

Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand Annual Review 2010



About WFFT

The Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand (WFFT) was established in 2001 to rescue, rehabilitate and care for wildlife that has been exploited by people or otherwise come into human conflict, to care for confiscated wildlife, and to raise awareness of the threats to the wildlife of Thailand and South-east Asia in general.

WFFT's Mission

Rescue Wild Animals from captivity where they are mistreated or neglected, and to help them spend the rest of their lives in a sanctuary as close to their natural environment as WFFT possible, with the best possible care. In particular, WFFT aims to provide sanctuary for those animals whom no-one else is prepared to care for e.g. the sick or disabled.

Educate People, particularly children to stop cruelty to animals. In particular, WFFT campaigns against the illegal trade in wild animals for the pet industry and to discourage the use of animals in entertainment, for example, as photo-props or in performing animal shows.

Prevent Hunting and Promote Conservation of all natural resources, fauna and flora alike. Educate local people, tourists and the international community to appreciate, understand and protect wild animals and their rainforest habitat. Cooperate with and assist the Department of National Parks and other organisations concerned with the rescue and conservation of wild animals.

Gather Knowledge for release programmes for those animals that qualify for re-introduction into the wild.

Set Up & Join Activities with other charitable organisations and authorities for the public benefit.



Located in Petburi Province, near Hua Hin and Cha Am, WFFT now cares for nearly 400 wild animals. These include over 250 primates, 5 Asian Elephants, 26 bears from 2 different species, a tiger, a crocodile and an array of birds, reptiles and nocturnal mammals, many of which are from endangered species.

WFFT successfully runs the following projects:

- Wildlife Rescue Centre
- Elephant Refuge & Education Centre
- Gibbon Rehabilitation Centre
- Gibbon Release & Research Centre
- Bear Sanctuary
- Tiger Sanctuary
- Loris Rescue Project Thailand
- Wildlife Hospital and Mobile Wildlife Clinic
- Tree Nursery and Forest Restoration Project

We also provide a Volunteer Scheme where people from all over the world can donate their time to come and help at WFFT.

10 Years of WFFT

"We are at the end of 2010 and close to our 10th anniversary - 10 years of WFFT! It is hard to believe we have been working here now for so long... Looking back over the past decade I still remember how we dug the first hole in the ground for the cage where live the blind gibbon lives, how I lived in the volunteer Room 1 in the first year and how we had to chase the cows away from the animals for the first 3 years as we couldn't afford to have fencing around the Centre!

It is sometimes hard to believe that we actually got this far, now housing over 400 animals in very spacious enclosures on 27 hectares of land. With a fully equipped hospital and over 25 full-time paid staff-members, progress is unbelievable. Who would have thought that in May 2001? One of the first volunteers that arrived in 2003 complained to me that we had too few animals, as at that time we cared for just 40 individuals - now in 2010, with over 400 animals, volunteers could help out at the Rescue Centre for over a month and still not see each one taken care of by WFFT.

Since the founding of WFFT in 2001, over the years there have been some very special stories! The first year of course saw the start of our work and Meow the Tiger's rescue, whilst in 2002, the volunteer scheme was launched. In 2003, we oversaw the successful confiscation of 78 baby orangutans at a zoo and theme park in Bangkok, before the Tsunami of 2004 saw us undertaking more rescue work, being able to release a wild pink dolphin back to the sea. In 2005, we released another pink dolphin back to the wild, after it's confiscation from a small petting zoo on the island of Koh Samui. In 2007, the repatriation of a total of 55 orangutans from Thailand and Vietnam, back to Indonesia was a big case for us, and in 2009, the Gibbon Release & Research Centre in Phetchaburi was started. During these years, hundreds more animals were rescued by us, ranging from little lorises and starving elephants to hugely obese bears, sick from years of poor diet.

All the above jobs were done professionally, and although we did have to improvise occasionally due to financial constraints, we worked efficiently and with enthusiasm! It has been a great pleasure to work together with the animals for their benefit. I am lucky that I can say that we did it together, with a great team of staff and an amazing bunch of volunteers, fundraisers and supporters.

Let's hope that the next decade will be as good as the first one - the issues of wildlife conservation and animal welfare are still crucially important and Thailand's wildlife will still need our help!

Edwin Wick Founder of WFFT



Photos: Above, the early days of Meow's rehabilitation with Edwin, and Meow in 2010

WFFT Wildlife Rescues

February 2010 - Spartacus' Rescue

In February, WFFT received a phone call about a Long-tailed Macaque involved in a road traffic accident in Petacholai. This is not uncommon, as many macaques move into the residential areas there to scavenge for food.

When our rescue team arrived it became clear that things couldn't get much worse for this unfortunate monkey. People had witnessed him being electrocuted by the power lines, he then fell onto the road and was hit by a passing car. If that wasn't enough, he was then attacked by a dog.

We rushed him to a local vet with X-ray facilities, to confirm if anything was broken, thankfully he got the all clear. One thing that was very obvious on the way, was a bullet lodged in his arm, possibly from several months ago. Once he was back at the WFFT Wildlife Hospital, our vet team started treatment on the poor macaque, named Spartacus.

The burns he sustained were severe, and unfortunately his arm had to be amputated shortly afterwards. He had a nasty open wound on his head which needed stitching, as well as several lacerations over his body. During surgery, the bullet was removed from his arm, and he had several injections to fight off infection and reduce his pain.

After 3 months of treatment and recovery, Spartacus was able to be moved out of the hospital and into his own enclosure outside. He has learnt to cope well without his arm, although it's unlikely he would be able to manage in the wild without his limb, and so he will remain at WFFT. He's a very relaxed macaque, which is amazing considering the trauma he has been through.

Photos: Above, Spartacus after receiving treatment at the WFFT Wildlife Hospital



February 2010 - Bung & Out's Rescue

Bung and Out, Southern and Northern Pig-tailed Macaques, were being used as coconut monkeys, climbing up trees in order to harvest coconuts for their human 'owners', before being rescued by WFFT.

Bung in particular was in a poor state of health with a severe wound on his neck, from an ingrowing collar.

Both macaques now live at the WFFT Wildlife Rescue Centre. After spending so long in captivity, these coconut monkeys can unfortunately never be released into the wild, but they have settled in well to a life where they no longer have to work for humans.

Photos: Right, Bung before his rescue and above, his neck wound



March 2010 - Pip The Dusky Langur

A 4 week old baby Dusky Langur was brought to the WFFT Wildlife Hospital in March, after her mother was shot and eaten by locals near Kaeng Krachan National Park. The baby, named Pip, was also injured when her mother was shot - a bullet skinned her leg, but thankfully this was a superficial wound which healed quickly.

Baby langurs are notoriously difficult to raise, with strict dietary requirements and delicate constitutions, so Pip is being handreared by the WFFT vet team and staff.

As with all langurs, Pip remained bright orange until she was around 3 months old, when she began to fade to dusky sides. Once she is around a year old, and less dependant on humans, she can start to be introduced to the other langurs at WFFT. Though she can never return to the wild due to being hand-reared, at WFFT Pip will be safe from hunters and have other langurs to play with once she is older.

June 2010 - Wild Baby Macaque Rescued

In June, WFFT went to the aid of a baby Long-tailed Macaque which, although still with it's mother, had become tangled in a ball of fishing net.

Although the baby was still able to move freely, the fishing net would have bitten into it's skin as the baby grew, causing horrific injuries, and so it needed immediate help.

After tranquillising the mother, the WFFT vet team quickly freed the macaque, and after the mother woke up, the pair were released back into their mangrove swamp.



July 2010 - Yet Another Baby Langur Arrives

Baby Dusky Langur Pin was brought to WFFT from the Thai-Huaynagar border, where she was found clinging to an illegal wildlife trader. The tiny 2 week old baby was taken as a newborn from her mother who was killed for meat.

Pin (far left) requires round-the-clock care from staff and has strict dietary needs. She has already made good friends with our other baby langur Pip (left) and the two love playing together.

Due to being hand-reared, Pin and Pip can never return to the wild, but the two babies now have each other for company and once older, they will be able to join the other langurs at WFFT and have a more natural, less humanised life.



August 2010 - Rescued Jackal

Responding to complaints from the public about a 'fox' living in appalling conditions at a hotel in Pattaya, WWF drove to investigate. Upon arrival, we found a female Asiatic Jackal kept in a tiny cage. After speaking with her 'owners' we managed to convince them that the best place for this wild animal was at the WWF Rescue Centre, and so she was handed over.

Later, after a full health check by the vet team, she was released into our large Jackal enclosure, which already contained 2 male jackals. She settled in very well, and gets on nicely with her fellow jackals, although she is more humanised than either of the others, due to her close proximity to people back in Pattaya.

August 2010 - Baby Pileated Gibbon at WWF

Das the 2 month old gibbon had been living as a pet for a few months after being bought from an illegal trader. She was handed to WWF after her owner realised that keeping a wild animal as a pet is a poor idea, as well as being illegal in Thailand. The female, who's in very good health, is now under the care of the WWF staff who are hand-rearing her.

Pileated Gibbons such as Das are an endangered species and so we have high hopes for this arrival - we have a young male Pileated Gibbon already living at WWF named Donkey, and we hope that in the future the two will be paired together, and may even be potential candidates for release back into the wild.



September 2010 - 'Pet' Macaque Chained 20 Years

Namjai the Long-tailed Macaque was handed in to WWF after being kept as a 'pet' for 20 years by her owners, living chained up in a local town. She was brought to us with a severe neck wound, caused by the chain she constantly wore becoming too tight over time and growing into her flesh. It was only because the owners no longer wanted her that Namjai received any medical treatment at all - her neck wound went untreated for a year.

After surgery to remove the chain, Namjai was moved to Quarantine and her neck is healing well. She is in good health for her age, and at WWF she will be able to live out the rest of her life in peace, and free of pain.



September 2010 - Wayo the Gibbon

Wayo is a White-handed Gibbon who had been kept as a pet for 12 years, until the owner felt she was no longer able to look after her properly, and so made the decision to call WWF.

The Wildlife Rescue team made the trip out to Petchaburi, to find the very humanised gibbon living in a small 2.5m x 1.5m cage. Once back at the Wildlife Rescue Centre, Wayo was given a check up by the veterinary team, and aside from being dirty and in need of a bath, she was found to be in relatively good health.

Wayo was put into a solitary cage in the jungle, and recovered from the sedative well. Here she will undergo a quarantine period, before being introduced to Geo, a male White-handed Gibbon of a similar age, who recently moved from quarantine into his own jungle enclosure. It's hoped that when the two are introduced, they will become friends, able to share an enclosure and keep each other company.

October 2010 - Paralysed Macaque Rescued

Belle the young Long-tailed Macaque was handed into WWF for treatment by a group of monks, who had found her at our local Kao Luak Chang temple. The macaque, who is around 1 year old, had not only been bitten by dogs, leaving a wound on her back, but was also paralysed in both back legs - at the time, the reason for this was unclear, it could have been due to the dog bite on her back causing temporary damage around her spinal cord, she could have broken bones in her legs or pelvis, or the problem could have been present before she was bitten.

WWF vet staff treated the young macaque for her back wound and the next day, she was taken to the vet clinic in Petchaburi for an X-ray. These revealed that Belle had no broken bones, but that the area around her spinal cord was very swollen and possibly infected. She was put on a course of specialised anti-inflammatory medicine and received daily physio-therapy, manipulating her legs and trying to encourage movement and minimise stiffness.

Unfortunately, Belle did not respond in hoped to treatment, and passed away 1 month after being admitted to WWF.



October 2010 - Newly Poached Baby Gibbon Handed to WWF

Sing the male baby White-handed Gibbon had been for sale at the market of Ban Sing Khong on the Thai-Burmese border. He had only just been taken from his mother in the wild, and the 8 month old gibbon was sold for just 2000 Thai baht (240 or 265 US) to a lady who poached him, and knew that if he couldn't be in the wild, he should at least be somewhere where he could be cared for properly and given a chance of rehabilitation - WWF.

After a phone call and handover to WWF, Sing the baby gibbon was brought back to the Wildlife Rescue Centre. Scared, stressed and aggressive I took him a long time to calm down from his traumatic experience, though he is more settled now. Being so wild in his behaviour, and already being able to eat solid food and drink water, Sing will not need to be hand-reared by staff at WWF. Sing's natural wild behaviour, however, will make him an excellent potential candidate for rehabilitation and, thanks to the Gibbon Release and Research Programme in Maehongson, his chances of eventual release are very good.

WFFT Elephant Rescues

November 2009 - Bua Ngum's Rescue

When WFFT learnt of the plight of 60 year old female elephant Bua Ngum (Silver Lobus) we knew we had to help. At 2 years old Bua Ngum was taken from the wild to be a working tool for farmers, becoming a logging elephant on the Thai-Cambodian border. After the logging ban, she spent years working in elephant camps around Thailand carrying tourists on her back before finally ending her 'career' begging on the city streets. Over 60 years of hard labour left both physical and mental scars on this poor girl. She never grew to her full size and her legs and back are bent due to years of mistreatment.

Rescued from Surin province, Bua Ngum patiently endured the 700km trip back to the WFFT Wildlife Rescue Centre where she received immediate veterinary care. Years of abuse left her underweight and with serious abscesses that require daily medical treatment.

Now 1 year on from her rescue, Bua Ngum has gained weight and become a much stronger, healthier elephant. She currently inhabits a paddock near the hospital, and although she is still slowly recovering from her hard life, Bua Ngum has made a huge amount of progress and is fully enjoying her retirement.

Bua Ngum's rescue and initial treatment was paid for by the generous donations of Geert Drieman and Flika van Rensse from Holland.



Photos: Above, Bua Ngum receiving treatment a few months after her arrival at WFFT, and left, Bua Ngum in mid 2010, after putting on weight and becoming a much happier elephant!



June 2010 - June's Rescue

On 23rd June, WFFT received a phone call requesting urgent help for an older female elephant in Surin province. The WFFT 'see Team' isolated by volunteers immediately set off to help.

Arriving at Surin to see the elephant was particularly shocking for the volunteers. The elephant was shaking, thin, skinny and had several badly infected wounds. Seeing this stunningly tall elephant, named June, in such a terrible condition broke everyone's hearts.

Emergency medical treatment was started immediately but we knew that in order for June to survive she needed constant care and treatment. This could only be provided if she lived at the WFFT Elephant Refuge & Education Centre, and so an urgent plea for donations was put out online - money was desperately needed for June's transportation, food and medical supplies.

Generous donations from concerned animal-lovers flooded in, and just a few days later enough money was raised to bring June home to WFFT.

Despite the long journey, June made it to the WFFT Elephant Refuge & Education Centre in good condition at 4am in the morning.

Although June is now safe at the Elephant Refuge & Education Centre, her wounds are severe and she will require months of expensive medical treatment if she is to recover from her years of abuse. She also needs a massive amount of food to get her up to a healthy weight, so we would like to stress that funds are very much still needed for the upkeep of June.

We thank all of our generous donors so much for the money raised to help June. Without their help there would have been no hope for June.

Photos: From top to bottom, June's rescue and arrival at WFFT.



WFFT Bear Rescues

February 2010 - Kamala's Rescue

Back in February, a 3 month old Malaysian Sun Bear arrived at the WFFT Wildlife Hospital. She was handed in by her owner, a farmer, who said he had been looking after her for 3 months, since finding her roaming on his farm. At 3 months old, however, she would have been barely able to walk, so it's more likely that she was poached from our local Keang Krachan national park.

The little bear cub, who has been called Kamala, is very humanised due to being around people for most of her life. She arrived in good health, having been regularly fed by the farmer on dog formula, which is a good substitute for her mother's milk.

Since her rescue, she has been looked after by the WFFT vet team, who nursed her around the clock before weaning her onto solid food. Unfortunately because she had to be hand-reared, Kamala will remain at WFFT. In the future though, once she is older, we hope to introduce her to other Malaysian Sun Bears living at the Wildlife Rescue Centre who can teach her valuable bear skills.



April 2010 - Kanyal's Rescue

The WFFT Wildlife Rescue Team were called to the aid of yet another Malaysian Sun Bear, after being informed of a cub being kept in unsuitable conditions in nearby Pala-U, part of Keang Krachan National Park.

On arrival, WFFT staff found the female cub living in appalling conditions - she was being kept in a 1 metre square cage, with rotten planks, mud and faeces covering the floor. She had no access to water, and could only drink when monks and poachers-pour poured water into her mouth from a plastic bottle. She had been there for a year - after her mother was killed by poachers when she was a few weeks old, she was caught and sold by an illegal wildlife trader to a villager.

Once the WFFT Wildlife Rescue Team arrived, the bear cub was sedated, ready for her trip back to the Wildlife Rescue Centre. Volunteers had prepared a quarantine cage for the cub, complete with a bath-tub for her to play in. When she was released into her new cage, the cub, who has been called Kanyal, immediately headed for the water. Having never before had access to a bath before, Kanyal started splashing around happily.

Update December 2010: Kamala & Kanyal now live together happily in a huge, brand new enclosure. They have become very good friends and can often be found playfighting and exploring their new home together!

Kanyal in her filthy cage before her rescue



April 2010 - Tom's Rescue

Back in April, WFFT received an urgent phone call regarding a large bear being kept at a temple in Champahin, Southern Thailand. The bear, we were told, had severe injuries to his feet due to overgrown claws, and was being kept in a very small cage.

Along with the Animal Planet film crew, who were filming for a forthcoming show, the WFFT Wildlife Rescue Team set off to investigate. Along with medical supplies with which to treat the bear on site, the rescue team also took a large cage, in case the temple's Abbot was willing to give up the bear to the care of WFFT.

Upon arriving at the temple, we found an extremely large, grossly overweight adult Malaysian Sun Bear. We learnt that he had been in the cage for 13 years, since he was a small cub. We estimated the bear, named Tom, to weigh around 170kg, which was almost double his correct weight. This was due to both a high fat diet of dairy products and lack of space to exercise.

Tom's weight however, was not the only problem caused by lack of room. His claws, particularly on his back paws, had grown to the extent that they had curled inward, puncturing the pads of his feet and eating into the flesh. The WFFT vet team had to operate on the bear immediately.

After sedating Tom, the vet team got to work using a saw to cut through the tough nails and remove the ingrowing ones from his paw pads. Some of the claws had grown over 1 inch into the skin, and the wounds were already festering. The WFFT vet team cleaned the bear's wounds and bandaged his paws to offer him more protection from infection.

After convincing the Abbot that it was in the best interests of the bear to be handed over to WFFT, the Wildlife Rescue Team could load Tom into the truck. Being so overweight, it took many loads, monks and WFFT staff to move Tom, but eventually the team were back on their way.

Since moving to WFFT, Tom's feet have healed well, and he has been introduced to a natural diet of fruit, something he very rarely ate in the past.

As a young cub, Tom was taken from his mother by poachers, and until his arrival at WFFT he had not seen another bear for 13 years. He is very humanised, but we hope in time he will be integrated into a group of fellow Sun Bears with whom he can happily share the rest of his life.

Photos: From top to bottom, Tom's sedation, surgery and start of his journey home to WFFT



Gibbon Release & Research Centre, Maehongson



October 2010 - Dee Na's Rescue

On the 12th October, a WWFT rescue team set off to a temple near Chumphon, after receiving word of a bear being kept caged in unsuitable conditions there. Members of the public had complained about the living conditions the bear was in, as well as the potential risk of it escaping due to poor housing.

Alongside the WWFT Rescue Team, a crew filming with Simon Cowell for the forthcoming series of Wildlife SOS were also present to document the bear's rescue and relocation.



Arriving at the temple, we found a female Malay Sun Bear living in cramped and dirty conditions. The bear, named Dee Na, had been kept for 5 years at the temple, since she was poached from the wild as a small cub. She had been in the enclosure ever since, living on a completely unsuitable diet consisting of pastries, cakes and fried foods.

After convincing the Abbott that the bear would be in better hands at the WWFT Wildlife Rescue Centre, Dee Na was sedated prior to her journey back to WWFT.

Arriving back late at night, Dee Na was transferred to a side enclosure to let her acclimatise, and after a quarantine period, she was moved to a larger side enclosure bordering on the enclosure of fellow Malaysian Sun Bear Dodo.

Dee Na continues to be very aggressive around humans, although her behaviour is beginning to calm. Her whole life has completely changed and it will take her some time to adapt. It is hoped that a more natural diet, a quieter life and the controlled company of Dodo will help her to settle down quickly. We hope that eventually Dee Na will be able to be paired with Dodo, or enter in with a group of other bears.

Photos: From top to bottom, Dee Na's sedation and transportation to WWFT.



In **March 2010**, the first four White-handed Gibbons moved from the WWFT Wildlife Rescue Center to the 'Lum Nam Pa Wildlife Sanctuary' in Maehongson Province, Thailand.

At this Wildlife Sanctuary, a lush and dense jungle in the North of Thailand, a unique project was built by the WWFT in cooperation with the Department of National Parks and Mahabul University. The main objective of this project is to prepare gibbons for a return to the wild, to release them and follow up on their moves and behavior as they face the challenges of the wild once more.

The First Four Gibbons

Kookoo is an approximately 9 year old male gibbon who was found at the Damnoen Saduak floating market. Kookoo, pictured on the right, was used as a photo-prop until he became 3 years of age and ended up alone in an enclosure in front of a woman's house. When WWFT learned about his fate we asked the owner if Kookoo could live with other gibbons at the WWFT Wildlife Rescue Center, and he was rescued in 2003.



Kookoo learned to live with other gibbons on an island together with Bank and Dollar - a male and female gibbon, also both from the floating market. These two gibbons were taken away from the floating market in 2004 after their owners found it very difficult to further coax these two gibbons at odds by the police were more frequent than ever before of wildlife crimes. Eventually the owners called WWFT and asked for a rescue.

Ply is a 2 year old female gibbon born on the WWFT Island II, part of the Gibbon Rehabilitation Centre at WWFT, and she is a child of Dollar and Kookoo. Ply was never handled by people until the day she moved to the Maehongson release centre.

Research showed that the lush forests of Maehongson are an ideal habitat for our soon-to-be-released gibbons, rich in the food resources needed by wild gibbons.

The Move to Maehongson

After being captured at WFTF and isolated, each gibbon was then given a full medical examination, and blood samples were taken for analysis, to ensure that they were fit for travel and would pose no health threat to any native gibbons. They were then loaded onto WFTF vehicles and transported to Maehongson overnight.

Pre-Release Cages

The sights and sounds of Maehongson will be very new to these 4 gibbons, and so prior to their release, they first have to spend some time in our large pre-release cages. This will help them not only recover from their long journey north, but also to become familiar with their new surroundings. After a brief explore of their enclosures, all four of the gibbons promptly fell asleep! Tired from their long journey, they snoozed for most of the day, but the gibbons were back into the swing of things in no time, fully exploring their cages and starting to adjust to their new habitat.

Eventual Full Release

After the gibbons have adjusted to their new surroundings, all 4 will be finally released back into the wild in the near future. Thanks to years of hard work spent rehabilitating these gibbons, they will soon have the opportunity to roam free in the wild again. After release, the gibbons and their activities will be monitored from a distance by WFTF staff, and students from Mahidol University, helping us to gain further knowledge about their lives and behaviour in their natural habitat. The site will be run in accordance with IUCN guidelines on re-production of primates.

In October 2010, 3 more gibbons currently living on islands at WFTF were ready to be moved to the Gibbon Release & Research Centre at Maehongson. They had been rehabilitated for several years, and at a stage where they would be perfect candidates for re-release back into the wild. With only 2 pre-release cages at Maehongson however, 2 more cages needed to be built before any more gibbons could move. WFTF construction staff along with Noi and Aom travelled to the site to begin work on the two new pre-release cages.

Through downpours and poor weather, construction work continued and after 4 weeks, 2 new pre-release cages were constructed during October for the two new Sultan-Hundred-Gibbon families, along with a smaller cage for a baby orphan gibbon, who had been handed into the Mahidol university students working at the release project.



In November 2010, after the completion of 2 new Pre-release cages, the 5 gibbons, Pa Mai (male), Takei (female) and their 2 year old male baby were transported to the WFTF Gibbon Release & Research Centre in Maehongson, run with Mahidol University.

Before any of the gibbons could be moved, however, they first had to be captured from one of the gibbon islands on the lake where they had been living a semi-wild existence for several years. WFTF staff headed to the island with blowdowns to sedate the adults, and nets to capture the baby, and it wasn't long until all 3 gibbons were caught and caged.

Prior to their trip to Maehongson, however, all the gibbons underwent healthchecks, and the adults had blood and skin samples taken. The samples will be sent for analysis, tested to make sure that the gibbons are healthy and free from diseases, and a final DNA check to make sure that on release, WFTF are not adding gibbons with an undesirable genetic background to the area. The release programme is run in full accordance with IUCN guidelines.

After their health checks, the gibbons and WFTF staff started the long journey north to Maehongson.

On arrival, the gibbons settled into their newly built Pre-release cage well, and are eating, swinging and singing normally!

It's hoped that they will be released in the New Year, and finally be able to live back in the wild where they belong.





WFFT Wildlife Hospital & Mobile Wildlife Clinic

WFFT has been operating it's Wildlife Hospital at the Rescue Centre since 2007, when it was built to replace the small clinic which was previously used. Built partly from sponsorship from WSPA, the Wildlife Hospital has fully equipped treatment and surgery rooms along with specialist recovery cages for a variety of wildlife species. There is also an isolated intensive care room for those animals who require even more special attention.

Veterinary appliances, such as ECG, oximeters, gas anaesthetics, ultra-sound, IV pumps and a dental work suite were purchased and/or donated to WFFT, giving us the equipment we need to treat animals on site.

We have been hoping to purchase an X-ray machine for some time now, but unfortunately funds have not allowed this to date - currently we have to outsource all X-ray work, travelling to the nearest veterinary hospital an hour away.

Since 2007, the Wildlife Hospital has treated several hundred musquitos, around 50 gibbons, nearly 100 slow lorises, 15 bears, and an array of deer, exotic birds and numerous snakes.

From swabs to syringes, dressings and drugs, the wildlife hospital is always in need of spare vet equipment, and any donations are very welcome!



WFFT is currently looking for a sponsor/sponsors to fund the actual running of the Mobile Wildlife Clinic - the vehicles are available but help with operational running costs is needed!

From 2006 to 2009 the WFFT Mobile Wildlife Clinic was sponsored by Care for the Wild International, with a Volkswagen van and an additional 4x4 off-road vehicle being purchased by WFFT to be used as Mobile Rescue vehicles. This dramatically increased our response times for urgent rescues and enables us to provide veterinary care to injured animals as quickly as possible, particularly in more remote areas of Thailand.

The Mobile Wildlife Clinic van is installed with vital veterinary equipment such as pulse-oximeters, IV pump and a gas-anaesthetic respirator, which allows us to assess, treat, and monitor animals at the rescue location, and during transit back to the Wildlife Rescue Centre, as opposed to having to return to the Wildlife Hospital before treatment can be started.

Since its inauguration in early 2006, the Mobile Wildlife Clinic has been used frequently to rescue wild animals from various locations throughout Thailand. The mobile clinic has allowed us to assess and treat animals on location at rescue sites, considerably improving the speed with which treatment can commence in injured or sick animals. We have found that animals treated earlier are not only far more likely to survive their injuries, but have a much improved recovery time following early assessment and treatment.



Reaching remote villages to treat severely ill and injured domesticated elephants, rescuing tigers from lives kept in cramped filthy cages, and treating wildlife injured during conflicts with humans, the Mobile Wildlife Clinic has ensured that animals are seen, rescued and given medical treatment quickly and efficiently.



WFFT Project 3

2009/2010 Ongoing Work at Project 3

New Gibbon Enclosures

At the very start of 2010, a group of 7 gibbons were moved to a brand new open-top enclosure up at Project 3. The group, mainly consisting of White-handed Gibbons, plus Zack the white-cheeked Gibbon now live in the large enclosure full of trees, and have a much more natural life.

Shortly afterwards, a second gibbon enclosure was constructed next to the first and a new growing family of gibbons moved in. Bridget, Cosmo and their 3 White-handed Gibbon babies are also now living at Project 3, and there is room to create several more open-top gibbon enclosures at the new land.

The open-top enclosures are surrounded by strong fences which have low voltage electric wires running around them in order to deter climbing. So far, however, there has been little to no interest in climbing the fences, not when the trees are so much more fun!

The construction of the gibbon enclosures was kindly sponsored by the International Primate Protection League (IPPL)



Reforestation & Planting at Project 3

Throughout 2010, planting at Project 3 has been ongoing, with a wide variety of native trees being grown at the WFFT Tree Nursery and transferred to Project 3 once they were sturdy enough. Daily watering by a hard working team of gardening staff has helped the plants to survive the dry conditions and the quality of the soil in general has greatly improved.

As well as planting trees for reforestation purposes and to provide extra shade, fruit trees and vegetable plants have also been planted, and some are beginning to be harvested. Papaya, watermelon, banana, rose apple and fig trees have been planted, alongside corn, Thai basil and morning glories, a type of grassy vegetable. Growing some of the animal food ourselves allows WFFT to reduce food bills, and we hope to continue growing this part of Project 3 and create more sustainable food sources.



May 2010



December 2010



New Bear Enclosures

With the help of generous funding from Free the Bears, in November 2009 we were able to begin building 2 new bear enclosures up at the Project 3 area of the WFFT Wildlife Rescue Centre, land paid for by Care for the Wild International. Built also using funds donated by Mr Greg White of Australia, the new enclosures will eventually be used to house several groups of bears, both Malayan Sun Bears and Asiatic Black Bears. There is room for several more bear enclosures up at Project 3, so we hope we can build more in future.

In December 2010, Tom the Malayan Sun Bear was the first bear to move into one of the new enclosures, with Kamala and Kanyal moving up to the next enclosure shortly afterwards.



New Leopard Cat Enclosure

A new Leopard Cat enclosure was also built using kind donations from Mr Greg White, and now houses 8 Leopard Cats. The shy felines were previously housed individually and in pairs, but all have adapted well to living in a group, and they have much more space to roam than in their previous enclosures.

The new Leopard Cat enclosure is filled with trees and vegetation, and has plenty of natural and man-made hiding places for the cats to relax in.



New Macaque Enclosures

In addition to new gibbon and bear enclosures, 2 new large open-top macaque enclosures were completed in early 2010. The two enclosures hold 35 Long-tailed Macaques in total, and involving them up to Project 3 enabled us to free up a high number of other macaque enclosures at the Wildlife Rescue Centre. The macaques now have a much higher standard of living and the two groups have plenty of room to forage in, trees to climb in and environmental enrichments.



Education & Campaigns

In addition to our rescue and enforcement work, one of the most important tasks of WFFT is to educate and inform the public about the issues that face wild animals.

Currently, our education work is based on a variety of different elements. The WFFT one day programme for schools includes a discussion about the threats to wildlife in Thailand and the use of animals in the illegal exotic pet trade. We explain the reasons why keeping exotic wild animals as pets is bad, and how it is detrimental to animal welfare and conservation.

Tours around the Rescue Centre explain to students and tourists alike the different habitats and needs of all the species we provide homes to here, as well as the threats posed to their species' survival.

We also have the capacity to take school groups for longer periods of time, usually 5-18 students for 2-4 days, as part of our student camp over programme. Here we engage the students in the day to day volunteer work at the Wildlife Rescue Centre, under strict supervision of course! Students help prepare food for the animals, feed them, and create enrichment items.

Thailand is one of the global hotspots for the exploitation of wildlife, with many so called 'tourist attractions' using illegally possessed wild animals to attract foreign visitors. Whether we are opening visitors eyes to the truths behind fake tiger conservation projects which are actually no more than money-spinning petting-zoos, or enlightening the public to the cruelties behind the use of performing elephants in circuses, we know that education is the key to the future of wild animals.



Education boards dotted around the centre, written in both English and Thai languages were completed in 2010, and have proved a big hit with visitors (left). The boards not only educate people as to the basic facts about different species, but also tell the stories of many of the individual animals at WFFT, their temperaments and how they came to be rescued and living at the Wildlife Rescue Centre.

Being dual language, we can reach not only English speaking tourists, but also the local and Thai nationals, who it is crucial that we target in order to educate them.

In addition to the educational information now placed around the WFFT Wildlife Rescue Centre, we also now have a great deal of educational resources available on our website, which was redesigned at the end of 2009. Our 'Education & Campaigns' section not only gives details of some of the issues WFFT is fighting against, such as street-begging elephants, but also provides teachers, parents and students alike with high quality downloadable wildlife factsheets and posters, that are free for anyone to use at anytime!



WFFT frequently has school and university groups visit the Wildlife Rescue Centre, but in August and September 2010, the number of students visiting was exceptionally high. In the last week of August alone, WFFT was visited by around 800 pupils from different schools and universities, both from the local area and further afield. All came to visit WFFT to learn about the work we do here, and see for themselves the difference we are making to the lives of the formerly abused animals who have been rescued and now live much more natural and happier lives at WFFT.

The feedback we receive from these visits is excellent, and students from many of the schools later went on to produce their own in-school presentations based around educational material provided to them by WFFT. Students at Retana school in Bangkok, for example, were treated to a presentation featuring 'before' and 'after' images of animals at WFFT, organised by a fellow student who has visited the Wildlife Rescue Centre and who wants to raise further awareness within her school.



In 2009 / 2010, the WFFT Wildlife Rescue Centre was visited by more than **50** schools and university groups.

Over **5000** individual students passed through our gates, all keen to learn more about the wildlife of Thailand, the threats it faces and the conservation and rescue work of WFFT.

Flood Disaster Hits WFFT

October 2018

In the first few days of October, the weather at WFFT Wildlife Rescue Centre had been particularly wet, with near constant thunderstorms and heavy rain. The lake outside the Wildlife Rescue Centre, which runs through at quite a high level, rose several metres in just a few days, and heavy rainfall on 3rd October finally caused the lake to rise a further 5 metres over the space of the morning. By lunchtime, it was clear that the Wildlife Rescue Centre would soon be flooded, shortly afterwards, the lake burst its banks and began flooding the Elephant Refuge and Wildlife Rescue Centre.

The overflow to the lake, which is located in the bottom paddock used by 3 of our Asian Elephants, exploded and forced a huge amount of water into the area. Thankfully, we had already relocated the elephants into the forest in anticipation of the lake overflowing, and they were safe on high ground.

What started off as a gentle overflowing soon became a deluge and the volunteer house and surrounding areas were hit particularly hard, with several rooms becoming flooded and the area along the front of the centre becoming particularly dangerous.



Paths were swept away by the flood, trees fell as the soil holding them upright was washed away, and water pipes were cracked and broken as debris hit them.

No animals or people were hurt during the flood, but the damage to some enclosures, particularly the bear enclosures nearest to the elephant paddock and the back dams needed urgent attention. The foundations for some of the enclosure walls had become unstable as the ground was washed away, and cracks appeared in several walls.

Once the flood waters had lowered, it was possible to tell the full extent of the damage. The elephant paddocks were severely affected, with concrete posts being torn down, fencing being washed away and huge holes appearing in the ground where the soil had been badly eroded.

In other areas around the centre, the damage included completely broken water systems, as pipes were shattered by debris, leaving parts of the centre without water.

The bear enclosures nearest to the elephant paddocks were also badly damaged and needed urgent attention - the ground under the walls was unstable as much of the nearby land had been washed away. Several bears had to be confined to side-enclosures away from the fragile walls in case they collapsed.

Added to this was the damage to volunteer rooms, and a significant amount of damage to paths, walkways and infrastructure, and the cost to fix the flood damage was significant.

After launching an appeal online, we received many generous donations from pals and previous volunteers and well-wishers, as well as funds from organisations including Free the Bears and WSPA. We would once again like to thank all those who kindly donated to the flood fund, as well as the volunteers who gave their time and effort to clean up the affected areas.



Enrichments at WFFT



When in the wild, animals spend a great deal of their time searching for food, interacting with mates and family members, avoiding predators and generally keeping busy. In captivity, however, their lives can become very dull if nothing changes in their day to day activities, and it's important to make sure that boredom doesn't set in for the animals.

Enrichment is when we put things into or change things inside our animals' environments in order to stimulate them, and can be split into two main categories, behavioural and environmental enrichment.

At WFFT, all animals get at least 1 enrichment prepared by volunteers everyday, in addition to scatter feeds which encourage natural foraging behaviour in macaque and bear species. Enrichment encourages the animals to perform natural wild behaviours, and decreases the chances of the animals becoming overweight, sick, or from suffering mental problems.



Environmental enrichment involves changing the habitat and living areas of an animal, and examples of this at WFFT include the frequent changing of beams and structural aspects to enclosures, such as monkey ladders and tyre swings; adding leaves, branches and straw as substrate to an enclosure and creating scent trails using a variety of appealing smelly substances e.g. chicken broth, coconut milk.

Behavioural enrichments are those which stimulate animals' senses and encourage natural behaviour. From scatter feeds, where nuts and seeds are strewn across enclosures and encourage the animals to naturally forage, to unusual ways of preparing foods e.g. by creating frozen ice treats and mixing types of food together into balls etc, all of the enrichments at WFFT help to break up the animals' days and provide more stimulation.

In 2010, WFFT gained an Enrichment Coordinator in the shape of Matt - his job is to provide the environmental/structural enrichments for the animals as well as to oversee the behavioural enrichments, and make sure that the items given to the animals are both safe, and suitable for their species.



Adding terrame hounds to bear enclosures is a much loved enrichment!

WFFT in the Media



April 2010 - A team from Animal Planet film the rescue of Tom the bear for a forthcoming show.

WFFT has been featured in magazines, newspapers and television programmes throughout the world this year, with film crews and journalists being regular visitors at the WFFT Wildlife Rescue Centre.

An Animal Planet film crew visited us in April for 10 days to film the pilot episode of a show called 'Human Nature', which it to focus on both the people and animals at WFFT. They were present for the rescue of Tom the suspended bear, witnessed the illegal trading of wildlife in Bangkok's Chatuchak Market with us and filmed our investigation into the global photo-prop trade in Koh Samui. Hopefully, once the show has been fully commissioned then the crew will be back with us in 2011 to continue with the series.

After filming in late 2008, the Animal Planet series 'Wildlife International 505' was also aired in several countries around the world, and which featured the work of WFFT in 2 of its episodes. The reporter from the series of this series has been excellent to fit, and has introduced many new animal-lovers to WFFT and the work undertaken here. The crew returned to film in October 2010 for a series to air next year.

TV crews from several Thai channels also came to visit the Wildlife Rescue Centre, and we were treated to visits by a range of Thai celebrities, from boy band members to well known TV presenters (pictured below), who all got their hands dirty working as volunteers for the day.

'The Bangkok Post', Thailand's biggest English language newspaper has also featured a rescue by WFFT; the diary and image of the team freeing a trapped baby longtail macaque from a range of fishing net was featured on page 2 back on the 12th June.



The WFFT Staff

Moi - Staff Manager / HR



"As the Staff Manager, it is my job to oversee the work of all the Thai and Foreign staff at WFFT. I make sure they are all doing what they are meant to be doing and allocate jobs for the staff. I manage the daily tasks of the staff and I'm responsible for hiring staff and organising daily finances."

Tom - Volunteer Co-Ordinator



"As the Volunteer Co-Ordinator, my main duties include organising the day to day volunteer work at the centre, welcoming new volunteers and working closely with both the volunteers and staff to ensure we offer the animals here the best possible life."

Lucy - Hospital Manager/Vet Nurse



"As Hospital Manager, my job is to make sure the hospital runs efficiently & that the animals get a high standard of veterinary care. My day generally includes treating animals in hospital, giving medical treatment to wildlife around the Rescue Centre & observations"

Aom - Thai Education Officer



"I came to work at WFFT after graduating from Mahachulalongkrajrajavidyalaya University in Thailand. My job at WFFT is to promote the education system at WFFT and produce Thai. I also work on translating articles on the English language WFFT website into Thai."

Edwin - Founder of WFFT



"As founder of WFFT, it's my job to make sure I have a good team around me, who can run the Wildlife Rescue Centre & our various projects well. Ideally, there would be no need for WFFT to exist, but as long as wildlife is threatened & needs a sanctuary, the WFFT team will provide it."

Bail - Veterinarian



"I came to WFFT in October 2010, and so far it has been a very busy job! I work alongside Lucy in the Wildlife Hospital as a vet treating rescued animals, daily health care and attending to emergencies when people bring animals to the Wildlife Rescue Centre."

Hatt - Enrichment Co-Ordinator



"My role is to make sure the animals are kept as stimulated & active as possible. This is done through enrichments: giving the animals items to play with, smell, taste and to generally stimulate their senses. I also do daily enclosure maintenance & repairs around the Centre."

Lindsay - Web Design, Graphics & Marketing



"I have a varied role at WFFT, but basically I am responsible for the design & upkeep of the WFFT website, running our Facebook page, the writing of news articles, animal rescue & Centre photography & the creation of graphics / marketing materials."

Ikki - Head Mahout



"My job is to tend to the keeping of the elephants at WFFT. I help the volunteers and make sure that they are safe working with the elephants. I organise food harvests for the elephants, and watch over them when they have their vet treatments to make sure they are comfortable."

WFFT Volunteer Scheme

WFFT could not function to the high level it does without the support from our dedicated volunteers from around the world. In 2009/10, the volunteer scheme welcomed hundreds of hard-working individuals who dedicated their time and money to help us care for the wildlife rescued over the past 10 years.

Volunteers from the UK, Ireland, Netherlands, France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, Portugal, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway, the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Vietnam, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Argentina and Brazil, among others, all joined us to get their hands dirty and contribute to the running of WFFT.

Some volunteers took time out of their lives to spend 3-4 months at the rescue centre, others were only able to spend 1 or 2 weeks volunteering, but all made a valuable contribution and we were no barrier. Our youngest volunteer in 2009 was just 13 years old, and our volunteer with her parents, whereas the oldest was 72 years young! We were also very pleased to see lots of return volunteers, who enjoyed their first visit so much that they came back to WFFT to volunteer again.



The volunteers help WFFT in a variety of ways. The fee they contribute to come here not only pays for their own accommodation and food during their stay, but also the food and shelter of the animals and the basic running costs of the organisation. This enables WFFT to concentrate on finding money from other sources to expand and improve the rescue centre and fund our many projects. This also enables volunteers to have the opportunity to work with the wildlife they are so passionate about and see that their money goes directly to the animals in our care.

On a daily basis, during their stay, all volunteers begin work at 8.30am on a variety of jobs, normally working 5 days a week. Jobs usually finish by 5pm, but there are plenty of breaks during the day! The work includes cleaning habitats, preparing and serving food, providing enrichments, harvesting food, general cleaning, building, giving tours to visitors and much, much more.

Volunteers experience something they would not usually have the opportunity to do, whilst being educated to the threats that face all wildlife, but particularly species in Thailand.

We strive to make a volunteer's experience the best it can be and the feedback we receive proves that we are getting it right.

"I will miss you all! This experience was the best thing in my life and I will never forget it! Thank you for everything - it was a great time!"

"There is only one bad thing about volunteering at WFFT and that's when you have to say goodbye. I've had such an amazing time, so thank you to everyone, staff, volunteers and animals for making my time here one of the most memorable ever. I could not have asked for a greater group of people to work with."

"This experience has been one of the most rewarding, exhilarating and exhausting experiences I've had. I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity to work with such a range of animals. This opportunity has opened my eyes and made me much more aware of helping animals."

WFFT could not run without the help and support of our volunteers, so thank you to all

For details of our volunteer scheme, please contact volunteers@wfft.org or visit the volunteering section at <http://www.wfft.org>



Where Your Donations Go...

WFFT could not function without the ongoing support provided by sponsors, individual funders throughout the world and funds generated by the volunteer scheme.

Here are just a few of the things your money has been spent on during 2010:

Feeding 400 Animals - With nearly 600 portions of food being served every single day - that's around 24,000 meals per month and 288,000 meals per year! - the food cost alone at WFFT forms a significant part of where donations are spent. Expensive specialist food for certain species is also needed for those with specialist dietary requirements.

Animal Health Care - From routine vaccinations and treating rescued animal wounds, to providing full veterinary attention to sick wildlife, the health care of the animals is another expensive part of life at WFFT. Animal sedation, medical supplies, drugs and the general running cost of the hospital were funded by donations and the volunteer scheme in 2010.

Rescues & Releases - Every rescue that WFFT goes out on costs money. Often having to drive long distances in the rescue vehicles - more petrol and car maintenance costs - WFFT staff have to be prepared with the right transport cages and equipment to ensure rescued animals are well cared for. In 2010, funding paid for the rescue of June the elephant, several macaques, gibbons, bears and a variety of other species. In addition to this, wildlife from several species, including slow lorises, macaques, small mammals, birds and reptiles have been released back to the wild, funded by donations.

Enclosure Construction - During 2010, construction work has been ongoing up at the new land (Project 3). 2 new gibbon enclosures have been built, housing families of gibbons, along with 2 new macaque fields, 2 new bear enclosures and a leopard cat enclosure. There is also enough land for future gibbon, macaque and bear enclosures when funds allow. Thanks to the construction work, dozens of older cages have been emptied and are undergoing renovation. Donations pay for not only the raw building materials of the enclosures, but also the wages of the Thai staff employed to build them.

Mae Hongson - In 2010, 2 families of gibbons were transported to the new Gibbon Release & Research Centre in Mae Hongson. Prior to this a network of large jungle based Pre-release enclosures needed to be constructed to house to gibbons before they could go back to the wild, and a team of WFFT staff and construction workers went on several expeditions to the site in order to build the cages. Your donations are helping animals return to the wild.

Renovation & Enrichment - As the years pass, cages obviously need renovating to ensure they are secure and healthy environments. Donations during 2010 ensured that we were able to keep consistently renovating cages and enclosures, and provided building materials for environmental enrichment that helps keep the animals stimulated. This is still an ongoing process, but improvement in conditions is steady and we are always striving to give the animals the best environment we can with our resources.

Staff & Admin Costs - With 25 full time Thai staff working at WFFT, from Thai educational officers, animal managers, bear keepers and mahouts, to cooks and the gardening staff, who grow the saplings that help with our reforestation project, WFFT has to pay good, fair wages. A decent wage, above the Thai average, ensures that they can live comfortably and are well motivated. In addition, WFFT also has administration costs, e.g. website hosting fees, printing costs, office supplies etc. but these are kept to a minimum.

Emergency Funds - Whether it's due to Red Shirt protests reducing booking numbers or a natural disaster, such as the flood of October 2010, WFFT always aims to have a contingency amount of funds available for dealing with such events. Donations this year helped to see us through some difficult times.

Volunteer Food & Accommodation - The funds raised by the volunteer scheme in 2010 also went towards the feeding and housing of our volunteers. All meals included for volunteers who pay to spend time at WFFT, and are made by our Thai cooks. Several rooms have undergone renovation throughout 2010 and rooms first built at the very start of WFFT have been updated.

Education - In 2010, WFFT expanded its education project, with more school and university groups visiting the Centre than ever before. Some donations went to the creation of educational material which was designed by WFFT and produced locally. Education is key to the future of wildlife, and your donations ensure we can continue this.

WFFT Full Day Experience

Would you like to volunteer at the Wildlife Rescue Centre but don't have the time required? Want to sample life at the Elephant Refuge and Education Centre in one day, meet all the animals and hear their stories?

The Full Day Experience at WFFT is designed to allow day trip visitors a chance to learn about the rescued creatures living at the Wildlife Rescue Centre and Elephant Refuge, see our hundreds of animals, and get up close and personal to our elephants in a way which is cruelty free and does not exploit them.

There are too many "attractions" where tourists unwittingly contribute to the suffering of animals - elephant riding, and posing with animals for photos are just a few examples - but at WFFT we offer the chance for visitors to see our rescued animals in a responsible way, free of cruelty and where the animals do not suffer as a result.

Full Day Animal Experience Schedule

Morning

- One of our air conditioned cars will pick you and your party of friends up at a pre-determined location, usually your hotel (Sha An / Hua Hin area usually), to transport you to the WFFT Wildlife Rescue Centre.

- You will then be assigned a dedicated guide for the day, who will give you a personal guided tour around all of the Wildlife Rescue Centre, allowing you access to areas usually off-limits to visitors.

- You'll see all of the 400 rescued animals at the Rescue Centre, hear their stories and learn why they are living at WFFT.

Lunch

A full lunch and refreshments will be provided for you. You will eat with the rest of our volunteers, and have to opportunity to meet them and discuss their work at the WFFT Wildlife Rescue Centre and Elephant Refuge and Education Centre.

Afternoon

- After lunch, you will join our Elephant volunteers at the Elephant Refuge and Education Centre. You will accompany the elephants on their walk into the forest, and learn about the individual elephants, their personalities and why they are at the Elephant Refuge.

- You will learn about the conservation issues that elephants face, and how they are exploited by tourist attractions, forced to carry lots of people and perform tricks - you will see some of this at our elephant refuge, where we value the elephant's natural behaviour!

- You will watch as the elephants take their daily baths, have the opportunity to give one of the elephants a shower and some food, and be able to observe these magnificent creatures up close.

- At the end of the day, one of our cars will take you back to your pre-arranged drop off point, leaving you to relax after your day of adventures at WFFT.

For more information or to book a Full Day Experience, email volunteer@wfft.org or call 632-458135

Wildlife Rescue Centre & Elephant Refuge Full Day Experience



10 Ways to Support WFFT

- 1 VOLUNTEER** - Join our volunteer scheme, email volunteer@wfft.org for details
- 2 DONATE** - Individual or organisation donations can be made online via Paypal at <http://www.wfft.org/donate.html>, or we can accept bank transfers:
Account holder: Wildlife Friends Foundation
Bank: Siam Commercial Bank, Petchkasem Road, Thayang, 76130 Petchaburi, Thailand
Account Number 708-208086-6
SWIFT Number: SICOTHBK
- 3 ADOPT** - Adopt one of our animals either for yourself or as a gift.
- 4 BUY MERCHANDISE** - WFFT has a range of merchandise for sale and all profits go straight back into funding the running of our wildlife projects
- 5 PROMOTE** - Promote WFFT through your local media, and join our Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/wildlifefriendsfoundation>
- 6 RAISE FUNDS** - From sponsored walks to donation boxes, there are many ways to fundraise for WFFT. Contact us for help in organising a fundraising even for WFFT
- 7 CAMPAIGN & EDUCATE** - Spread awareness of our animal campaigns and educate others to the issues surrounding the abuse of wildlife. Use the resources in the education section at <http://www.wfft.org> to teach children about wildlife and conservation
- 8 SPONSORS** - Become a supporter of one of our sponsors, such as Care for the Wild International, Free the Bears, or the International Primates Protection League
- 9 MATERIALS** - Supply us with materials at discount prices or free of charge. We are always in need of medical supplies and equipment, building materials and other items
- 10 CORPORATE** - Persuade your company to provide us with corporate sponsorship

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