



# ELEPHANT *Whispers*

## *Elephant Profile*

# LINDIWE

*In Zulu the name Lindiwe means 'the girl we've been waiting for', although Lindiwe was not named for this reason, she certainly fits the bill as she was well worth waiting for.*

Lindiwe was in fact named after one of Elephant Whispers' partners and very special friend, Lindie Hensman. Lindiwe is as gentle and intuitive as Lindie, they share a special bond which could clearly be seen one day when Lindiwe leaned her cheek on Lindie's shoulder when Lindie was not well, offering comfort and companionship.

Lindiwe recently spent time with two special guests who were having a difficult time with continuous chemotherapy treatments and were completely exhausted and a little apprehensive about having to undergo further intensive treatments. They spent time just watching the elephant feeding in the bush, Lindiwe purposefully walked over to them and stood quietly with them for about 30 minutes, not moving, nor asking for food. After such a touching experience, they said they felt more energized, and positive about fighting the disease again.

## *Lindiwe* AT A GLANCE

Sex: Female

Age: 17 Years

Shoulder Height: 2.69m

Approximate Weight: ± 1.9 tons



For all her positive attributes, Lindiwe is not a morning elephant and can be a little grumpy until about 8am, when her normal happy disposition returns. She is not at all fond of rain, and refuses to come out of her stable in the morning if it is raining. All elephant love having regular mud baths, but Lindiwe particularly enjoys herself, which is rather at odds with her aversion to getting wet!

Lindiwe is easily recognisable by her 'trademark beauty spot' which is a wart-like growth on the side of her head.

She touches many people, not only because she is so sweet, but because she generously offers people soothing companionship, a most special gift.

