

Chrissy Pratt

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-Jodi Thomas, Save Elephant Foundation









Speaking Topics

Positive Reinforcement Training for Veterinary Care

Regular medical care is critical to captive elephants' health and well being. Procedures are scary and stressful for elephants and dangerous for mahouts and veterinarians involved. Learn how protected contact and positive reinforcement training provide a solution.

Positive Reinforcement to Improve Elephant/Mahout Relationships

Traditional elephant training requires the mahout, or elephant caretaker, to maintain a dominant relationship with their elephant using fear, force, and control. Learn how positive reinforcement creates partnerships based on mutual trust, respect, and freedom of choice.

Working in Developing Countries

The challenges are endless, but creative and sustainable solutions can be found, especially when we all work together. Learn how this is done through language barriers, cultural differences, and limited resources in places like Thailand, Zimbabwe, India, Nepal, and Myanmar.



Presentations feature pictures and video taken directly from Chrissy's adventures working with elephants and local communities.

When it comes to elephants, there is a lot to talk about! Presentations can be tailored to focus on topics of particular interest, such as challenging medical treatments, operant conditioning principle, addressing stereotypy and/or aggression behaviorally, ethical elephant tourism, and more. Please contact us to discuss what your organization is keen to learn about.

Bio

Chrissy Pratt has been an animal trainer and behaviorist for over 18 years. She has worked with a variety of animals, and consulted with elephant organizations all over the world, including Wild is Life/Zimbabwe Elephant Nursery in Zimbabwe; Tiger Tops Elephant Camp and Stand Up 4 Elephants in Nepal; Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Myanmar; Pakke Tiger Reserve in India; and Save Elephant Foundation, Boon Lott's Elephant Sanctuary, and Burm and Emily's Elephant Sanctuary in Thailand.

Chrissy has trained over 100 elephants and mahouts, improving welfare and implementing successful positive reinforcement training and enrichment programs. She enjoys getting local communities involved and excited about elephants, behavior, and conservation. Although improving the lives of captive elephants is her aim, she would ultimately love to see the day when elephants are no longer in captivity.



Heart Centered, Science Based Solutions For Elephant/Human Partnerships

Rates

1 Hour Presentation: \$1000.00 2 Hour Presentation: \$1,500.00