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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Members,

As we get ready for a fun-filled turn of the year at the Birmingham Zoo, I would like to take a moment to share with you some of the highpoints from the exciting fall season.



In fulfillment of the Zoo's overall mission, we have been busy working to assist conservation efforts across the globe. The Zoo's Education Department has been working to fulfill conservation goals (page 7), Zoo staff members traveled to Zimbabwe through a continued partnership with Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage (page 16) and the Animal team welcomed two new Howler Monkeys to the Zoo family (page 10).

The past few months also brought about the completion of Phase I of the Zoo's ongoing Renew the Zoo Capital Campaign. We celebrated the opening of the new Henley Park Event Lawn in September and are excited to have this new space open for Zoo Members and guests to enjoy. If you haven't seen it for yourself, we invite you to come out and see it during ZooLight Safari presented by Wells Fargo.

In September, the Zoo also dedicated and opened the new Junior League of Birmingham Nature Play Playground outside of the Zoo's gates. This free playground is open to all and encourages learning and growth through interaction with nature.

The Zoo's largest fundraising event, ZooGala, occurred in September and was a renowned success. I would like to extend a personal thanks to everyone who helped organize such a wonderful event, and the highest grossing Gala in Zoo history. It is because of you all that the Zoo continues to grow and prosper each year. A special thank you goes out to the Gala's Committee chairs, Kelly Aland, Myla Calhoun and Britt Redden, for all of their invested time and hard work in making ZooGala a remarkable evening had by all.

We are in for several fun activities coming up at the Zoo, so be sure to mark your calendars for all of our upcoming holiday events (a full list is available on page 13).

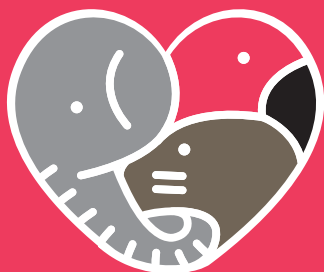
On behalf of the Board of Directors, Zoo staff and the hundreds of animals that enrich the lives of our guests every day, thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you soon and often.

Sincerely,

William R. Foster, D.V.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wm. R. Foster".

President & CEO



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## BIRMINGHAM ZOO EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH HIGHLIGHT

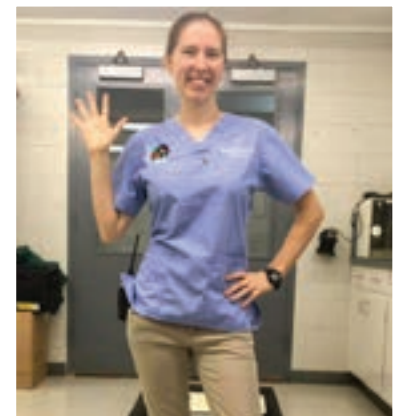
Every month, a Birmingham Zoo staff member is chosen as employee of the month. These people have risen above and beyond their normal line of duties and always live through the Zoo's mission. They also do their best to help out in any way possible, take on additional responsibilities, and keep a positive attitude, no matter the circumstance. If you see any of these employees out and about, make sure to say congratulations!

**September 2017** – Jeanie Snider, Accounts Payable

**August 2017** – Carolyn Taylor, Animal Care Professional II, Late Shift

**July 2017** – Ben Daly, Operations Manager

**June 2017** – Bridget Weidner, Lead Vet Tech, Animal Health Center





# BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS AT THE ZOO!

BY: JESSE DANIEL, ONSITE INTERPRETATION MANAGER

Behind those "Authorized Personnel Only" signs scattered throughout zoos, there is a world that few see, but many wonder about. There is a strange fascination with the underground gates and corridors of the buildings we walk through, the relationships built between resident animals and their caretakers, and even the dirty process of keeping animal habitats clean and ready for the guests. Opportunities to satisfy this curiosity have traditionally been few and far between, but now, zoos are looking to create more transparency in the work they do for the wildlife both in our care and in their native habitats.

The Birmingham Zoo is looking to do just that with the introduction of the new Guided Tours and Experiences Behind-the-Scenes program. These programs give you the chance to see first-hand the inner workings of the Birmingham Zoo and hear directly from our staff about the work we do every day. Three different tour options allow you to select the experience that is right for you. Birmingham Zoo Revealed seeks to provide a better understanding of the daily lives of our resident animals. In front of some of our more popular habitats, an interpreter discusses some of the items that enrich our animals before leading guests down for a look inside the Animal Nutrition Center beneath the Predator Building. In this, guests will see the live insects, fresh produce, meats, fish and grain that go into the diets of our animals every day, take a peek inside the walk-in freezer and refrigerator that keep the foods fresh and visit the grain room stocked with species-specific foods that nourish the wide variety of animals that call the Zoo home.

For those that are looking to get a more in-depth look at a specific "off-limits" area of the Zoo, Behind-

the-Scenes Experiences and Animal Encounters are both great options. Guests will have the opportunity to meet one or more of our Animal Care Professionals, see the spaces they use in planning and preparation and see the holdings, night rooms and back areas that our animals use when not in their viewable habitat. Our top level experiences - Animal Encounters - get you closer than ever before. Guests will meet one of our animals up-close, hear their stories from the keepers they rely on and view a feeding, training session, or routine general care.

Working around the daily schedules and natural cycles of our animals is a unique challenge and these experiences will always revolve around the well-being of our animals and thus rotate on a semi-

quarterly basis to accommodate their needs. For example, Farley, our male California sea lion and one of the stars of the Sea Lion Animal Encounter, follows the roles he normally would in the wild. "During the summer, he would spend most of his time on land for breeding and guarding of females," said Bobbie Cavanaugh, Zoological Manager of Predators. "Because he has put on so much weight

to prepare, he isn't very hungry and his motivation for food goes down a bit." Because food is the main tool used in training sessions and husbandry, this causes a slight challenge during our busiest season – a large animal that really just wants to lounge. Guided Tours and Experiences are a one-of-a-kind partnership between the Birmingham Zoo Animal and Education Department, and communication is key for a program like this to work.

For more information on booking and types of programs offered, please visit: [www.birminghamzoo.com/visitor-info/guided-tours-and-experiences/](http://www.birminghamzoo.com/visitor-info/guided-tours-and-experiences/)





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- 10% off gift shop merchandise and food at Kudzoo and Safari Cafes
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  - NEW - Enjoy Member Mornings (during select summer dates) where the Zoo opens early for Members only!





# VOLUNTEER AT THE BIRMINGHAM ZOO!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to volunteer at a place where you could make an impact in an animal's life? The Birmingham Zoo is the place for you! Many of the activities that volunteers do every day help to *Inspire Passion to Conserve the Natural World*. One of the many ways volunteers help with this is animal enrichment. Enrichment is meant to improve the animals' environments and care based on their natural behaviors and instincts. From making a vinyl ball for a giraffe to a coconut puzzle feeder for a cotton-top tamarin, volunteers help make sure the animals are happy and healthy. Overall, volunteers donate over 30,000 hours annually. Without volunteers, the Zoo could not run as smoothly as it does 363 days a year.

To join us in *Inspiring Passion to Conserve the Natural World*, please contact the Zoo's volunteer department at the contact information below. 205.397.3863 [volunteers@birminghamzoo.com](mailto:volunteers@birminghamzoo.com)



## "GO GREEN" FOR THE HOLIDAYS

BY: LINDSEY HERRON, ZOO REGISTRAR

Looking for more ways to "go green"? The Birmingham Zoo Green team is here to help!

The holiday season is right around the corner, which is a great time to start thinking green. From decorations to presents, green options are the perfect way to celebrate! Try decorating your house and table with natural items that reflect the seasons. Items like leaves and pine cones bring nature indoors, and you can return them to nature after the celebrations are over, saving landfill space. Recycled and repurposed items make wonderful decorations as well. Try making paper chains or snowflake cutouts with scrap paper, or using clothespins to make snowflake ornaments. Your imagination is the limit! If you enjoy twinkling seasonal lights, replace your old incandescent lights with LEDs. These lights can use 90% less power than traditional bulbs, so you'll be saving your wallet as well as electricity. Limiting light use is another way to save electricity. If you have trouble keeping track of your light schedule, an automatic timer is a great way to ensure your lights will go off when you want them to. If you'd like to save on paper and postage, try sending e-cards instead of traditional paper cards. There are plenty of free sites with hundreds of designs, so you're sure to find something you and your loved ones will appreciate. Finally, use newsprint to wrap your presents instead of buying new wrapping paper. Not only will you be saving a few trees, you'll be saving a few dollars!

When the holiday season is over, there will still be plenty of opportunities to go green. If you used a live tree, look for a tree recycling drop off where the old trees will be ground up and used for landscaping mulch. Save used wrapping paper and gift bags for reuse next year, and save holiday cards to make ornaments and decorations for next year. Make sure you store your lights and decorations in a safe place to avoid damage, so you can keep reusing them year after year.

Remember: every little bit counts!





# AUDIENCE-DRIVEN EDUCATION ENGAGEMENTS

BY: ROGER TORBERT,  
VICE PRESIDENT, EDUCATION

Each year the Association of Zoos and Aquariums publishes its Annual Report on Conservation and Science (ARCS). This report celebrates the cumulative impact of AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums in the areas of field conservation, education programming, sustainable business practices and mission-related research. The full ARCS Report can be found at [www.aza.org/annual-report-on-conservation-and-science](http://www.aza.org/annual-report-on-conservation-and-science).

The 2016 report captures the powerful impact that AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums have in conservation education. Below are some highlights from the report:

In 2016 the Birmingham Zoo and other AZA accredited institutions provided 90 million+ audience-driven education engagements. These include visitor-initiated engagements with hands-on learning environments, such as interpreters at habitats like our Predator Zone, keeper chats, learning stations throughout the facility like the Chipangali Research Station and Creature Carts, nature play spaces like the Medical Properties Trust Nature Play Space in Henley Park and more.

When delivering conservation education programs, the Birmingham Zoo and other AZA-accredited institutions raise awareness about conservation issues and promote actions visitors can take that help save wildlife and wild places. In 2016, programs that focus on actions to address conservation issues had a reach of 111 million visitors.

Some of the most frequently reported conservation actions recommended by zoos and aquariums in 2016 were:

- Learn about the issue and teach others/encourage collective action
- Make informed purchasing decisions/be a conscious consumer
- Spend time in nature
- Create safe environments for wildlife
- Support conservation efforts and organizations
- Practice watershed maintenance/reduce runoff



The top “Hot Topics” which were the focus of educational programming at the Birmingham Zoo and other AZA accredited institutions include:

- Connecting to nature
- Habitat loss
- Human-wildlife conflict
- Careers
- Sustainable living

The integrated fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are readily incorporated into informal education settings and reinforce classroom learning. Through hands-on, problem-based learning, students are challenged to apply STEM knowledge to construct solutions that can help save wildlife. In 2016 the Birmingham Zoo and other AZA accredited institutions offered STEM education programs reaching more than 5.6 million individuals. The Birmingham Zoo’s STEM-based programs include *The Role of Genetics in the Modern Zoo*, *Zookeeper in Training*, *Climate Change: Impacts of a Warming Arctic* and *Elephant Observation and Research*.

In 2016 the Birmingham Zoo and other AZA accredited institutions also provided teacher training, curriculum resources and free planning visits to more than 79,000 teachers. The Birmingham Zoo has supported teachers from around the state through our *Teacher’s Night at the Zoo*, *ZooTeach Professional Development Series* and the use of *Discovery Kits*.

With a variety of programs available for students of all ages, we invite you to get involved. Visit [birminghamzoo.com](http://birminghamzoo.com) to find a fun and educational program for you.



# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CHILDREN'S ZOO ANIMAL CARE PROFESSIONAL

BY: KARLA FARISH, LEAD CHILDREN'S ZOO ANIMAL CARE PROFESSIONAL

The Birmingham Zoo is home to a variety of animals, some of which are native to Alabama, and I'm going to take you through a typical day in the Children's Zoo and Alabama Wilds. Early in the morning, I grab my two way radio and start checking each and every one of the animals. Every animal in the zoo is checked each morning and evening by animal department staff to ensure they appear healthy and nothing is out of the ordinary.

I typically start my work in the Alabama Barn. The goats, pigs and pony all start bleating, grunting and neighing. After every animal is shifted out of the barn, cleaning can begin. It will take a total of two hours and some teamwork to strip every stall, hose and disinfect then add new bedding. We will get done just in time for guests to arrive, who all seem to enjoy watching the feeding process.

After feeding, the goats are ready to take their daily walk around the Children's Zoo. One Animal Care Professional leads and another follows behind the herd. We open the stall gate and out walk thirteen miniature goats. Some prance excitedly and are mildly distracted. A few of the goats stop to grab some leaves and are encouraged to rejoin the group. Twenty minutes later, the herd returns to the barn pastures to spend time in the sun and enjoy munching on some hay.

Next, I'm on to feed and weigh some of our native bird collection. Saluda, the red tailed hawk, is perched calmly in her habitat. I raise my gloved hand and ask her to "step up". She does so confidently and allows me to place her on the scale. Her weight is good and I offer her some mice to eat. This is an important part of training, as it establishes a trust between the animal and the Animal Care Professional, which is essential when doing medical exams or checkups. I then empty and refill her water bowl and clean the habitat.

After lunch, it's time to check in on the Zoo's American black bears. Many of our guests have noticed that the Zoo's American black bears, Bety and Sassy, are great climbers and often spend

time in trees to rest or eat. The bears will become inactive soon. They have been slowing down the last few weeks as they enter winter torpor and will emerge sometime in February.

At the otter habitat, I see our male otter, Slim, swimming around. I start a training session with him and am pleased with his progress over the past several months. He has been calm and cooperative for his checkups and vaccinations, which is a time investment that has really paid off.

It's getting late and time to finish up. I walk through the Children's Zoo checking animals one more time for the evening. I'm often amazed at the many hats we wear as Animal Care Professionals. The list includes handyman, educator, trainer, writer, and of course waste management. We can't forget that one!

I'm glad to be a part of an extremely dedicated group of individuals who care for the animals at the Birmingham Zoo.





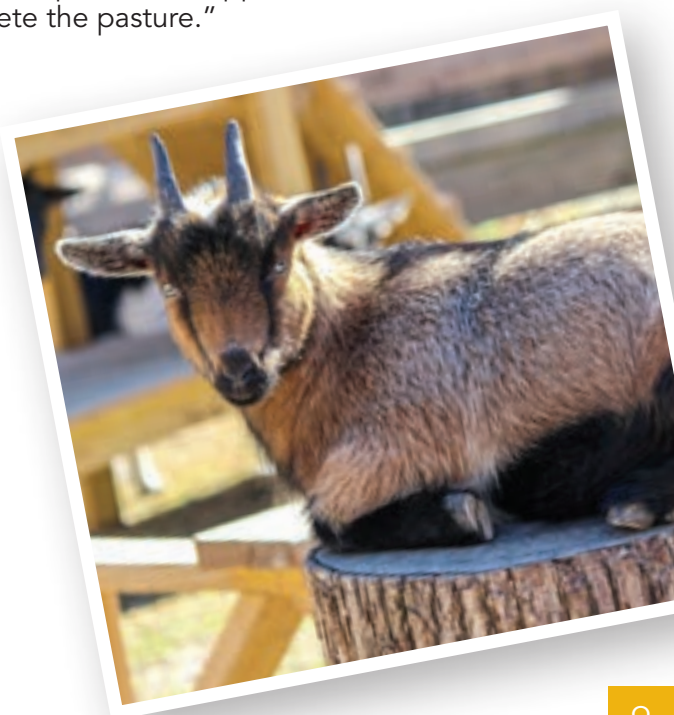
# DONOR SPOTLIGHT: PROTECTIVE LIFE

Protective Life Corporation is widely known in the Birmingham area as a generous corporate leader with its foundation giving \$5.33 million in 2016 to 237 nonprofits and for scholarships. Protective's focus is to improve the quality of life for its community and to work with its partners to find solutions to human and economic issues.

"Protective Life Corporation has been a part of the Birmingham Zoo since 2002 when the company made a substantial grant toward the Zoo's hand-carved endangered species carousel, now known as the Protective Life Corporation Carousel," says Birmingham Zoo President & CEO, William Foster, DVM. Today, the Protective Life Corporation Carousel is a favorite in the Junior League of Birmingham – Hugh Kaul Children's Zoo that over 644,000 guests enjoy annually. "Protective Life Foundation's most recent grant in 2015 for the Zoo's Capital Campaign will name the Japanese Garden outside the new Asian Passage," adds Foster. The Asian Passage is part of the \$18.6 million Capital Campaign and is due to open in 2019. The Asian Passage habitat will feature a beautiful Japanese Garden that will include cranes and flora. Among the animals to be included in the Asian Passage habitat will be Sumatran orangutans, a Malayan tiger, a Komodo dragon and red pandas.

The company and foundation have supported the Zoo's mission providing grants and funding. "Protective Life helps the Zoo to Inspire Passion to Conserve the Natural World in what we do every day for conservation and education with children and their families," adds Foster. David M. Loper, Senior Vice President and Senior Associate Counsel at Protective Life Corporation, has served on the Zoo's Board of Directors since 2011 and is currently Secretary of the Board. He also serves on the Executive Committee and Chairs the Conservation Committee.

Recently, Protective Life employees also volunteered at the Zoo to help create a new goat pasture. According to Zoological Manager, Tyler Eads, "The Protective Life volunteers were among the best groups of volunteers that I have worked with during the past seven years at the Birmingham Zoo. They allowed us to accomplish a long-term goal in the Children's Zoo. The completion of the goat pasture will allow the animals living within the barn to exhibit natural behaviors. In the future, this pasture will also be used for the benefit of all the Children Zoo's animals. We, as a staff, would like to thank the Protective Life group for all the help and the supplies used in order to complete the pasture."





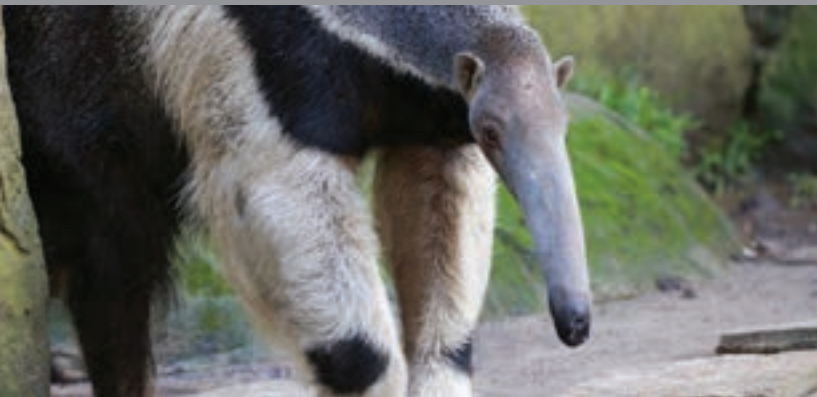
# WHO'S NEW AT THE ZOO?

BY DANIELLE WILLIAMS, ZOOLOGICAL MANAGER OF SOUTH AMERICA/PRIMATES

If you've been to the Zoo this year, you are sure to have noticed that there have been a few new additions to the South America/Primate Building. Each of these newcomers has taken a different path to get here and has provided a different experience for our guests. Khan, the jaguar, was driven up from a partner AZA Zoo in Florida. He took readily to his new habitat and is found most days rotating nap spots between the warm, sunny waterfall area and the cool, shaded bamboo. Carlito, the giant anteater, flew from a partner AZA Zoo in California and has taken a much different approach. He has continued to challenge animal care staff to get him up and moving during the day and

also share a special feature that, until now, has been unique to the spider monkeys in the South America/Primate area. Black howler monkeys have prehensile tails. They can use this specialized tail to grip objects, and they can even hang their entire body weight from it. In another contradiction to their name "howler" monkey, their loudest vocalization is more of a roar. Generally considered the loudest land animal in the New World, howler monkeys can be heard over two miles away. All of these things add up to make them pretty exciting to have at the Zoo.

As you will be able to see by their hair color, our new Southern black howler monkey pair is



chooses, instead, to explore and dig up his new habitat during the evening and night. So what about the most recent additions? Who are they, and how did they get here?

We are excited to welcome to the Birmingham Zoo two Southern black howler monkeys! Don't let the name fool you though, because one of the new monkeys actually has blonde, or tan, hair. Black howler monkeys are sexually dichromatic, which is a fancy way of saying that males and females have different coloration. All black howler monkeys are born with the blonde fur, and as they mature, the males' fur turns black. Once they are full grown, the males' fur are also noticeably larger than the females. Howler monkeys are overall the largest of the New World monkeys, which includes spider monkeys, squirrel monkeys and tamarins. They

comprised of one male and one female. Matea was born April 26, 2013 at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. She initially lived with her mother, father and two sisters. However, after the passing of her father, when the CMZ animal care staff attempted to introduce a new male into the group, Matea had a difficult time adjusting and behaved aggressively toward him. After multiple attempts, they began to look for alternative solutions. We had already contacted the Southern black howler monkey Species Survival Plan (SSP) to let them know that we were interested in housing howler monkeys, and they helped us connect. Meanwhile, a young male Southern black howler monkey was maturing and getting ready to leave his family group at the San Antonio Zoo. The SSP once again stepped in to put our two zoos in contact. Monte was



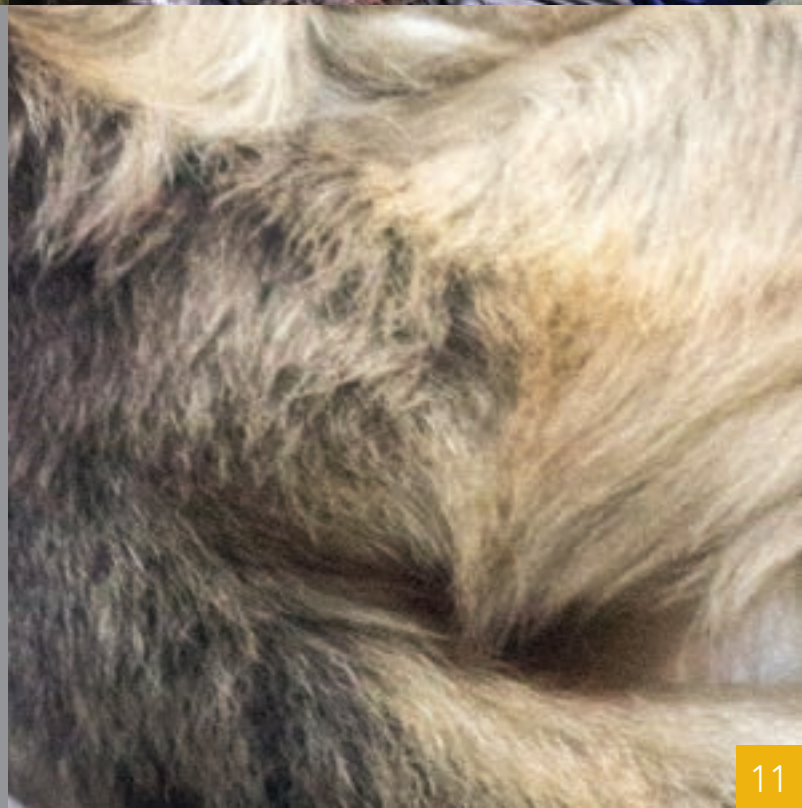
born December 9, 2014 and seemed like he might be a good match for Matea.

In late May, Matea and Monte flew from their respective zoos to Birmingham, and started their incoming animal quarantines at our Animal Health Center. Once the veterinarian determined that they were both healthy, our animal care staff began the introduction process. We decided to use a space by our Animal Health Center for the introduction. This area is set away from other habitats and public view so it is quieter and allowed the two monkeys to live next door and observe one another before sharing space. While they were living as neighbors, animal care staff did not observe



any aggressive interactions, so we made a plan to put the monkeys in a shared space. First they were given access to a space where they could touch, and during this process, Monte seemed very interested in getting closer to Matea. Matea was also behaving very calmly, so we decided to open the door and allow them to be together. Over the next several weeks, Monte and Matea continued to grow their relationship. They learned to shift between rooms, share enrichment and take long naps together.

In early fall, we felt confident enough to move Monte and Matea to the South America/Primate area. As they continue to adjust to new spaces and experience their first Alabama winter, these tropical monkeys may or may not be easy to spot in their new habitat, but we are excited to share their adventures with our guests!





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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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### 15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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## February

### 2 Groundhog Day

### 14 Woo at the Zoo (21 & up event)

### 17 Audubon Tom Imhof Zoo Bird Walk

### 17 Great Backyard Bird Count

## March

### 3 Member Appreciation Morning

(The Zoo will open one hour early with free rides for Zoo Members. All Members will receive a special treat upon arrival that morning.)

### 17 NEW - Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast

### 24-31 Spring Break Schaeffer Eye Center Wildlife Shows, Giraffe Feedings and much more occur all week!

### 26-30 Spring Break Camp

### 31 Breakfast with the Bunny

### 31 Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt

## April

### 14 Farm Day

### 27 Tails in the Trails

## May

### 5 Zoo Run

### 12 iHeartMedia Winefest

### 12-13 Mother's Day Weekend (FREE child's admission ticket with the purchase of a full-price adult admission ticket)

### 26-28 Memorial Day Weekend (FREE admission to veterans, active and retired military and their dependents (with valid ID)).





# ARTHUR HENLEY'S PASSION FOR THE ZOO IS RECOGNIZED WITH DEDICATION OF HENLEY PARK

BY KAREN CARROLL, VICE PRESIDENT, DEVELOPMENT

You can say that Arthur C. P. Henley has deep roots in Birmingham. He is the fourth great-grandson of Charles Linn and third great-grandson of John C. Henley, Sr., two of the founding fathers of the City of Birmingham. Arthur was instrumental in the formation of the public-private 501(c)(3) status of the Birmingham Zoo in 1999, and he has had a life-long passion for the Zoo.

"I don't believe this community will ever know how much Arthur Henley has helped the Birmingham Zoo. He was the individual who worked with the City of Birmingham to privatize the entity. He hired the employees and personally managed the Zoo, almost on a day-to-day basis. He oversaw a lot of employee turnover and managed an insufficient cash flow for operations. Then he recruited new management, a new board and oversaw several capital campaigns to begin the process of changing over the Zoo to what it is today. I have great respect for Arthur, his passion, his energy and his talent. He deserves any accolade that comes his way," says Michael Thompson, President, Thompson Tractor, and Emeritus Board Member, Birmingham Zoo.

Arthur is the only Birmingham Zoo Board Chair who served three consecutive terms, from 1999-2002. "The first years were the most difficult and toughest years," says Past Board Chair, Alan Ritchie, who served following Arthur. "We worked hard, fought all kinds of battles, raised money, and I know that I speak for all the other Board Members when I say we had a ball starting something special for our beloved City of Birmingham," adds 2006 Board Chair, B. T. Tynes, Jr., President, Strickland Companies. "Arthur saw an opportunity and got it started."

On September 7, 2017, the Birmingham Zoo dedicated Henley Park to Arthur for his commitment to the Zoo and for the public to enjoy. The two ponds formerly located in the center of the Zoo were installed in the 1930s as fish hatcheries. The Works Progress Administration built a fish hatchery and a number of pavilions from the Hartselle sandstone quarried out of the mountain within the park's borders. The hatchery was fed by a natural spring and provided stock for recreational lakes in the region until the zoo took over the park. After the Zoo moved to the property in 1955, the ponds became the home of fish, ducks, and swans. In the fall of 2016, C.S. Beatty Construction, Inc. cleaned out the ponds and filled in the area to create a usable green space in the heart of the Zoo. The ponds were transformed into Henley Park, marking the completion of Phase One of the Asian Passage and Arrival Experience Capital Campaign.

Like the City of Birmingham's founding fathers, Arthur's vision for our city includes preserving its treasures. "Arthur was a leader through the whole process, and I was impressed by his focus and commitment to the revitalization of the Zoo. He had the ability to open doors in what was a monumental undertaking," says retired

Zoo Vice President, Development, Holly Booyse. She adds, "Arthur is a visionary whose leadership set the groundwork for the success of the Zoo. He is also extremely creative, and of course, generous, and was a pleasure to work with."

"Arthur was responsible for recruiting the founding board members during the privatization process," says Colin H. Luke, Partner, Waller, LLP. "He told such a compelling story of visiting the Birmingham Zoo with his children...and no one could turn him down when he asked for help. He was the driver behind the board and was an outstanding Board Chairman. Arthur believes in Birmingham and wanted the Birmingham Zoo to be a showplace and great Birmingham destination. I firmly believe that without Arthur, there would be no world-class zoo in Birmingham." Luke concludes, "Because he is modest and hates the limelight, few know the significant contributions he makes to our wonderful community in so many ways."

As a child, Arthur was fascinated by the animals at the Zoo. Over the years, his generosity has supported various projects and equipment needs of the Zoo, including most notably the Linn-Henley Fountains in the Junior League of Birmingham-Hugh Kaul Children's Zoo. "He is forever young at heart and is one of the most reserved and humble individuals I know," says Dr. William Foster. He adds, "Our Zoo would not be the same without Arthur. It is appropriate that we honor Arthur for his support over the years with the dedication of Henley Park."

Today, Arthur is the CEO and President of a family printing business established by his grandfather in 1917. With a history spanning 100 years, Birmingham Printing and Publishing, Inc. combines modern offset print technology with service and old-fashioned values. Arthur is married to Betsy, and they have three children.

He is associated with many civic and charitable organizations and is active in supporting the arts and other major attractions in order to preserve Birmingham's history and attract visitors to the city.

Henley Park is a place for families to relax and create memories. It will host many private parties, weddings, concerts, and special occasions. It will also be the home of Zoo, Brews and Full Moon Bar-B-Que and exciting cultural events. It is dedicated to Arthur C.P. Henley in celebration of his fun-loving personality and his sincere commitment to preserving Birmingham's greatest historical attractions. "Arthur is a true guiding light for the Birmingham Zoo. His unwavering dedication and leadership through the years has helped raise the Birmingham Zoo to new heights with new habitats resulting in annual increases in attendance. As a community, we should be grateful for his leadership and humble benevolence," says William A. Bowron, Jr. Chairman, President & CEO, Red Diamond, Inc.





*Arthur Henley with his family at the opening of Henley Park.*



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# BIRMINGHAM ZOO GLOBAL PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

## - CHIPANGALI WILDLIFE ORPHANAGE

BY: KIKI NOLEN-SCHMIDT, MARKETING COORDINATOR

As part of the Birmingham Zoo's mission to 'Inspire Passion to Conserve the Natural World,' the Zoo has established partnerships with global partners to work on specific conservation projects. One of the Zoo's partners is Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage outside of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage serves as a haven for wild animals in Africa which have little hope for survival in the wild. Many of the animals that they work with at Chipangali have been orphaned, abandoned, injured, born in captivity or brought up unsuccessfully as pets. The wildlife orphanage was established in 1973 by Vivian and Paddy Wilson, with its primary function being to offer a home to orphaned, abandoned and sick wild animals.

Wherever possible, rescued animals and birds are rehabilitated and returned to the wild at Chipangali. If a safe release into their natural habitats is not possible, animals are cared for and kept for educational purposes and zoological study.

This past July and August, I had the pleasure of traveling to Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage through the Birmingham Zoo's Passion into Conservation Action (PiCA) grant program which allows Birmingham Zoo employees to submit conservation research projects that support the Zoo's conservation initiatives.

Through the Birmingham Zoo's Senior Vice President, Chris Pfefferkorn, a partnership with the Birmingham Zoo and Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage has been established. While in Zimbabwe, we were able to work with the staff at Chipangali on animal training and enrichment plans, leopard and hyena research, and educating local students through the EPIC Kids program (Environmental Programs Involving Children Kids - Outreach Program).



# BIRMINGHAM ZOO CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS

BY: TERRA MANASCO,  
CONSERVATION & SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER

Did you know that one of the Birmingham Zoo's top priorities is the conservation of species in the wild?

Conservation plays such a pivotal role in our commitment to excellence that it is even part of our mission statement, Inspiring Passion to Conserve the Natural World.

As an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), we strive to meet the highest standards in animal care and wellbeing, education, guest experience, research and conservation. Collectively, AZA accredited zoos and aquariums allocate significant resources to field conservation each year. In 2016, AZA zoos and aquariums collaborated with over 1,000 partners and collectively spent \$216 million to benefit 823 species and subspecies in 127 countries!

The Birmingham Zoo's vision is to "create a global community where all people value wildlife & wild places." Conservation of wildlife is complex and as we move more and more into a fast paced global society, it is crucial to form conservation partnerships to leverage our ability to protect species. With today's shrinking budgets and busy work schedules, it is more important than ever to work in partnership to leverage time, resources and talent to accomplish our mutual goals.

The Birmingham Zoo participates in conservation partnerships on many levels, both locally and abroad. Below are three examples of how the Birmingham Zoo partners with others to fulfill our mission and vision to conserve wildlife.

## Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage & Large Carnivore Project (Bulawayo, Zimbabwe)

The Chipangali Large Carnivore project is a collaborative effort of researchers (including Birmingham Zoo staff) and the Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage in Zimbabwe. Leopards and brown hyena population and biodiversity





studies are conducted near Matopos National Park using GPS radio collars, camera traps and observations.

Zoo staff also participates in Chipangali's EPIC Kids Program, which is an outreach program in Western Zimbabwean schools to educate children about wildlife conservation. The students have hands-on interaction with native wildlife such as tortoises, pythons, chameleons and hedgehogs. In addition to zoo staff participating in Bulawayo, our ZooSchool students here at the Birmingham Zoo have a weekly video conference with the staff at Chipangali, learning about wildlife conservation in Zimbabwe.

### **Alabama's Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division**

The Zoo is also proud to partner with the State of Alabama's Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division (ALWFF) to conserve local species. Alabama has one of the highest diversity of species in the United States, ranking as one of the top five states in total biodiversity. Zoo staff has worked

alongside the dedicated ALWFF staff on projects of mutual interest that celebrate and conserve rich diversity of Alabama species, including gopher tortoises, indigo snakes, flattened musk turtles, bats and black bears!

### **Passion into Conservation Action Grants Program:**

Since 2012, the Birmingham Zoo has awarded a number of grants to our employees at both a local and international scale to participate in conservation and research projects. To date, 35 grants totaling over \$116K have been awarded to 31 employees for conservation projects in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, and California as well as in 15 countries on 4 continents! Our employees have collaborated with more than 30 conservation partners, including universities, conservation organizations and government entities on diverse research projects from flattened musk turtle surveys in Alabama to Giant Otter research in Guyana!



#### **Caption information (clockwise from left to right)**

**Chris Pfefferkorn**, the Zoo's Senior Vice President, participates in fitting a leopard with a radio collar in Zimbabwe.

**Amy Toman**, a giraffe Animal Care Professional, in the field in Namibia, retrieves a dart tissue sample collected from giraffe in background.

**Natalie Warnacutt**, reptile Animal Care Professional at the Zoo, releases an Eastern Indigo Snake in the Conecuh National Forest, Alabama.

**Terra Manasco**, the Zoo's Conservation & Special Projects Manager, finds footage of a jaguar on her trail camera in Belize.



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# MALE ORANGUTAN RECEIVES FIRST EVER CARDIAC MONITOR IMPLANT IN ORANGUTANS

BY: KIKI NOLEN-SCHMIDT, MARKETING COORDINATOR

Oliver, the 37 year old male Sumatran orangutan at the Birmingham Zoo, underwent a successful procedure in November to further assess a heart arrhythmia and to place a remote cardiac monitoring device under his skin. This is the first time this procedure has ever been performed in an orangutan.

First diagnosed with heart disease in 2015, Oliver has since been on medication and closely monitored by the Zoo's veterinary staff. During a recent routine cardiac ultrasound, he was noted to have an irregular heartbeat. To determine if these irregular beats were a significant problem for Oliver, the Zoo's veterinarians needed further information, and contacted the Great Ape Heart Project (GAHP) based at Zoo Atlanta to assist with the placement of an insertable loop recorder (ILR). An ILR is a small insertable device that continuously monitors heart electrical signals and records them. ILRs are routinely used in people and the GAHP has experience placing these devices in chimpanzees and gorillas. Oliver was the first orangutan to have this device placed for cardiac monitoring. This device allows the veterinary Staff to remotely monitor Oliver for an arrhythmia through a Blue-tooth connection.

Oliver was anesthetized by the Zoo's veterinarians for the exam and procedure. Bobbie Boyd, RN, RDMS, RDCS, ultrasound advisor for the GAHP, performed a complete echocardiographic examination. Dr. Yung Lau, MD, a pediatric cardiologist working with both the University of Alabama and Children's of Alabama, attended the procedure, and recommended small changes to Oliver's cardiac medications based on the evaluation, but overall Oliver's cardiac function is good. Dr. Ilana Kutinsky, MD, FACC, cardiac advisor for the GAHP, placed the implant under Oliver's skin over the left side of his chest. The ILR is smaller than a AAA-battery, and placement required a small incision in his skin.

Dr. Yung Lau, has assisted the Zoo with cardiac evaluations in apes in the past, and coordinated the donation of the

**Oliver was born at the San Diego Zoo on June 14, 1980. He is one of the oldest male Sumatran orangutans within the US population and has one offspring, Nairi, who lives at the Birmingham Zoo with Oliver and the Zoo's resident adult female, Lipz. While orangutans can live into their 50s, females tend to outlive males.**



A team of experts comprised of Birmingham Zoo Staff, outside cardiologists and representatives from the Great Ape Heart Project work to place the Internal loop recorder.



Veterinary professionals monitor Oliver's heart during the recent procedure.

ILR from the manufacturer, Medtronic. Jennifer Poirier, sales representative for Medtronic, brought the device to the procedure and activated it after placement to ensure it was functioning properly. Use of the ILR over the next few years will enable the zoo's veterinarian to fully monitor another aspect of Oliver's health.

"The success of this procedure was due to a collaboration between multiple individuals and organizations" says Stephanie McCain, DVM, Dipl ACZM, Director of Animal Health for the Birmingham Zoo. "We could not have done this without the help of all of these people and the Great Ape Heart Project."

**Heart disease is common in great apes, leading to the creation of the Great Ape Heart Project, a team of experts around the country who focus on causes and treatment of heart disease in orangutans, gorillas, chimpanzees and bonobos.**



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