

REGION NEWS—ANIMAL PROGRAMS

Our region meeting in August featured guest speakers from the Marine Mammal Center. The organization's website (www.marinemammalcenter.org) includes educational resources and an online gift shop. The Zoo's alliance with the Marine Mammal Center is explained with signage posted just inside the Adventure Cove tunnel entrance near the North Pool. Proceeds from selling Pinniped Pals lapel pins (offered at the conclusion of each Lighthouse Theater presentation) are dedicated to a conservation account that benefits all of the conservation programs the Zoo supports, including the Marine Mammal Center. Presentations in the Adventure Cove Lighthouse Theater during Boo at the Zoo will be at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. They will then cease for the remainder of the year.

Lennie, our **sea lion** pup, was given initial access to the Central Pool on Sept. 8. Though she had access to the indoor and outdoor pools, she preferred to be outside in the big pool. Since Sept. 12 however, she has not had access to the inside pool when she is outside very often. She showed her trainers that she is really comfortable being outside without indoor access. She also has been swimming in the North Pool, darting around like an aquatic hummingbird.



Sadly, River **capybara** died after a two-day illness. His trainers remember him with a description any guy would appreciate, "Curious, smart and incredibly sweet." Though the loss of River was unexpected, it is no surprise that his brothers, Delta and Marsh, continue to attract a following with their capybara walks. Their open-air yard now features firehose feeders and a shade structure in addition to two wading pools.



Animal Programs is involved in some of the Zoo's special events. The Slothvasana: Yoga with Sloths series on Oct. 23-24 is sold out.

The Zoo continues its Enrichment Days series with Pumpkin Smash on Oct. 25 and Holiday Hootenanny on Dec. 11. The region typically features enrichment

activities involving pinnipeds, cheetahs and Animal Encounters Village on those occasions.

Animal Programs welcomes both docents and adult volunteers to experience this ever-changing region!

Photos courtesy of Jennifer Davis

REGION NEWS—ASIA QUEST



Photo courtesy of Alissa Chenetski

Greetings from Asia Quest! There isn't a lot of news to share since our last update. **Elephant** calf Frankie continues to grow, explore and learn how to be an elephant. His last weigh-in on Oct. 5 was at 610 pounds, more than double his birth weight! If guests ask, elephant calves typically start eating solid food at about 6 months old but will continue to nurse intermittently until around age two. There are no plans to change his viewing hours, which are currently 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He is typically seen with mom Phoebe and "aunties" Rudy and Sunny. Sunny is very interested in the baby and is often seen interacting with him. Rudy is a little less interactive with him. Plans are still underway to attempt AI on Rudy.

Daria **langur** is expecting a baby and is due any day. By the time you read this, a wee orange baby might have already appeared in the habitat! Guests often have questions about the langur babies and their bright orange fur, so it's a great time to hang out near their habitat.



*Photos of Jupiter tiger and Brian rhino
courtesy of Jane Cirigliano*

Jupiter Amur **tiger** is back in the yard after some time behind the scenes due to a sore on his tail.

The staff hopes to welcome a new **Pallas' cat** female to breed with Moose as Manda has had a hysterectomy.

Brian **greater one-horned rhino** continues to enjoy his yard with the exception of his pool, which he has still not tried out.

Cross your fingers for **sloth bear** babies! Breeding was observed and, if they were successful, we will likely have cubs in November or December.



REGION NEWS—AUSTRALIA & THE ISLANDS

Kangaroo Walkabout is open weekends only right now and, in October, it will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Sadly, we had a few deaths in the region recently. We lost our **black swan**, Dexter, our female **white-throated ground dove** and one of our **speckled pigeons**.



Photo courtesy of Jane Cirigliano

The **lorikeets** were given access to their habitat last month for the first time since last October! Keepers and lorikeets are super excited and are planning to open for special experiences only in the next couple of weeks. The area will be open again to all guests next spring. More lorikeets and some young black swans are expected to arrive in the near future.



Thoar—photo courtesy of Lindsay DeMuth

Katy and Thoar **koalas** are recommended to breed again. Therefore, keepers are working on getting Ellin more comfortable being away from Katy in preparation of that. Each of our fuzzy friends are still going outside and, hopefully, will be for a while. The weather we've been having is actually perfect for them!



Photo courtesy of Jane Cirigliano

All of our **Asian small-clawed otters** got their first dose of the COVID vaccine. Aleisha was a Rockstar and was able to hand inject all eight. Our **gibbons**, **siamangs** and **lorises** are going to get their vaccines soon.

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REGION NEWS—CONGO EXPEDITION

Everyone at the **okapi** barn is doing well. Keepers are excited to share that they will be breeding El Jewar and Damisi this fall. Female okapis cycle about every 14 days. Thus, they will be bred until pregnancy is suspected based on their behavior (i.e., lack of breeding interest at the next appointed cycle). Then, the pregnancy will be confirmed and tracked through fecal hormone analysis and voluntary ultrasounds.

Our **leopards** continue to do well. The boys, Jamie and Tyrion, enjoy their time outside together. They turned five in August and have received their first dose of the COVID vaccine.

Matilda **mandrill** is still in the hospital. She has been having some unusual symptoms that our amazing vet team is working hard on resolving. She is receiving a lot of extra love and TLC from everyone and is doing very well in her current setup. Meanwhile, Mosi is in the building and doing very well hanging out solo style. Hopefully, they will be reunited soon!

All of the **gorillas** have received their first round of the COVID vaccine. Since the last update, there have been some birthdays to note. Cassie celebrated her 28th birthday on Aug. 16, Kamina turned 7 years old on the same date and Sept. 9 was Zahra's 4th birthday. Our JJ had his 5th birthday on Sept. 28 and Sue turned 17 on Sept. 27. Our very special Mo'Ana will have her 20th birthday on Oct. 20.

Nia gorilla has been enjoying babysitting Jamani. Keepers have seen them sleeping together when they open the building in the morning. Kinyani frequently chooses to stay inside while the rest of the group goes out to the outdoor habitat. However, she always has access to the chute to the habitat, so you may be able to see her there from time to time.

The **orangutans** are all moved into their new home and doing really well! Watching them move around on the poles and firehose is awesome to see, and they are very much enjoying checking out some new enrichment options. Once they have acclimated to the new environment, staff will work on building a routine with them. The team is excited that guests will be able to see our orange friends no matter the weather or temperature. The orangutans have also received their first round of the COVID vaccine.

Jabari **colobus** has put quite a bit of weight on quickly. Consequently, she'll have an exam soon to make sure there is nothing going on that spurred the recent weight gain. Otherwise, the troop is doing well.

Both **hogs** are doing well and spending lots of time digging pits in their yard.

Our **bonobos** are getting along great and Faith has been introduced to almost all of them. She is Bertie's new BFF. Faith has a cute personality and is small in stature. She claps at times, usually if she wants something or is anxious. Faith loves walking across the firehose in the yard. We're about to enter cooler months, so plan on stopping by soon to see her and the rest of the bonobos outside! (The bonobos have received their first round of the COVID vaccine as well.)



Photo courtesy of Cindy Wesney

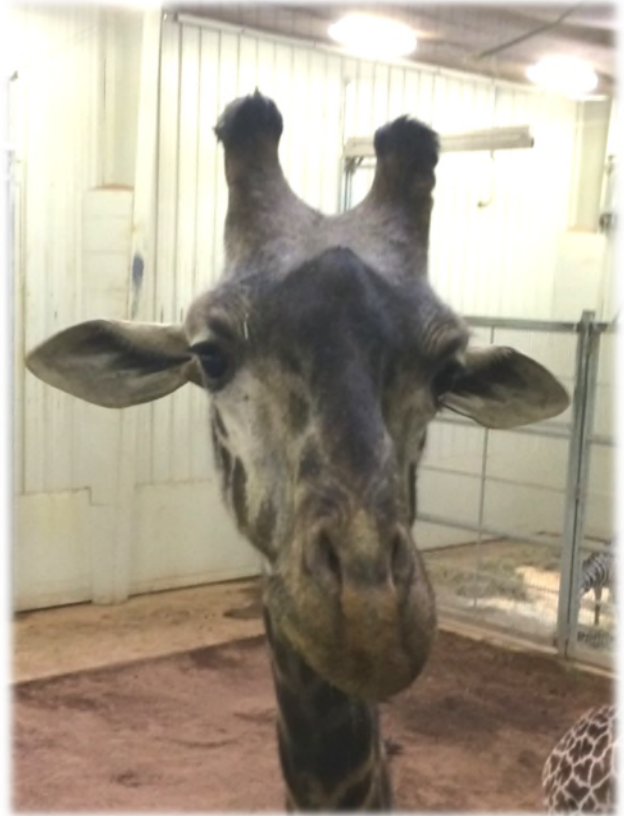
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REGION NEWS—HEART OF AFRICA

Our hearts go out to the Animal Care staff who loved and looked after **giraffe** Enzi. Enzi could always be found front and center up at the Shamba, typically the first giraffe guests would see, and was a lettuce eating rock star. Although he could be drooly, everyone wanted to feed and have their pictures taken with “The big one.” He gifted the Zoo with his beautiful offspring, Ralphie (Zuri), Schaefer (Jana) and Sammie (Digi). He was a favorite of many and will be missed by all. Rest easy Enzi, but the Tower just won’t be the same without your presence.

Zebra Holly was immobilized a few weeks ago for a hoof trim and did great. Now, all the girls are back on the savanna.

Everyone else is doing very well and enjoying the warm weather while it lasts.



Giraffe feeds are scheduled through Sunday, Nov. 7 (weather dependent). After that, the region will be closed from the Watering Hole back to the Shamba, so come on out and enjoy Heart of Africa while it’s still open. Docents and second-year adult volunteers are still needed throughout the week for all shifts until giraffe feeds end for the season.

#HOASTRONG

Photos of Enzi courtesy of Nancy Mulholand

REGION NEWS—NORTH AMERICA



Photo courtesy of Joy Remley

Swan Georgeanne is doing well. A new male swan should arrive this fall.

Nothing new is going on with the **My Barn** cows but three new Nigerian dwarf goats will be added to the flock soon.

Our **Mexican wolves** are doing well as a family pack.

Banjo **pronghorn**, Hermie and Clover **bison**, the **beavers** and the **eagles** are all getting along just fine.

Otters Paso and Catori are doing well and have been fully vaccinated against COVID.

The **aviary** is busy with lots of nesting and keepers wrapping up their annual round up in preparation for winter.



Photo courtesy of Jane Cirigliano

Montana **bobcat** is doing well as are the **lynxes** and Stevie and Joan **black bears**. The latter duo has been spending more time outside this summer/fall.

Cougars Goldie, Poppy and Captain Cal are still thriving and growing up fast.

Alvar and Guillotine **wolverine** bred this past month. If the breeding was successful, we can expect kits to be born early next year.



Photo courtesy of Arnie Berger

The **sandhill cranes** are doing well. They spend quality time outdoors in their yard behind the scenes.

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Bertha **moose** is doing well. The moose barn and yard is getting renovated. There will be new stalls, a scale and a chute in the barn and two new sun shelters in an expanded yard.

Most of our **Reindeer's** antlers are in a state of transition but Sugar has already shed her velvet.

The **prairie dogs** are fine.

Everything is status quo with the **arctic foxes** who have been enjoying spending time on their platforms.

Brown bears Brutus and Buckeye have been spending lots of time wrestling in their pool.



Photo courtesy of Arnie Berger



Photo courtesy of Alissa Chenetski

Polar bears Anana and Aurora are doing well. Kulu has moved to another facility. We anticipate an announcement from the receiving facility soon.

REGION NEWS—SHORES

There is a new **reticulated python** with Jackie in the Asia Quest building. Her name is Kamala and she is approximately 2 years old. She spent some time in quarantine before being moved down to a behind-the-scenes holding area where she and Jackie could smell each other. They were formally introduced recently and seem to be doing well together. They will have access to the back while they are getting to know one another.

OUTDOOR SHORES

We lost **flamingo** #5 after a short treatment for kidney failure. He was 28 years old and originally from Czechoslovakia. Initial necropsy results confirmed that he had kidney failure. His legacy includes pairing up with another male in 2006, stealing an egg from another pair and incubating

that egg for the entire breeding season.



Dwarf caimans, photo courtesy of Peggy Heffelmire

A couple of weeks ago, 120 **hellbenders** were released in a stream in Ohio. Animal Care staff were excited to get back in the field for releases after taking some time off during the pandemic. One week after the release, they received more hellbender eggs to hatch and head start – never a dull moment!

Sixteen **garter snake** babies were also released into their native range last month.



Dwarf caiman, photo courtesy of Bill Blair

Penguin Gertrude will be leaving soon for her new home at the Woodland Park Zoo.

REPTILE BUILDING

Check out the three new **dwarf caimans** (aka smooth-fronted caimans) in the “Wet Forest.”



Axolotl, photo courtesy of Peggy Heffelmire
Fun fact: Axolotls are in the video game Minecraft!

REGION NEWS—THE WILDS

The Wilds has had two notable births. First, a female greater one-horned Asian **rhino** was born in pasture on Aug. 16. This is the sixth calf for 22-year-old mother Sanya. The father is Jahi, who has since left for a new SSP partner in Florida.

A male **Masai giraffe** was born on Sept. 8 to our female, Savannah. This is her sixth calf. The father is Raha, who has fathered nine calves (all males) here.



Photo courtesy of Cody Cseplo