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BO THE ELEPHANT CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF RETIREMENT

Bo arrived at Elephant Refuge North America on Sept. 23, 2021

ATTAPULGUS, GA, Sept. 22, 2022: One year ago, Bo the elephant, left center stage as a star performer to begin his retirement at Elephant Refuge North America (ERNA) in Attapulgus, GA.

The past year has been filled with firsts for Bo, an Asian elephant of 35, all of which he navigated with grace and wisdom. Bo, who came to the Refuge from the George Carden Circus, was born in captivity and performed for three decades, including headlining center stage at the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus.

Initially Bo's habitat companion was Mala, a young rescue dog who found Bo to be the perfect play mate. The two developed an immediate trust of each other, playing hide-and-seek with boisterous engagement.

After only two months Bo was joined by Tarra, a 48 year young female Asian elephant. They were friends from the moment they met.

Today Bo shares the Refuge's 850 acres with Tarra, Mala and Samie, the newest canine rescue. Their group friendship is uncanny.

Bo walks miles every day, exploring, grazing, dusting, swimming in the lake, and socializing with his new family. He has free access to a custom-designed, fully automated elephant house, but most of year he prefers to sleep under the stars, undisturbed by lightning storms and the wild coyotes, turkey, quail, and deer who populate the Refuge.

ERNA is the next generation of elephant sanctuaries, designed to provide an environment where captive-held elephants can recover with true autonomy as they rediscover themselves.

To learn more about Bo and Elephant Refuge North America, visit
<https://elephantaidthinternational.org/elephant-bo/>.

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About Elephant Refuge North America (ERNA): The Refuge is a project of Elephant Aid International. Its 850 acres of lush pastures, forests, creeks and spring-fed lakes provide a healthy, elephant friendly,

natural environment. In the authentic effort of rehabilitation, ERNA is not open to the general public, but provides live streaming video from habitat cameras for noninvasive public viewing.

About Elephant Aid International (EAI): Carol Buckley founded EAI, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, in 2010 to improve the lives of captive elephants worldwide. EAI enlists scientists, veterinarians, mahouts (elephant handlers) and owners in improving elephant welfare. EAI also provides education and hands-on assistance to improve elephant care, training and handling. To learn more about Elephant Refuge North America, visit ElephantAidInternational.org.