

**Elephant Haven - European Elephant Sanctuary**

**European sanctuary for zoo and circus elephants**



# What is a sanctuary ?

- A safe haven for elephants.
- A place where elephants can spend the rest of their lives, like a retirement home, receiving specially adapted care.
- Where their natural needs are respected in the best possible way.
- Where they can enjoy the space they need.
- Where they can spend time with other elephants, reconnecting with nature and all the creatures surrounding them.





# 29 hectares

Interior of the barn

4 hectares outdoor enclosure

Leaning wall

Scratcher

Pile of sand for hygiene and comfort

Mud pond

Outside view





# Gandhi

- Female Asian elephant, probably from Thailand
- Born in 1969 - 55 years old
- Has lived in a zoo in Denmark, then in Brittany
- Was welcomed to the sanctuary in October 2021
- Naturally gentle and sensitive, she loves watermelon and artichokes!
- Her past experience with other elephants has been difficult at times
- She needs space, the companionship of other elephants, peace and quiet, and lots of attention.

Gandhi









# Delhi

- Female Asian elephant, from Vietnam
- Born in 1983 – 41 years old
- Has Lived in a zoo in the Czech Republic
- Was welcomed to the sanctuary in August 2022
- Naturally playful and mischievous, she has a lot of energy and loves to eat! Except artichokes...
- Very happy to have a friend !  
Delhi is much calmer now.
- She also needs space and lots of attention !









## Gandhi & Delhi

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- Since they met in 2022, Gandhi and Delhi have got to know each other.
- It has taken some time, but now they have found a beautiful harmony in their friendship.
- They have become BFF, best friends forever.
- They can rely on each other while remaining true to themselves and respecting each other.





# Delhi

&

# Gandhi

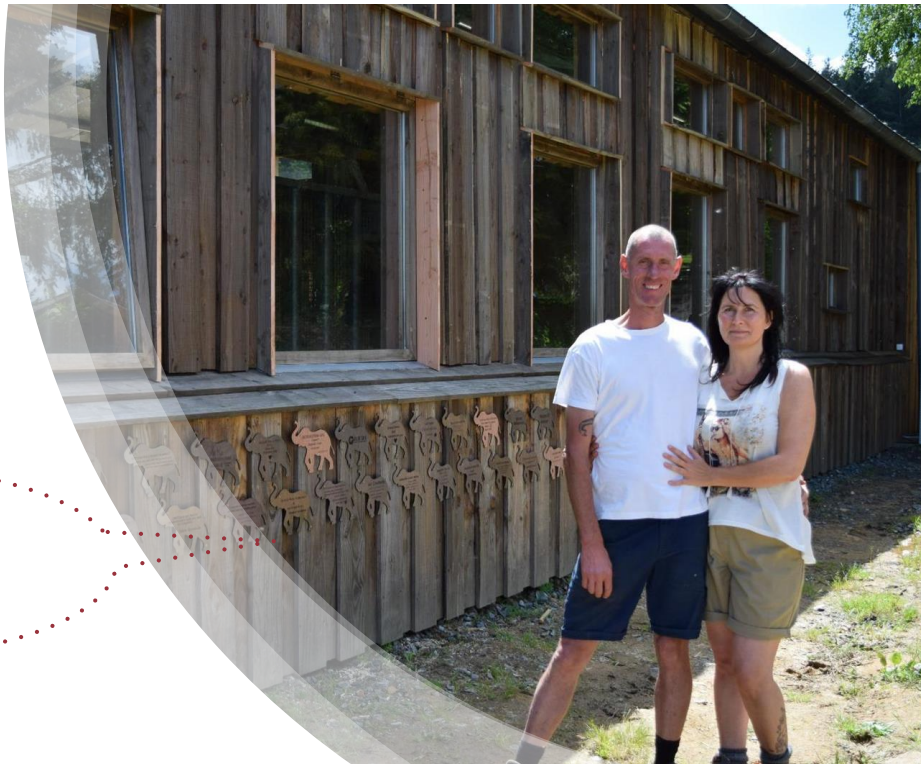




# Where ? Who ?

Elephant Haven is located, in the Parc Naturel Régional du Périgord Nord in St Nicolas Courbéfy - Bussière-Galant.

29 hectares of wooded land with plenty of water - perfect for elephants!



Co-founders



Sofie GOETGHEBEUR  
&  
Tony VERHULST

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Teams of volunteers,  
consultants, employees

Partners

Very  
committed !





# WHY ?

- To meet the needs of elephant owners for placements (zoos, circuses, private owners, etc.)
- To take into account changes in legislation in France and Europe, where the presentation of wild animals to the public in "travelling establishments" is no longer permitted..
- To cooperate with the governments, associations and organisations concerned... in France and throughout the world!!
- Because animals cannot always be relocated back to their country of origin..





# THE FUTURE ?



EHEES, Elephant Haven is expanding .

In France, the adoption of the 30 November 2021 law implies that wild animals from circuses must be placed in specially adapted facilities.

In 2022, following an initial Call for Expressions of Interest from the French Ministry for Ecological Transition, an investment grant was awarded to EHEES to finance part of the outdoor enclosures for the future barn.

Like the Fondation Brigitte Bardot, other foundations are faithfully supporting our elephantsque project!

Merci.



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DE LA TRANSITION  
ÉCOLOGIQUE**

*Liberté  
Égalité  
Fraternité*







# The future ?

## It also depends on donations.

**All donations for the elephants are warmly appreciated !**

**and can be insurances.**

**As an association law 1901 that relies on donations and fosterships , we are authorised to deliver tax certificates**

**beneficiary of legacies and life**

**THANK YOU** From the entire EHEES team, from Gandhi and Delhi

and their future friends !





# ELEPHANT HAVEN

“Through our commitment, we realise that people need elephants more than they need us”.





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## Sites & Social Media



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<https://www.elephanthaven.com/en/news/newsletter>

<https://www.elephanthaven.com/en/help/donate>

<https://www.elephanthaven.com/en/help/fostering/gandhi>

<https://www.elephanthaven.com/en/help/fostering/delhi>







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