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JUNE 2012 – SUNI’S A SURVIVOR!!



Elephant Orphanage Project
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News update from: Elephant Orphanage Project (EOP)

~To Rescue, Rehabilitate and Release orphaned elephants back into the wild~

It's been two months since Suni, a tiny orphaned elephant calf from Livingstone was brutally attacked with an axe. The deep gash to her spine had rendered her back right leg totally paralysed and we were concerned that she would never be able to use the leg again – a huge risk to her successful rehabilitation and even survival!



Suni likes to play in the soft grass

But we are very happy to report that Suni is now walking on the injured leg! After a month or so of intensive nurture, wound management, physiotherapy and medical treatment, Suni has regained feeling and has limited use of the leg! It is quite a miracle to behold! Suni is obviously made of tough stuff and showed us from the start that she was not going to give up easily...she has maintained a fantastic appetite throughout, which is essential to her recovery and growth, and has just gone from strength to strength!

Suni now spends most of her day with baby 'Bezi' (Zambezi) walking a short distance from the stables where they play in the grass, browse and sleep in the sun. She currently wears a supportive bandage as her leg is still weak from having been unused for over a month. It is amazing though how quickly the muscles have redeveloped since she has been able to bear weight and move the leg more normally, although her leg action is not yet 100% and she turns her ankle slightly as she walks. With time and support we are now very hopeful she will make a full recovery!



Suni follows closely behind Head Keeper Kelvin as she and Zambezi head out into the bush for their daily walks

With huge thanks...

Suni's incredible recovery has been made possible through the dedication and hard work of the EOP staff and supporters. In particular we would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort of the ZAWA Veterinarians Dr Kamboyi and Dr Squarre, Dr Parsons of Matobo Vet and Dr Operacha of Showgrounds Vet. Chad Gomm has supported Suni with regular Body Stress Release therapy which has also significantly contributed to her physical recovery. With many thanks to: Sun International, Top Turf, Royal Air Charters, Lilayi Lodge, Sterelin and Cowbell who have all significantly contributed to Suni's rescue, welfare support and nutrition.

Suni has required constant nursing, medical support and milk feeds every 2½hours! Her rehabilitation continues to really test our team and system but we are determined to do all we can to help her! Please help us to support little Suni Donations can be made online at <https://www.justgiving.com/Game-Rangers-International-EOP> or contact Talja +260-976-913022 talja@gamerangersinternational.org

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