

Ruby – The Thai Elephant



Ruby, a 7 months old elephant from Thailand, just came to the Phoenix Zoo in America. She is the only elephant at the zoo. Her roommates are some chickens and a goat.

Ruby is very bored. She hasn't got any elephants around her. She is given food and everything she needs, so she doesn't have nothing to do. When staff at the zoo sees her scratching in the dirt with a stick, they have an idea. They give her a paint brush and some paints. Ruby holds her paint brush with her long trunk and starts drawing.

With just a little bit of help from her trainer, Ruby becomes a painter with her own style. She makes many paintings every day.

Elephants have the brains to learn how to paint. But, just like people, not all elephants have the interest or talent to turn it into a "career." Ruby is one of the few who can do it.

Q&A

1. Why is Ruby very bored?

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2. How does Ruby hold the paint brush?

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3. How old is Ruby?

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4. Where does Ruby come from?

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5. Who lives with Ruby at the zoo?

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