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Boon Khum - out of musth but still a little edgy, getting treatment on his tusk cavity infection
Hope - the original monster, now that the big guys are walking around he's learning to mind his manners
Jokia - our blind elephant, playing more and getting comfortable with people touching her
Kalayore (Mae Keow) - 'beautiful lady' wants a baby, and letting the males know it
Kham Sai - while the 'purple elephant' is not officially part of our herd she is still close to our hearts
Khum Min - out of musth and joining the group, many of the ladies are paying attention to him
Lilly - getting involved with Kalayore's love life, and looking meaningfully at Khum Min
Mae Boon Ma - our 'white' elephant also known as our 'wide' elephant
Mae Boon Na - Tong Suk's mom has discovered the fun of kicking tires
Mae Nual - getting friendly with Mae Ta Keow and starting to play with the tires
Mae Perm - enjoying playing with tires and eating. Lek says she is looking like a watermelon
Mae Ta Keow(Mimi) -The first arrived she quite shy ,today she starting to socialize, becoming friends with Mae Nual & adopted Nonami
Max - living the good life, has taken a liking to the neighbor's corn field - 'Just Looking', he said
Nonami - the monster, has calmed down and sweetened-up (but don't turn your back on him!)
Siam - Sweet as ever, the singing duets with Thai are becoming legendary.
Somboon - happy to be a part of the Mae Perm-Jokia-Hope group
Thai - Still trying to court Max and any other men in the vicinity. Gets very jealous if any other ladies are near Max.
Tong Suk (Jungle Boy) - testing his strength against Hope, his tusks even things out against his bigger friend

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With the elephants free to spend their days browsing, they have had a chance to socialize, form new friendships and to exercise some rivalries. Boon Khum and Khum Min have come out of musth and they are attracting a lot of attention from the females. They also add a new dynamic to the lunchtime corn/banana feedings and the rambunctious young boys are showing them respect.

Mae Ta Keow, while still unpredictable, has stopped being solitary and is starting to form a friendship with Mae Nual and Nonami. Lilly recently joined the Mae Boon Na-Mae Keow-Tong Suk group.

★ *Mahout of the Month*



Yepa Siam's Mahout earns this month's



Corn, Corn, Corn!!!

We have reached an agreement with the local farmers to deliver tons of fresh sweet corn. The volunteers, visitors and mahouts have been spending a lot of time shucking corn, but the elephants tell us it is worth it

Romance - Jungle Style

All three of our bulls are attracting a lot of attention from the females. Time will tell whether the guys have enough recovered from their injuries and illnesses to take care of business and are being asked. do what they



Thai is using her experience and charms to woo the big boys, often attracting other females to get in on the action. Kalayore (Mae Keow) has been very active letting the big boys know she wants to be their girl. But Lilly has been interrupting any courtships before they can be consummated.



Thai and Siam hang around Max as much as they can. They all enjoy the close contact and touching each other. Thai

Tales from the Riverbank

With 4 Months and 30,000 sandbags behind us the reclaimed land by the river is looking impressive. But so far the rain season had been light. On the morning of the 10th September we woke to a flooded park.

The river overflowed and flooded all over the valley. This year brought heavier rain than last year and the floods are aggressive, but we have less of a problem compared to the elephant camps in our valley; some of them are completely under water. Our elephants are safe because the river wall protected most of the park from flooding

Thanks for Connie Speight from Santa Barbara, Bert Von Roemer from The Serengeti Foundation and all volunteers who gave us a hand to support and build the sand wall. A lot of hard work to help us save the home of our herd



Shelters and More Shelters

Unfortunately the time, money and effort taken on the river leaves us with inadequate shelters for the elephants to get out of the worst rain and to keep their feet out of the mud at night.

Although we are still looking for financial investment we are hoping to build 8 high quality shelters; each one housing one of the separate family groups overnight. An experienced builder of elephant shelters as already visited the park and we hope to start soon.



Medical Report

- Khum Min and Boon Khum are now back with the rest of the herd having been isolated during musth.
- During the start of the wet season several of the elephants especially Max developed a eye infection which made the eyes look purple and produced slight swellings. Treatment is proving successful.
- Somboon's burn/scratch marks have virtually healed.
- Thanks for Carol Buckley from Elephant Sanctuary USA who sent loads of medicine to use for our herd
- Local Government officials visited our o provided us with some medical supplies.



Mimi being auntie for Nonami. Mae Nual Nonami mother in front.



Boon Khum getting treatment from Budt. Think being a mahout is glamorous?



Feeding Time

Pet Corner

At the last count there were 34 dogs and 15 cats. All the dogs have now been neutered. Only 7 cats remain entire. But 6 of these are still kittens. So numbers are unlikely to increase.

Einstein one of our last male dogs to be fixed went in for his operation the vet sadly discovered a large tumor - testicular cancer. He is now receiving treatment - which appears to be going well.



A tough day for Kham Sai, the purple elephant, after a stint in the hospital we are hoping she comes back to us soon





The herd walking out of the fields, a fruit truck must have arrived

Jungle Traffic

Even in the jungle there are traffic problems. When visitors arrive, elephants are on the march. Nonami, inquisitive and alert, normally sends out the signal as elephants run towards the approaching vehicle in the certain knowledge there is fruit aboard. If the timing is right the car reaches the feeding hut first with a trail of elephants running behind; determined to get the first load. If the elephants are quick enough the car is surrounded half way up the drive and the poor visitors just stare in awe as elephants try to reach the fruit. Tong Suk with his growing tusks can be a scary site as his face peers in the window.



Boon Khum exercises after musth



Hope and Tong Suk bonding as always



Wow! Mae Perm that's a great right kick!

Elephant Nature Park has launched the new website: <http://www.elephantnaturepark.org>.
Thanks for Thaifocus.com who have been working hard helping us by hosting our pages on their website for years.

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