

HERE IS... DELHI !

Asian female
elephant
Born in 1983



Delhi was transferred from the wild in Vietnam to the Ústí nad Labem Zoo in the Czech Republic in 1986 where she spends her entire life.
In a few months, Delhi will be moved to the Limousin for her retirement with her new friend Gandhi.



Gandhi is looking forward to welcoming her new friend Delhi!

DELHI THE FEMALE ASIAN ELEPHANT FROM THE ZOO IN ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM (Czech Republic) WILL HAVE A NEW HOME IN FRANCE

During this year, the female elephant Delhi will move to Elephant Haven – European Elephant Sanctuary.

In early April, Tony Verhulst and Sofie Goetghebeur, the founders of EHEES, visited the zoo in Ústí nad Labem. They stayed there for two days, during which crucial discussions took place with the zoo's top management on the possibility of placing Delhi at EHEES. At the same time, they sought to learn more about the character traits of Delhi

The transfer of Delhi to EHEES has been extensively communicated with the EAZA Ex-situ Programme Coordinator, and all parties concerned, who all welcome and fully support this decision.

The move has thus taken concrete shape.

"We hope that Delhi and Gandhi will make harmonic twos together ," said Chief Curator Petra Padalíková.

Delhi arrived in Zoo in Ústí nad Labem in 1987, from Vietnam, at the age of 3-4 years. She is the only elephant kept in Ústí nad Labem after the death of the other female, Kala, in 2018. The zoo's managers, animal keepers and city officials realize that elephants are social animals. Continuing to keep Delhi alone with no realistic prospect of reuniting the animal with another elephant is something unsustainable and beyond standard practices.

"For this reason, after careful consideration of all aspects and consultations with experts in the Czech Republic and abroad, we rejected the idea of reconstructing the existing facility. After three long years, we are more than happy we managed to find a suitable facility for our female elephant.," says Zoo Director Ilna Pšenková.



Delhi will be joining Gandhi, a 53 year old Asian female elephant who arrived at EHEES 14 October 2021, from Pont scorff Zoo (Les Terres de Nataé) , France.

EHEES is very excited about this cooperation, and will keep you updated when there is more information about the transport.

