



## **Pachyderm Podiatry: A Practical Workshop on Elephant Feet, their Care, and the Treatment of the Most Common Conditions**

**Elephant Team at the Phoenix Zoo**

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**April 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**The Phoenix Zoo**

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009- Optional Trip to Tucson's Reid Park Zoo**

**Reid Park Zoo has an African Elephant which will give participants the additional opportunity to learn more in depth about African Elephant Footcare.**

**Limited to 25 participants- preference given to elephant caregivers**

**Workshop cost is \$165.00; additional \$20.00 for optional trip to Reid Park Zoo on Saturday. Fees are payable at registration. Please bring cash, check, or money order with you, do not mail in fees. Fees will be charged during registration upon arrival at the zoo grounds on April 15, 2009.**

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## **Pachyderm Podiatry Program 2009**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2009 - Arrival.**

**Hotel and transportation arrangements from hotel to the zoo to be made by participants.**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2009.**

<b>8:00</b>	<b>Registration, handouts – CD with course notes and materials.</b>
<b>8:30 – 8:45</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions, meet the elephant management staff.</b>
<b>8:45 – 9:00</b>	<b>Introduction of participants to one another.</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	<b>Overview of the course.</b>
<b>9:15 – 10:15</b>	<b>Anatomy and physiology of the elephant foot.</b>
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	<b>Break.</b>
<b>10:30 – 11:15</b>	<b>Tools used in foot care (proper care and maintenance)</b>
<b>11:15- 12:30</b>	<b>Training in protected contact. Physical examination of the foot. Things to look for as potential problems.</b>
<b>12:30 – 1:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:30 – 3:00</b>	<b>Practical demonstration of Foot Trimming- Front Foot</b>
<b>2:30 – 3:00</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:00 – 4:15</b>	<b>Practical demonstration of Foot Trimming- Back Foot</b>
<b>4:15 – 5:15</b>	<b>Facility design that supports foot health</b>
<b>5:15- ?</b>	<b>Dinner (hosted).</b>

**Thursday, April 16, 2009.**

<b>8:00</b>	<b>Transportation to zoo to be arranged by participants.</b>
<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	<b>Discussion of Radiograph Techniques</b>
<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Practical demonstration of Radiographing Elephant Feet</b>
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:45 – 12:30</b>	<b>Discussion of Radiograph Results and Importance of Radiographs</b>
<b>12:30 – 1:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:30 – 3:30</b>	<b>Group discussion of foot care issues brought by participants</b>
<b>3:30 - 3:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:45 - 5:00</b>	<b>Group Discussion Continued</b>

**Friday, April 17, 2009.**

**8:00**                    **Transportation to zoo to be arranged by participants**  
**8:30 – 9:30**           **Elephant Welfare and Footcare**  
**9:30 – 10:00**        **Causes of Foot Problems in Elephants**  
**10:00 – 10:30**      **Foot abscesses and what to do about them**  
**10:30 – 10:45**      **Break**  
**10:45 – 11:45**      **Medical Treatment and Management of selected foot conditions**  
**11:45 – 12:45**      **Lunch**  
**12:45 – 2:45**        **Practical Demonstration of Abscess Trimming**  
**2:45 – 3:00**         **Break**  
**3:00 – 3:45**         **Open session and group discussion**  
**3:45 – 4:45**         **Final discussion, course evaluation**

**Saturday, April 18, 2009**

**8:00**                    **Meet in Front of Zoo for transportation to Reid Park Zoo**  
**10:00 – 3:00**        **African Elephant Footcare, Facility Design, Lunch- times to be determined**  
**3:00**                    **Departure and Return to Phoenix**

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**Nearby Hotels**

**Less than 1 mile:**

- **Motel Six Phoenix East (Loop 202 at Exit # 4) - 5315 E. Van Buren St. , Phoenix, AZ 602 267 8555**

**Less than 3 miles :**

- **Papago Inn – 7017 E. McDowell Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 480 947 7335. (\*Recommended\*)**
- **Country Inn Suites - 202 and Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 480 858 9898**
- **Hospitality Suites – Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 480 949-5115**
- **Executive Suites – Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 480 947-3711**

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