



**PAWS**

**PERFORMING ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY**

Rescue. Advocacy. Sanctuary. For Life.

*Since 1984*

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- ▶ The Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) was formed in 1984 to rescue and provide sanctuary for neglected, abused or retired captive wild animals
- ▶ Animals come from zoos, circuses and exotic "pet" trade, private owners
- ▶ Three sanctuaries in California, including the 2,300-acre natural habitat ARK 2000 sanctuary
- ▶ Expansive environments
- ▶ Rehabilitate animals (restore their health)
- ▶ Animals have more choices
- ▶ True sanctuary
- ▶ Advocacy essential
- ▶ Educate the public



# Asian and African Elephants

- ▶ Active in mind and body
- ▶ Huge range sizes (92-700 sq. miles)
- ▶ Live in matriarch-led families
- ▶ Communicate through sight, sound, smell, and seismically
- ▶ Highly intelligent
  - ▶ Make and use tools
  - ▶ Mourn dead relatives
  - ▶ Understand what others are feeling (empathy)
- ▶ Asian and African are endangered species







# PAWS ARK 2000 Sanctuary







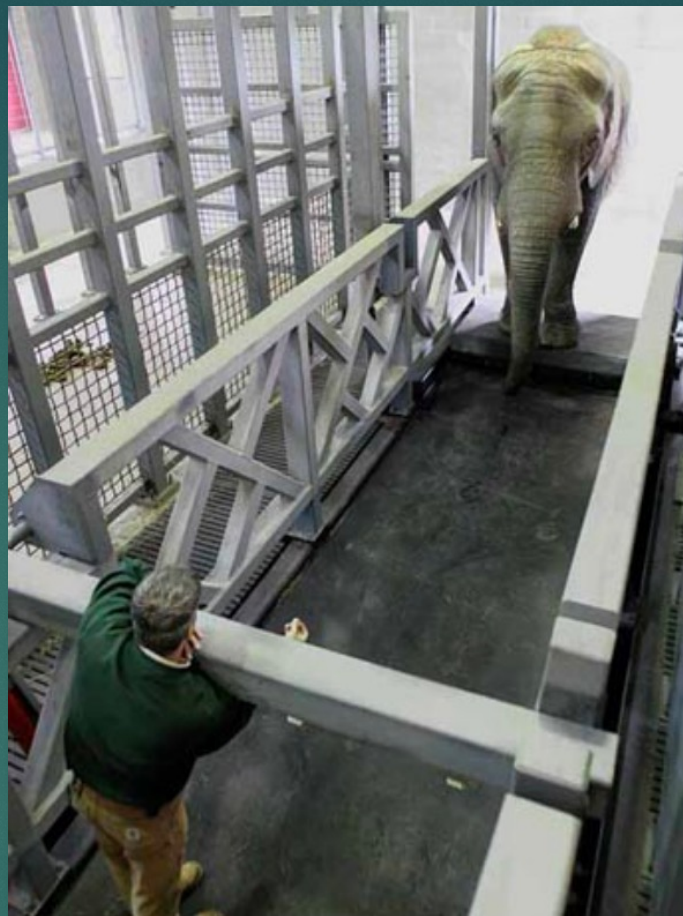
Toka, Lulu



Thika, Mara



# Maggie – Only elephant in Alaska





**Nicholas – Rescued from the circus**



Prince



Gypsy

# Big Cats



Camba



Czar

# Tigers

- ▶ Largest cat species in the world
- ▶ Found in Asia
- ▶ Habitats
  - ▶ Evergreen or tropical forests
  - ▶ Mangrove swamps and grasslands
- ▶ Range territories: from 6 square miles to over 500 square miles (travel 4-12 miles a day)
- ▶ Highly endangered: about 3,900 in the wild





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5,000  
Captive  
Tigers in  
the U.S.







Kim and Roy: Rescued from the exotic “pet” trade



Bigelow: Rescued from a cub petting operation

# Black Bears

- ▶ Intelligent, strong and active omnivores
- ▶ Use tools
- ▶ About 600,000 in North America
- ▶ Habitat: Forested areas
- ▶ Home range: As big as 50 square miles
- ▶ Important for the environment







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**Ben: Rescued from a roadside zoo**

A black bear is walking towards the camera in a forest setting. The bear has thick black fur and a brownish snout. It is walking on a path of grass and fallen leaves. To the left, a tree trunk is visible. The background is a dense forest with sunlight filtering through the trees.

**Boo Boo:  
Rescued from  
the “pet” trade**

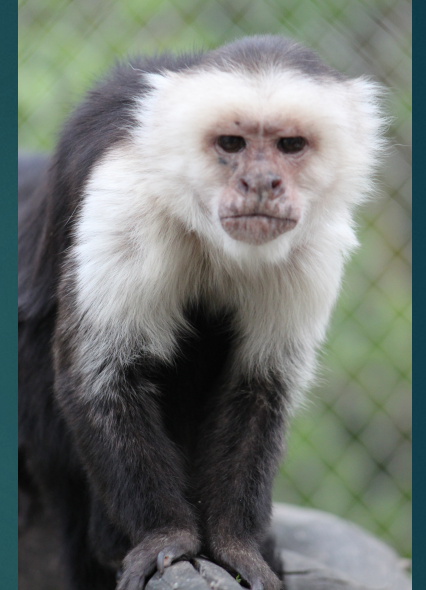
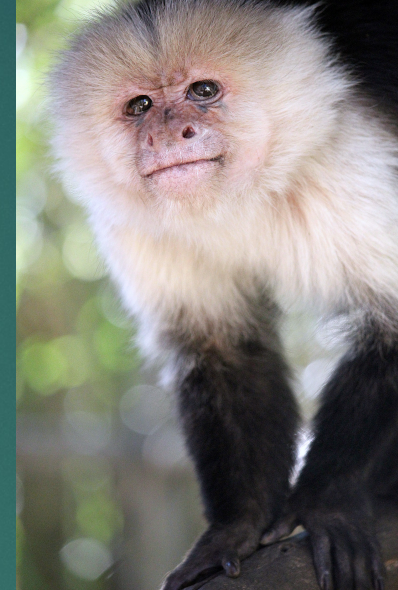
# Long-term care



Boo Boo  
26 years at PAWS



Mara  
31 years at PAWS



Zeppo and Chico  
25 years at PAWS

# Colton Tigers

- ▶ 2004 – Largest big cat rescue in US history at that time
- ▶ 39 tigers rescued
- ▶ 90 dead tigers, including 58 cubs in a freezer found at owner's residence
- ▶ Tigers were neglected, sick, injured, starving
- ▶ Alka, last of the tigers, passed away in 2020
- ▶ Cost of care over 16 years: more than \$3.75 million







Thank you!

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