

## SANCTUARIES: SETTING THE STANDARDS OF CARE FOR ELEPHANTS IN CAPTIVITY TODAY

It is not zoos, but the two U.S. sanctuaries for elephants that are the leaders in setting standards of care for elephants in captivity today. These facilities, located in Tennessee and California, provide a high quality of life for elephants because of conditions that are better suited to meeting elephants' unique and complex needs.

What these sanctuaries offer:

- Open areas of natural habitat ranging from 40 to more than 2000 acres
- Varied terrain, including hills, pastures, creeks and ponds, and natural substrate
- Live vegetation for foraging and a valuable source of nutrition
- Freedom of choice in companionship and daily activities
- Year-round access to the outdoors
- Gentle training that never employs bullhooks or negative reinforcement

These conditions help to “reinststate the elephant’s natural biology” and have restored quality of life to physically and psychologically debilitated elephants who have come from zoos and circuses to the sanctuaries.