



**Many factors determine an elephant's quality of life in captivity
This chart will help to understand the best option for Bamboo and Chai**

| Quality of life factor | Oklahoma City Zoo | PAWS |
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| Space | 2.6 acre cow/calf yard for 6 elephants. If Bamboo and Chai cannot integrate they'll be on .5 acre. | 15 acres with space to expand as elephants join them. Have space to avoid elephants they don't like. |
| Forever home | NO. Bamboo and Chai could be moved, especially if either doesn't integrate with existing elephants. | Yes. Once at PAWS, they live there forever. |
| Climate | Cold climate. Prolonged barn lockup. | Mild California climate |
| Use of bullhook. Electric fencing | Restricted contact. Means the bullhook or electric prod could be used. Extensive use of electric fencing. | Protected contact. Bullhook or any device used to inflict pain is never used. No electric fencing. |
| Complexity of environment | Static, flat, dull, small. Elephants live in artificial hardscape. | Open, wooded hillside. Elephants immersed in nature. |
| Number of elephants | 2 adult, 2 calf females, 1 male. WPZ has acknowledged that Bamboo is aggressive to calves and doesn't have skills to integrate into a herd. | Bamboo and Chai to start. PAWS has welcomed 13 elephants over 11 years. More will come. |
| Live trees for natural elephant behavior | Live trees are outside of electrified fencing. | Wooded tract of land including treed hillside. |
| Substrate – main cause of death in zoo elephants is Arthritis and joint disease | Flat, hard compacted ground due to elephants standing in a small area. Forced to be sedentary. | Soft ground, varied elevation. Lots of room to exercise for good health and improved mobility. |
| TB | Rex, at OCZ, has tested positive for TB antibodies and could develop active TB. There is no space to quarantine if he should develop an active case of TB. | No elephants have active TB. Bamboo and Chai would be within sound distance but not integrated with elephants who have been exposed to TB. |
| Schedule | Elephants' life dictated by zoo's schedule. | Elephants allowed to do what they want, when they want. |
| Hydrotherapy | Not to our knowledge | Yes |
| Vet care Monitoring | Yes. Unaware of 24/7 monitoring of elephants. | Dr. Jackie Gai, PAWS' vet, studied under renowned Dr. Murray Fowler at UC Davis. 24/7 monitoring. |