**Sample Form**

**INITIAL (BRIEF) EXAM FOR ORPHAN ELEPHANT**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Location where calf was found: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact person (name, phone, email): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List medications or foods that were given and any other pertinent information

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EXAMINATION

The newly orphaned Asian elephant calf is under tremendous stress and may be injured. The initial exam should therefore be as brief as possible, aimed at identifying any injuries or life-threatening problems and initiating treatment necessary to stabilize the patient.

1. Assess the general body condition. Is the calf, bright, alert, responsive and well-nourished or weak, thin, and dull?

2. Assess the vital signs (temperature, pulse, and respiration) See Table 2.2

3. Is the breathing slow and regular or labored?

4. Assess hydration

5. Note any wounds, bleeding, or areas that appear infected.

6. Check the suckling reflex by placing a clean or gloved finger in the calf’s mouth.

7. Note the Condition of the stool (soft, diarrhea, parasites present)

8. Record the sex and estimate the age. See Table 2.3

RECORD OBSERVATIONS HERE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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