

Health Record for Lucy (1980 - March 2009)

Name: Skanik (Lucy)

Birth date per stud book: May 19, 1975

Captured from the wild in Sri Lanka: 1976

Arrived at Edmonton Valley Zoo: May 1977

Sex: Female

There were virtually no medical records available between 1977 and 1980.

The comments provided below are taken directly from the zoo's medical & keeper records that were obtained via Freedom of Information legislation.

Records end March 12, 2009

<u>Date</u>	
15-Feb-80	Cut on left rear leg
21-Oct-83	Pus oozing from tip of tail
1-Apr-84	Deep cracks in skin
8-Apr-86	Infected tail
8-Sep-88	Salmonella
22-Sep-89	Left front foot abscess. First record of foot infections.
7-Feb-90	Ear infection
22-Mar-90	Right and left ear infections
1-Aug-90	Chronic ear infection
3-Oct-90	Chronic ear infection
7-Nov-90	Infection in both ears
11-Nov-90	Abscesses left trunk fold
1-Oct-91	Arthritis – treated with chronic pain medication. First mention of Arthritis.
18-Feb-92	Split right front nail
3-Mar-92	Split toe nail
12-Jan-93	Cracked toe, cuticle and skin
9-Aug-94	Puffy purplish lesions on right back side of tail
4-Oct-94	White discharge from trunk (large amount)
4-Jul-95	Split rear nail
11-Jul-95	Hard lump - loosened. Spray topagen on nose
27-Mar-96	Gland discharging odorous material - loose stool
3-Apr-96	Has several lumps on her back
16-Oct-96	Area around temporal glands are developing large cracks - possibly infected
11-Jun-97	Appears sore on right rear leg
21-Oct-97	Scrapes on top of left hip
25-Oct-97	Treat open cracks on neck
26-Oct-97	Treat open crack in skin
27-Nov-97	Cut on centre of trunk
28-Dec-97	Stiffness - treated with pain medication
28-Jan-98	Very stiff and sore - treated with pain medication for more than a month
28-Apr-98	Excessive cracks in nails
28-May-98	Lesion on toe on left front foot
10-Nov-98	Wound on tail
16-Dec-98	Still being treated for infected areas on tail
10-Feb-99	Infected bite wound on tail
10-Feb-99	Left eye weeping - conjunctivitis
27-Feb-99	Still treating infected bite wound on tail
25-Aug-99	Not using back legs properly
25-Aug-99	Lump on tail, very swollen and red
9-Feb-00	Not vocalizing - suspected sinus congestion
29-Mar-00	Pus discharging from trunk - did not eat well the night before
29-Apr-00	Swollen right leg - treated with pain medication
4-May-00	Stiff leg - treated with pain medication
6-Sep-00	Very sore - doesn't even want to stretch out
14-Sep-00	Arthritic - treated with pain medication
20-Sep-00	Not bending knee fully
20-Nov-00	Chronic skin crack
14-Feb-01	Crack in skin on hip
18-Apr-01	Pus in crack on tail
28-Jun-01	Arthritic - treated with pain medication
12-Sep-01	Back right leg sore
3-Oct-01	Scraped face this morning
1-Nov-01	Trouble stretching and getting up - treated with pain medication
14-Nov-01	Found a screw in her back left foot
21-Nov-01	Does not want to stretch out or lie down
2-Jan-02	Swollen leg between ankle and knee, not laying down - interacting with other elephant
10-Jan-02	Doesn't appear to be laying down to sleep - won't stretch out or lie down
6-Feb-02	Sore on foot (soft area on foot).
12-Feb-02	Sore on left foot hardened. Right foot has been sore. Right knee swollen.
21-Feb-02	Being given pain medication for arthritis
28-Feb-02	Radiograph showed spurs in the knee joint.
6-Mar-02	X-ray reveals severe arthritis (degeneration) of right carpus.
20-Mar-02	Right leg stiff at carpus. Bottom of feet are badly overgrown.
27-Mar-02	Possible left foot abscess. Soft spot on left foot.
31-Mar-02	Right front pad very soft. Possible ruptured abscess.
3-Apr-02	Softness of front right pad has increased, being treated for abscess
17-Apr-02	Ruptured abscess on front right foot (pus).
24-Apr-02	Right front foot, abscess ruptured. Cuticle on toe swollen. Soft spot on the pad (tonie size)

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1-May-02 **Abscess ruptured through bottom of the foot.**
8-May-02 Cut on left leg (2" in length). Skin build up on toes and elbows. Lump in right breast
15-May-02 **Front right nail discharging pus. Brown mucous discharge.**
22-May-02 **Curette of feet bleeding and pus.**
5-Jun-02 Right toe cracked. Pain treatment for arthritis continued
6-Jun-02 **Not eating or drinking well. Laying down, only getting up to change sides.**
7-Jun-02 Outside toenail on right foot 75% detached. Sleeping for 2 days.
8-Jun-02 **Outside toenail fell off.**
10-Jun-02 Still very sore, not eating or drinking very much. Sleeping. Some diarrhea.
Inside toenail 75% detached
11-Jun-02 **Inside toenail fell off.**
12-Jun-02 **Appears stronger but appetite is still suppressed.**
18-Jun-02 **Sores on side of face. Right foot swollen. Cracking behind all toenails.**
Left toe cracking at base.
19-Jun-02 Continue pain medication for arthritis
3-Jul-02 Bed sores on side of face and hips.
31-Jul-02 Bed sore on right hip and right elbow.
16-Aug-02 Fell on right hip during walk.
23-Aug-02 Lump on right hip.
4-Sep-02 Lump on right hip is getting larger. Muscle atrophy on right rear leg.
11-Sep-02 Soft spot on toenail (right foot).
18-Sep-02 Skin lesions around hip lump.
25-Sep-02 Left front foot softness. Bruised right knee.
9-Oct-02 Continue pain medication for arthritis
23-Oct-02 Two holes on the pads of the feet behind two toes. Bed sores on hip and elbow.
5-Nov-02 Lump on hip is an abscess. Drained clear fluid and some blood .
and protruding from hip (apple size)
27-Nov-02 Tender right foot.
4-Dec-02 **Right foot abscess ruptured in one toe. Pus oozing from another toe on the same foot.**
11-Dec-02 Toenail base splitting, soft spot under the toe. Lucy seems stiff and slow.
18-Dec-02 **Not sleeping. Swelling in leg. Lots of pus from hip**
22-Dec-02 Continue pain medication for arthritis
31-Dec-02 Front feet very sore, changing feet to relieve pressure.
8-Jan-03 **Right front foot has fistulas in nail.**
22-Jan-03 **Pus exuding from right front toes.** Continuing pain medication for arthritis
29-Jan-03 **Pus from hip**
5-Feb-03 **Right toenail split. Nail bed swollen.**
13-Feb-03 Sore on top of mouth. Hip abscess draining.
15-Feb-03 Continue pain medication for arthritis
5-Mar-03 Not laying down to sleep
19-Mar-03 **Hip abscess very swollen**
26-Mar-03 Right hip sensitive and sore (continued pus discharge).
Note indicates that she needs a bed to sleep on inside
26-Mar-03 Continue pain medication for arthritis
26-Mar-03 **Hip abscess draining but still swollen. Two fistulas felt inside. Front right foot swollen.**
2-Apr-03 **Front right toe abscessing. Bottom pad is soft behind 2 toes on right foot.**
30-Apr-03 Continue pain medication for arthritis
7-May-03 Severe stiffness - continue pain medication treatment
28-May-03 Very stiff and sore. Scrape on stomach - continue pain medication treatment
27-Aug-03 Hip abscess swelled up again. Front right foot sensitive.
3-Sep-03 **Foot abscess**
17-Sep-03 **Hole in bottom of right foot, pus discharge.** Swollen knee.
9-Sep-03 Continue pain medication for arthritis
18-Oct-03 Temporal gland exudates, green discharge.
15-Oct-03 **Toenail split. Soft toe emitting odor.** Continuing pain medication for arthritis.
5-Nov-03 Hip starting to swell again.
3-Dec-03 **Left toe bulging, pus discharge and blood.**
31-Dec-03 Infected hair follicles on tail. Still pus from Hip lump
27-Jan-04 **Hip wound bleeding**
25-Feb-04 **Mucus from hip yesterday. Toenail and cuticle very soft.**
10-Mar-04 **Two small abscesses below rectum.**
17-Mar-04 **New abscess on front left tow #4, Front right toe #5 cracked through,**
hole on bad very sensitive.
30-Mar-04 Continue pain medication for arthritis
12-May-04 **Hole in right foot increasing in size. Left toe crack bulging and oozing pus, blood and/or fluid.**
26-May-04 **Pus from cuticle area on front left foot.**
23-Jun-04 Snuffling & gurgling in trunk, some occasional discharge.
First mention of respiratory problems.
30-Jun-04 Front right knee swollen. Using trunk to assist walking. Continue pain medication.
7-Jul-04 Sharp object removed from hole in pad on right foot.
18-Aug-04 **Swollen above right front toe.**
25-Aug-04 Gurgling in trunk.
15-Sep-04 Hyperkeratosis on trunk. One crack behind each ear.
6-Oct-04 Still wheezing.
13-Oct-04 Wheezing in trunk getting worse. Open mouth breathing.
20-Oct-04 Still wheezing, starting to sneeze out a bit of discharge.
3-Nov-04 Laboured breathing when laying on left side. Open mouth breathing. Sore on trunk.
3-Nov-04 **Abscess on left toe cuticle, hole in right foot pad is tender.**
24-Nov-04 Mucous discharge from trunk. **Pus discharge from left toe.** Tested for TB - negative.
8-Dec-04 **Abscess ruptured on left toe.**

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10-Dec-04 **Abscess on right foot.**
13-Dec-04 Poor appetite. Labored breathing worse today.
Abscesses on one toenail of each foot and tail.
14-Dec-04 Continue pain medication for arthritis
22-Dec-04 Left foot sore. Treatment for upper respiratory inflammation.
29-Dec-04 **Infection in left front foot. Right toenail split.**
3-Jan-05 Treatment for sinusitis
5-Jan-05 **Right toe very swollen. Left toe draining pus.**
12-Jan-05 Continue pain medication for arthritis
13-Jan-05 Treatment for upper respiratory irritation
2-Feb-05 **Right foot pad is lifting in the centre.**
6-Feb-05 Continue pain medication for arthritis
9-Feb-05 Hip abrasion.
16-Feb-05 **Pus from tail abscess.**
23-Feb-05 Open mouth breathing increased. Hip pus discharge.
3-Mar-05 Treatment for upper respiratory blockage.
9-Mar-05 Right toe bulging and soft. Continued treatment for respiratory blockage.
16-Mar-05 Right toe still swollen. Left toe starting to split. Yellow discharge from sore on hip.
17-Mar-05 Continue pain medication for arthritis
6-Apr-05 **Abscess/hole on hip.**
12-Apr-05 Treatment for upper respiratory congestion.
30-Apr-05 Continued treatment for upper respiratory congestion.
11-May-05 Blood in urine. Enlarged lump on vulva.
12-May-05 Treatment for urinary tract infection.
25-May-05 Blood in urine was a possible reaction to nerve testing.
27-May-05 Continued pain medication treatment for arthritis.
10-Jun-05 Continue treatment for congestion.
15-Jun-05 Lots of nasal mucous - continue treatment for upper respiratory congestion.
29-Jun-05 Lots of open mouth breathing and trunk gurgling.
Difficulty breathing when laying down. Left toe pus discharge.
13-Jul-05 Discharge from trunk. Continued mouth breathing. **Hole in left front pad.**
27-Jul-05 Nostril seems to be plugged.
3-Aug-05 White discharge from trunk. Nostril appears to have blockage. Right foot callusing, swollen.
10-Aug-05 Continue treatment for upper respiratory congestion.
7-Sep-05 Breathing worse.
21-Sep-05 Frequent mouth breathing.
28-Sep-05 Increased mouth breathing. A bit stiff in the morning.
23-Nov-05 Lots of heavy breathing, very congested.
1-Dec-05 Still congested, breath smells very bad.
7-Dec-05 Left front leg appears painful, not bending elbow. Breath smells like rotting tooth.
Weight at 8,900 lbs - on a strict diet.
14-Dec-05 Glands swollen behind ears - Has been "grouchy". Continue pain treatment for arthritis.
29-Dec-05 Trunk scope - no visible sign of respirator problem. Right nostril slightly thicker than left.
15-Feb-06 Continued open mouth breathing. Both left and right pad very cracked.
22-Feb-06 Lesion in nostril.
8-Mar-06 **Left foot problems from snow/ice and sand/dirt in cracks and holes.**
3-May-06 **Pus in tail.**
7-Jun-06 Stiff on right front, shoulder and elbow appears sore. Treated with pain medication.
7-Jun-06 **Not sleeping since sand moved out from inside.**
21-Jun-06 Difficulty breathing through trunk. Lots of head resting. **Not laying down to sleep - tired.**
Mouth breathing when laying on right side.
28-Jun-06 **Left foot abscess draining. Blisters in mouth.**
12-Jul-06 More trouble breathing when laying on right side.
19-Jul-06 Continue pain medication for arthritis
26-Jul-06 **Pus front left foot.**
2-Aug-06 Not eating as much hay or veggies as normal. Taken off medication re: appetite issues.
9-Aug-06 White foamy trunk discharge.
9-Aug-06 **Still not eating most fruits and veggies. Trunk intermittent foamy thick discharge.**
19-Aug-06 **Pneumonia, labored breathing, lethargic. Hole in bottom of left foot, discharge.**
23-Aug-06 Small pustules in skin folds. Breathing more congested last couple of days.
27-Sep-06 Still congested, increased discharge from trunk.
4-Oct-06 Starting to get stiff.
18-Oct-06 Congested.
15-Nov-06 Thick white nasal discharge. Left leg sore.
29-Nov-06 **Pus discharge from tail.**
14-Dec-06 Stiffer - did not finish hay last night.
20-Dec-06 Trunk discharge. Lost portion of upper left tooth.
17-Jan-07 Front left shoulder stiff and sore.
14-Feb-07 Left knee swollen and sore. Continuing pain treatment for arthritis.
28-Feb-07 A lot of mucous discharge from trunk.
14-Apr-07 Continue pain medication for arthritis
25-Apr-07 White nasal discharge continues.
28-Apr-09 **Zoocheck first obtained elephant medical records**
After this request the zoo stopped keeping the detailed record

4-Jul-07 Very congested, **does not want to lay down.** Pain treatment for arthritis.
11-Jul-07 **Treatment for upper respiratory infection.** Back leg very stiff in morning.
27-Jul-07 Front right knee very stiff - pain treatment for arthritis.
1-Aug-07 Stiff knee, limited flexibility.

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5-Aug-07 Very stiff, lifting front right leg while out on walk. Right front knee quite swollen.
23-Aug-07 Front right knee still stiff. - continue pain treatment.
5-Sep-07 Congested.
7-Sep-07 Continue pain medication for arthritis
19-Sep-07 Keeper removed 2" stick from hole in left front foot.
8-Oct-07 Very stiff this morning, pain medication.
31-Oct-07 Stiff right front knee (began Oct. 25th). Seems stiff in shoulder.
14-Nov-07 Breathing laboured, thick foamy discharge from trunk.
15-Nov-07 **No flexibility at all in right front knee.** Left front foot swollen above cuticle line.
16-Nov-07 Still very stiff - pain medication.
3-Dec-07 Swelling on ear. Continued mouth breathing, lots of foamy discharge.
18-Dec-07 Difficulty stretching. Continued mouth breathing, bringing up thick white mucous.
27-Dec-07 Still mouth breathing, thick white nasal discharge.
30-Dec-07 Continued pain medication treatment for arthritis.
9-Jan-08 Small lesion on P5 at coronary band.
15-Jan-08 Continue pain medication for arthritis
9-Feb-08 **Not eating hay, lethargic, very little water consumption.** Loose cap in anterior of mouth.
19-Feb-08 Diarrhea. No change in mouth.
12-Mar-08 **Not eating or drinking.** Will not open mouth. **Sore swollen left front over radius.** Diarrhea.
13-Mar-08 Lymph nodes at angle of jaw swollen.
20-Mar-08 Continued pain medication treatment for arthritis.
16-Apr-08 Not eating. Painful tooth. **Showing signs of colic today.** Upper left tooth now loose too.
24-Apr-08 Impacted tooth looser. Tooth on other side loosening up. Lethargic.
26-Apr-08 Continued pain medication treatment for arthritis.
20-Jun-08 Malpositioned tooth.
16-Aug-08 **Early stages of colic.**

Zoocheck obtained elephant medical records since last request After this request the medical records were less detailed

30-Sep-08 Continued daily pain medication treatment for arthritis.
30-Sep-08 Arthritis in front left leg more noticeable today, decreased appetite, tooth is aching,
she is pushing on her jaw
23-Oct-08 Continued daily pain medication treatment for arthritis.
4-Nov-08 Increased pain medication due to **sore right hind leg.**
11-Nov-08 Continued daily pain medication treatment for arthritis.
12-Nov-08 Lesion on right ear fold
18-Nov-08 Continued daily pain medication treatment for arthritis.
There is a note indicating it is "OK to give browse in moderation"
10-Dec-08 Prescribed 27 days worth of pain killers for arthritis pain
12-Jan-09 Continued daily pain medication treatment for arthritis.

Zoocheck obtained elephant medical records since last request City employees exchanged an e-mail after this request that suggests altering the records as follows: (see copy)

"I've been thinking about the latest FOIP request. I don't know the routine for how things are recorded, but for the next few months could Milton (the zoo's vet) do a routine check on a regular basis and simply record routine check. Lucy doing well. Or something like that so that when we create a pdf that is secured the _____ would have no choice to post her good health along with any treatment information."

After this, Lucy's medical records had virtually no details

14-Jan-09 Nasal discharge thick some green colour
Lots of necrotic (dead tissue) material around tooth
28-Jan-09 **Abscess above cuticle on left front foot outside 2nd toe**
29-Jan-09 **Abscess open**
30-Jan-09 Lucy's weight 9,726 lbs (Lucy was considered to be overweight at 8,300 lbs in other records from the zoo)
4-Feb-09 **Abscess on left front foot opened and draining**
Vet discussed diet, weight all foods and record precisely, no extras like bran or popcorn at this time
6-Feb-09 **Lucy's weight 9,440 lbs**
Feb 14 - 16 '09 TB testing as required by provincial law, negative for TB
20-Feb-09 **Lucy's weight 9,380 lbs**
26-Feb-09 **Front right foot - small defect in ventral toe, slightly tender, clean and disinfect**
6-Mar-09 **Weight 9,446 lbs - Arthritis treatment for pain**
10-Mar-09 tooth bothering her, increase medication for tooth and arthritis pain
Clean right front foot
12-Mar-09 Weight 9,440 lbs

Notes: Records end March 12, 2009