

## A PAWS Maggie Arrival Update

Maggie arrived at Travis Air Base, located near Vacaville, California, at approximately 1:00 am, Friday, November 2, 2007. Her flight was uneventful and she was calm.

During the flight PAWS co-founder, consulting behaviorist and veterinarian, along with Alaska zoo officials were all seated in jump seats surrounding Maggie and had the ability to monitor Maggie throughout her entire flight.

After the C-17 landed, Maggie's crate was rolled on to a vehicle that transported her to the docking area where her protective crate was crane lifted onto a flatbed semi truck. After she was crane lifted onto the semi-truck she was taken to a hanger at the air base where PAWS veterinarian assessed her health, which was good. They fed Maggie hay and fruit and gave her water.

At approximately 4:30 am, Maggie left Travis Air Base for her final destination. She arrived at PAWS ARK 2000 at approximately 6:50 am. After the crate was crane lifted off of the semi and gently placed on the ground in front of a chute leading to her barn and habitat, the crate doors and protective bars were removed. Maggie then slowly backed out of the crate, sniffed the air with her trunk and slowly started walking toward the barn.

As she was walking toward the barn the morning sun warmed her back and she stopped to take it in for a few moments. Alaska zoo and PAWS officials fed her fruit in the morning sun and told her, "Good girl Maggie, Good girl." Maggie then walked into the African elephant habitat barn, but then turned around and came back out to everyone and the warm morning sun; she couldn't get enough of it. After about ten minutes she went back in the barn.

PAWS veterinarian, PAWS co-founders and Alaska zoo officials then assessed her health and well-being again to make sure she was not distressed. After her visual examination and some time to get used to her new barn. PAWS co-founders assessed that she was so calm that she could venture out into the small yard of her 75 acre African habitat.

Her new African elephant mates were released into the larger portion of the habitat so they could socialize with Maggie, but did not have direct access to her. She was shy and so curious at first. Immediately after Maggie entered the small yard, the four resident African elephants were so excited to meet her they were trumpeting, spinning around, and rubbing on the fencing. Maggie then ran halfway through the yard toward them in excitement and then ran back to the other side of the yard in a shy effort to introduce herself to them.

She quietly and cautiously foraged on the opposite side of yard from the other elephants for quite a while, basking in the sun. Later in the afternoon, she became playful and ran toward the African elephants trumpeting and then ran playfully back to other side of the fence.

At around 6:00 pm, Maggie and other African elephants were brought into their own protective portions of the barn to have their evening meal and settle down to sleep for the evening. At first there were trumpets of excitement when they entered the barn and then a calm settled through the barn.

Throughout the night all elephants peacefully slept, snoring.