible deaths of animals at hunting ranches, PAWS begins a campaign to stop the traffic in captive wildlife.

- ❖ Endangered antelope rescued from a hunting ranch arrive at the Amanda Blake Memorial Wildlife Refuge.
- ❖ Kim Basinger and PAWS deliver over 400,000 petitions to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Daniel Glickman. The petitions demand that the USDA ban elephant rides and ensure other violations of the Animal Welfare Act are prosecuted.
- ❖ PAWS hosts demonstrations and vigils around the country for the King Royal circus animals. The vigils were held in memory of Heather, the elephant who died in a King Royal trailer. PAWS asks the USDA to permanently revoke King Royal's permits.
- ❖ As a result of PAWS' activism, the USDA investigates King Royal Circus and removes animals.
- ❖ A USDA judge's decision creates a historic victory for PAWS and elephant advocates when he revokes the permits of King Royal circus permanently and fines the circus \$200,000. The fine is the heaviest ever levied in the history of the Animal Welfare Act.
- ❖ PAWS monitors activities leading up to the criminal trial of the King Royal circus trainer resulting in charges of 11 counts of criminal animal cruelty.
- ❖ PAWS is featured on Animal Planet's "Animal Rescuers," "CNN," "Entertainment Tonight," "Good Morning, Albuquerque," "Court TV" and in *The Washington Post*.

- ❖ Max, Denny and Pfeiffer, African lion cubs rescued from a crack house during a drug raid, arrive at PAWS. The lion cubs had been cruelly declawed and defanged.
- ❖ PAWS works with U.S. Congressman Sam Farr to ensure that no grant funds from the Asian Elephant Conservation Act HR 1787 go to captive breeding programs.
- ❖ PAWS' investigators campaign to examine and expose the trade in captive wildlife. They log dozens of hours of footage of animals for sale — taken at roadside zoos, drive-through animal parks, backyard breeding facilities and exotic animal exhibitions. PAWS works with Michigan Humane Society and the Detroit Zoo to investigate exotic animal breeders.
- ❖ PAWS investigative pieces on surplus breeding are featured on “Inside Edition,” CBS News’ “Public Eye,” and in the *San Jose Mercury News* and numerous other print media.
- ❖ PAWS develops plans for a 2,300-acre natural habitat sanctuary for captive wildlife.
- ❖ PAWS hosts the first Elephant Summit.
- ❖ PAWS launches the “Free the Elephants” campaign, a national public service effort with Academy Award-winning actress, Kim Basinger.
- ❖ PAWS and Kim Basinger are featured on the *Montel Williams* show.
- ❖ PAWS rescues a malnourished bear named Sasha. She had been exhibited at a roadside gas station.
- ❖ PAWS launches campaign to protect the wild elephants of India. The Loki and Baby of Bandipur investigation and exposé about the capture and abuse of wild elephants in India, begins.
- ❖ PAWS celebrates its 15th Anniversary and hosts an animal-free circus in California’s Central Valley region.
- ❖ PAWS and U.S. Congressman Sam Farr introduce the Captive Elephant Accident Prevention Act, H.R. 2929, to ban elephants in travel.
- ❖ PAWS monitors the compliance of a new California law that requires traveling shows and circuses to provide animal control agencies with their schedules.
- ❖ PAWS investigates the death of Benjamin, a four-year-old elephant who died while on tour with a circus.
- ❖ PAWS’ directors lecture at law conferences, covering the critical issues of animals in entertainment.
- ❖ PAWS secures the release of two tigers — Maya and Beaujolais, from the Sterling and Reid Circus — to the Oakland Zoo.
- ❖ PAWS investigates elephant rampages, including that of Luna, a young elephant who bolted into the crowd in Poughkeepsie, NY.
- ❖ PAWS conducts massive international investigations of circus and zoo conditions around the world.
- ❖ PAWS is featured on prime-time television episodes of “Dateline,” “20/20,” “NBC Nightly News” and “National Geographic.” PAWS provides testimony and exclusive footage about the lack of public safety and cruelty to elephants in circus training.
- ❖ PAWS rescues Manfred and Tuffy, a grizzly and a Kodiak bear, both abandoned by a movie animal trainer and left in a horse trailer in the desert in Las Vegas.
- ❖ PAWS constructs a 14,000 square foot habitat at the Galt sanctuary for bears Manfred and Tuffy.
- ❖ PAWS launches investigations into the use of electric prods in elephant training.
- ❖ PAWS joins Emmy Award-winning television host, Bob Barker, and United States Congressman Sam Farr, to introduce the Captive Elephant Accident Protection Act into federal legislation.

## Years 15-20

- ❖ PAWS files complaints against a major US circus with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the USDA charging cruelty and violations of both the Endangered Species Act and the Animal Welfare Act.
- ❖ PAWS initiates federal hearings in the U.S. Congress to secure the passage of the

- Captive Elephant Accident Prevention Act, H.R. 2929, with Congressman Sam Farr and a panel of experts.
- ❖ PAWS launches a public awareness campaign about the lion exhibit at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas.
  - ❖ PAWS continues to monitor the compliance of a new California law which requires traveling shows and circuses to provide animal control agencies with their schedules.
  - ❖ PAWS investigates the rampage of Kenya, a performing elephant that resulted in the death of her trainer.
  - ❖ PAWS begins Phase I construction of ARK 2000, a 2,300-acre site that will provide a natural setting sanctuary to elephants and captive wildlife rescued from traveling shows.
  - ❖ PAWS provides a new home for Rebecca and Minnie, two Asian elephants retired from the circus.
  - ❖ PAWS rescues Paka, a six-month-old serval captured by authorities along a freeway in San Jose, CA.
  - ❖ PAWS rescues Gracie, a declawed tiger confiscated by federal and state authorities during a raid on a convicted felon.
  - ❖ PAWS launches campaign — “The Experts Agree, Elephants Do Not Belong In Circuses” — designed to heighten public awareness about the use of elephants in circuses.
  - ❖ PAWS initiates public writing campaign to call attention and outrage to CBS’ “Survivor” show and the killing of a “wild” boar.
  - ❖ PAWS investigates the rampage of Debbie, a performing elephant who had rampaged before, and is the subject of a PAWS’ report to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.
  - ❖ PAWS collaborates with the Texas Snow Monkey Sanctuary to develop standards for housing captive primates.
  - ❖ PAWS conducts massive international investigations on the welfare of elephants and other captive wildlife around the world.
  - ❖ PAWS launches awareness campaign surrounding an elephant ride rampage at the Denver Zoo.
  - ❖ PAWS participates in conferences, including the “Great Apes at the Threshold,” and the AZA conference at the Detroit Zoo.
  - ❖ PAWS promotes a boycott of “MVP II,” a film using ice-skating chimpanzees.
  - ❖ PAWS initiates a write-in campaign to help abolish the aggressive pro-hunting program sponsored by the Fort Worth Zoo (“Animals As Fair Game”) promoting “sustainable use” for hunting and fishing for economic growth.
  - ❖ PAWS opens the Amanda Blake Museum and Wildlife Center with a focus on exposing animal auctions and hunting ranches.
  - ❖ PAWS begins Phase I of ARK 2000 — installation of 14,000 feet of elephant fence and the initial layout of elephant barns for our 2,300-acre sanctuary.
  - ❖ PAWS monitors investigation of illegal “laundering” of endangered species in West Africa.
  - ❖ PAWS initiates a campaign to erect solar electric fencing in India to prevent crop raiding by wild elephants and eliminate capture and injury, or death, of the elephants.
  - ❖ PAWS promotes “Care for the Wild, USA” — an international organization that fosters rehabilitation programs for orphaned elephants and rhinos and helps protect wildlife in Kenya, and tigers in Asia, against poaching and snaring.
  - ❖ PAWS promotes awareness for the Elephant Nature Park in Thailand, helping provide care and sanctuary for starving and abused elephants.
  - ❖ PAWS moves Mara and “71” to ARK 2000 without the use of restraints or force — an incredible achievement in captive elephant management.
  - ❖ PAWS rescues Arthur, an injured black bear who had been living in a culvert on a golf course. His rear leg was severely injured and the California Department of Fish and

- Game's veterinarian determined that he could not be released back into the wild.
- ❖ PAWS investigates an elephant rampage at George Carden Circus.
  - ❖ PAWS publicizes cases at Busch Gardens in Florida where a zookeeper had her arm ripped off by an African lion during a tour. Reports of animal cruelty by a trainer were investigated.
  - ❖ PAWS publicizes reports on the elephant ivory trade in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam that have led to a staggering decline in Asian elephant populations.
  - ❖ PAWS continues efforts to free Lota, the former Milwaukee Zoo elephant, from a circus.
  - ❖ PAWS monitors the trial in Botswana of elephants captured and a dealer's cruelty to 30 elephants imported from Botswana to South Africa.
  - ❖ PAWS rescues Jackie, a baby coyote and illegal personal pet.
  - ❖ PAWS builds a spacious home for Arthur, the injured black bear from Mammoth Lakes.
  - ❖ PAWS hosts the 2002 "War on Wildlife" conference featuring an esteemed panel of speakers including keynote speaker, Cynthia Moss, of the Amboseli elephant project and the world's foremost expert on elephants.
  - ❖ PAWS designs and sponsors an advertisement to expose the exploitation of

- the Great Apes in entertainment. The advertisement is endorsed by the world's leading scientists, including Dr. Jane Goodall and Dr. Roger and Deborah Fouts.
- ❖ PAWS launches a public protest of Capital One commercials using exploited apes.
  - ❖ PAWS urges the USDA to confiscate "Debbie," an elephant with a history of rampaging, and retire her to a safe haven.
  - ❖ PAWS assists local citizens in Huntington Beach, California and Greenburgh, New York to promote the passage of ordinances that ban wild and exotic animals from exhibition on town property.
  - ❖ PAWS develops "Wildlife Classroom To The World" an innovative Web site education program that will enable students to study captive wildlife at ARK 2000 from anywhere in the world.
  - ❖ PAWS is featured in *Rotary International Magazine* after launching preventative programs to ease the conflict between humans and elephants in India.
  - ❖ As a founding member of the Captive Wild Animal Protection Coalition, PAWS helps draft ethical and humane standards for the care and housing of captive wildlife.
  - ❖ PAWS is recipient of the esteemed 4-star rating from Charity Navigator — a charity watch-dog agency that awards non-profit organizations for excellence in fiscal and program responsibility.

- ❖ PAWS agrees to provide lifetime sanctuary to 39 tigers, rescued from a horrendous breeding facility in Southern California.
- ❖ PAWS begins construction of the tiger habitat at ARK 2000.
- ❖ PAWS engages in a cooperative learning program with the Animal Welfare Department of University of California at Davis.
- ❖ PAWS launches public information campaigns about companies who exploit animals in entertainment.
- ❖ PAWS urges public letter writing campaigns to USDA – requesting the agency better monitor businesses using captive wildlife.

## Years 20-25

- ❖ PAWS completes the expansive tiger habitat at ARK 2000.
- ❖ PAWS relocates Lulu, an African elephant from the San Francisco Zoo, to ARK 2000.
- ❖ PAWS completes the safe relocation of Wanda and Winky, two Asian elephants from the Detroit Zoo, to ARK 2000 and promotes positive exchange between zoos and sanctuaries.
- ❖ PAWS transports 39 tigers to ARK 2000 -- from "Tiger Rescue", a horrendous breeding facility in southern California.

- ❖ PAWS monitors the trial and provides testimony, on the case against John Weinhardt, owner of “Tiger Rescue.”
- ❖ PAWS continues to publicize reports of the elephant ivory trade in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam that have led to a staggering decline in Asian elephant populations.
- ❖ PAWS provides veterinary care and monitors behavior of the 39 new tigers.
- ❖ PAWS completes the Asian elephant barn and habitat at ARK 2000.
- ❖ PAWS initiates a cooperative education program with One Song Mentor – bringing inner city “at risk” youth to ARK 2000 to teach young people respect for animals and the planet we share.
- ❖ PAWS works with California Assembly member Lloyd Levine on a captive elephant protection act.
- ❖ PAWS continues to actively expose the horrors of the surplus exotic animal trade by exposing tiger and exotic pets trafficking.
- ❖ PAWS relocates Maggie, an African elephant from the Alaska Zoo, to ARK 2000, working with the U.S. Air Force to provide safe transportation.
- ❖ PAWS welcomes Ruby, an African elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo.
- ❖ PAWS rescues Nicholas, the first bull elephant to come to a sanctuary, and his companion, Gypsy. Both Asian elephants had performed in circuses.
- ❖ PAWS continues monitoring standards of care for captive elephants and captive wildlife as a member of the California Department of Fish and Game Animal Care Committee.
- ❖ PAWS completes construction of veterinary clinic at Galt sanctuary.
- ❖ PAWS hosts site visits from scientists, behaviorists and zoologists worldwide.
- ❖ PAWS completes construction of 8,000 square foot bull elephant barn at ARK 2000.
- ❖ PAWS relocates Nicholas and Gypsy to their new home at ARK 2000.
- ❖ PAWS installs 1½ miles of power and utility infrastructure at ARK 2000.
- ❖ PAWS is a featured sanctuary on the 13-week Animal Planet series, “My New Wild Life.”
- ❖ PAWS launches “PAWScasts” – video reports from the sanctuary.
- ❖ PAWS initiates public letter writing campaigns to USDA – requesting the agency to enforce the Animal Welfare Act.
- ❖ PAWS institutes additional programs to ease the conflict between humans and elephants in India.
- ❖ PAWS distributes data on public safety dangers of elephants in circuses, traveling shows and rides.
- ❖ PAWS advocates for H.R. 5226, the Captive Wildlife Safety Act — legislation to ban the interstate movement of lions, tigers, cougars, leopards, cheetahs, and bears for private use as “pets.”
- ❖ PAWS continues to construct 5,000 feet of fencing for the bull elephant habitat at ARK 2000.
- ❖ PAWS launches the "Save the Bulls" elephant campaign.

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