

# 2022

ANNUAL REPORT





## Your Zoo Renewed & Rejuvenated!

**T**he generous support from our wonderful patrons brought forth a year of inspirational growth and transformation at the Zoo. We revamped and renovated habitats, presented new events, contributed to vital conservation work worldwide, and welcomed numerous animals.

Our most astounding newcomer was Baron, the first flamingo chick ever to be hatched at your Zoo, thanks to the Birmingham Barons baseball team providing field clay for our nesting flamingos. We also welcomed nine other new birds to our population of 492 animals, along with additions to 13 other species, including a new lion and the birth of Mani, the cotton-top tamarin.

To help revive the endangered Eastern black rhinoceros population, the Daniel Foundation Alabama Rhino Habitat was renovated for two new arrivals due out on exhibit next year. The Brock Conservation Cabin in the Alabama's Wilds area was revitalized for educational purposes and to showcase local conservation efforts. In addition, red-tailed hawk Vulcan and black vulture Wakinyan now enjoy a new raptor habitat.

Your Zoo not only helped to restore waning diversity within zoos, but participated in crucial conservation work that directly impacts wild populations, as well. In addition to lending global support, select staff members utilized the Zoo's PICA grants to study aging in elephants, reinvigorate a butterfly waystation, and bolster giraffe tracking in Africa.

Our celebrations also held a sense of rejuvenation after several years of remote events, and we even introduced two new ones. Wild at Heart, the gala presented by First Horizon Bank, was our largest fundraiser of the year.

One of the most fun additions to the Zoo? A gleaming new electric train! Donated by Red Diamond Coffee & Tea, the quiet, lithium battery-powered train offers Zoo guests a resplendent ride in an energy-efficient manner. To keep that authentic train experience, passengers still hear the traditional rail sounds and see puffs of steam as they tour your Zoo in style.

All of your Zoo's renewal and revitalization are thanks to continued community support from our patrons. We are mindful and appreciative of the unwavering backing we receive to inspire passion to conserve the natural world.



**Chris Pfefferkorn**  
President & CEO

# 1ST UP!

## BARON THE BRAVE

Baron dares his first dip into the pool amid his watchful flamboyance (a group of flamingos). Hatched on a volcano-shaped nest of clay in June, Baron became the first flamingo chick to ever be nested and hatched at the Zoo. He was named for Birmingham's minor league baseball team which provided the clay used to build a new flamingo habitat a few years ago. It turned out the baseball team's infield mixture of sand with clay offered the perfect consistency for the flamingos to construct their tall, mounded nests.



**LEFT:** Baron's growth from a downy, white chick under the care of his protective parents to a full-feathered adult with hints of the classic pink beginning to emerge.





### MANI THE COTTON-TOP TAMARIN

Born to first-time parents Lena and Leo, a new tamarin joined their tight-knit family in June. Lena nursed and groomed their new addition, while Leo carried Mani around the habitat most days. These small, critically endangered primates grow quickly and often become fully independent around three months. The birth was part of the AZA's Cotton-top Tamarin Species Survival Plan (SSP). 🦍

## REPLENISH POPULATIONS

### KODO THE RED PANDA

The Zoo welcomed Himalayan red panda Kodo from Buttonwood Park Zoo in Massachusetts. An arboreal species, her distinctive red coat matches the moss found on the trees where wild populations are endangered. Two-year-old Kodo joined the Zoo's resident male Gizmo as part of the Red Panda SSP to fortify the population. 🦉

### JOSH THE AFRICAN LION

That iconic, primal roar of the African lion returned in June with the introduction of Josh. When the 6-year-old lion came from the San Antonio Zoo, his youthful demeanor and charisma made him an instant hit with his care team and Zoo guests. 🦁

### MERCUTIO THE CROWNED LEMUR

Mercutio arrived in June to live with Azizi, the resident crowned lemur, and two ring-tailed lemurs, Philocles and Apollonus. Primarily active from sunrise to sunset, Mercutio will hang with his new troop in the canopy of his habitat browsing fruits and leaves.

### RUBY THE GIRAFFE

The three-year-old arrived in October from the Lincoln Children's Zoo in Nebraska. She quickly bonded with 12-year-old Zuri, one of the two females in the Zoo's reticulated giraffe herd. Within a few weeks, Jalil, the herd's 16-year-old male, was gently vying for her attention as well. With fewer giraffes in Africa than there are elephants, Ruby will play a vital role in the Reticulated Giraffe SSP to keep zoo populations diverse and healthy. 🦒

### JAFAR & IAGO THE BLOOD PYTHONS

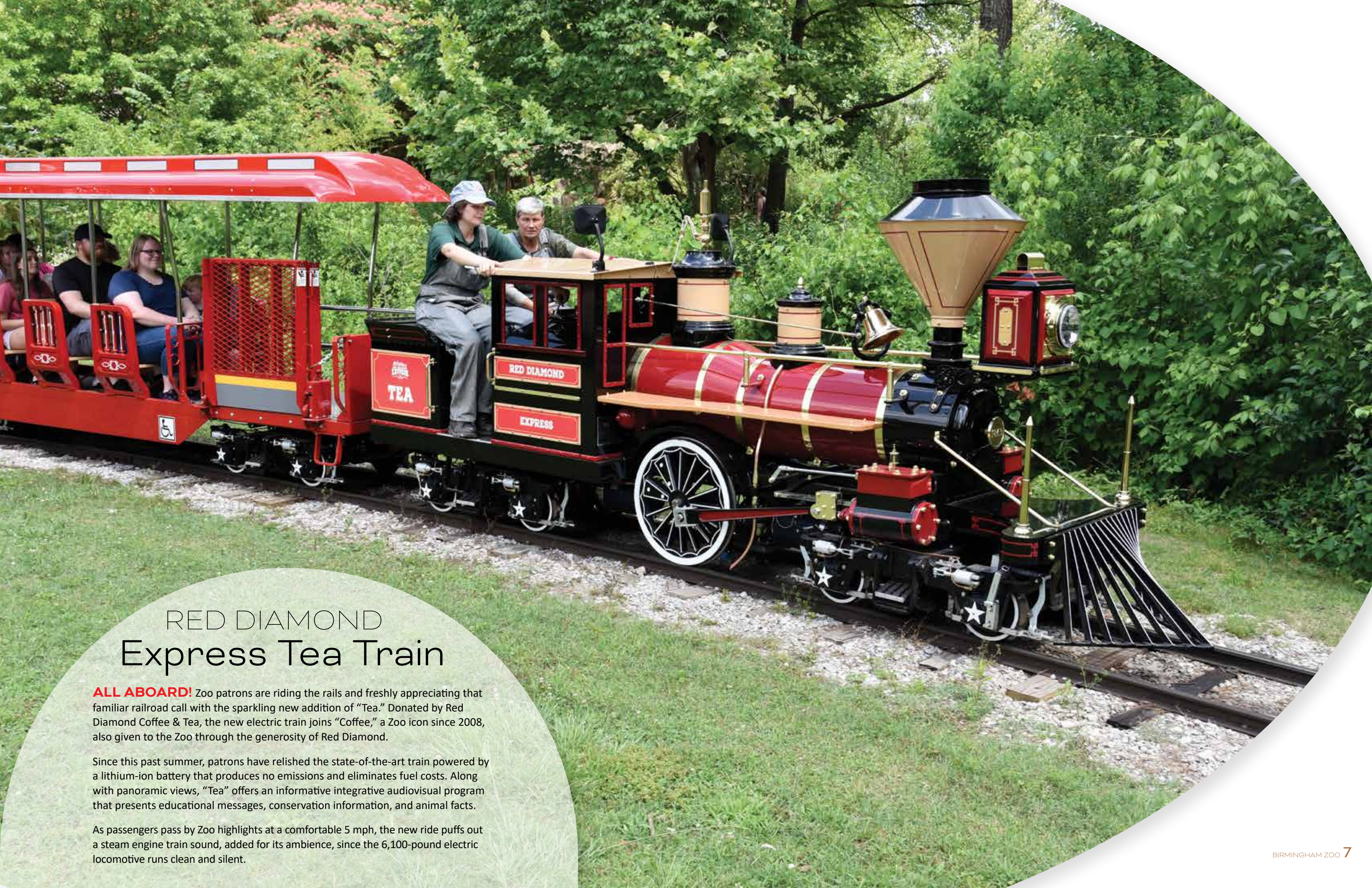
The Zoo's Reptile House became home to two of these captivating pythons native to the swamps and forests of Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia. With heavy, stout bodies that end in a stubby tail, their beautiful red color can shade from a deep red to rust to a muted orange. The two males will be most active at dusk and dawn and spend most days hiding.

🦎 = SPECIES SURVIVAL PLAN (SSP) works to ensure a genetically diverse population of species in AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums.

L TO R: Kodo the red panda, Josh the African lion, Jafar the blood python, Mercutio the crowned lemur







## RED DIAMOND Express Tea Train

**ALL ABOARD!** Zoo patrons are riding the rails and freshly appreciating that familiar railroad call with the sparkling new addition of "Tea." Donated by Red Diamond Coffee & Tea, the new electric train joins "Coffee," a Zoo icon since 2008, also given to the Zoo through the generosity of Red Diamond.

Since this past summer, patrons have relished the state-of-the-art train powered by a lithium-ion battery that produces no emissions and eliminates fuel costs. Along with panoramic views, "Tea" offers an informative integrative audiovisual program that presents educational messages, conservation information, and animal facts.

As passengers pass by Zoo highlights at a comfortable 5 mph, the new ride puffs out a steam engine train sound, added for its ambience, since the 6,100-pound electric locomotive runs clean and silent.



# RENOVATE & REVITALIZE

## PREPARING FOR THE BLACK RHINOS

To welcome two new eastern black rhinoceros, the Zoo renovated the Daniel Foundation Alabama Rhino Habitat, transitioning it from the home of white rhinos Laptop, Ajabu, and Max. The white rhino trio had moved to a private habitat in the southern U.S. to live with a larger herd, which can increase breeding success. Renovating the habitat for the black rhinos and moving the white rhinos supports the Species Survival Plan for both types of rhinoceros.

## NATIONAL WELLBEING WORKSHOP

Zoos and aquariums from across the nation sent representatives to attend the Growing Your Animal Wellbeing Program, hosted by the Birmingham Zoo. Some 26 participants from 15 different institutions participated in the interactive, 3-day workshop. Lectures, discussions, and activities conveyed scientific concepts and practical tools for providing optimal wellbeing for animals in zoos and aquariums. Content focused on Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accreditation standards, building interdisciplinary animal wellbeing programs, developing assessment tools, and strengthening needed interpersonal skills.

## NEW RAPTOR HABITAT

A new habitat accommodates Vulcan, the Zoo's red-tailed hawk, and Wakinyan the black vulture.

Vulcan had been living behind the scenes recovering from a wing injury sustained in the wild. Once the habitat was completed, he was once again outside in the new space, rotating with Wakinyan, a representative of the most abundant vulture species in the Southeast.

## BROCK CONSERVATION CABIN OPENS

The public received a warm welcome to the Jane H. Brock Cabin, part of the revitalized Alabama Wilds area. Besides hosting the Zoo's eastern indigo snake, the cabin now serves as a place for immersive educational opportunities and an interpretive center highlighting local conservation efforts and partnerships with Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Nature Conservancy. The cabin honors Brock's love of animals, philanthropic spirit, and her family's ongoing support.

## ORANGUTAN RESEARCH

Zoo volunteers and staff collected data for an orangutan habitat study designed and coordinated by Charles Ritzler at the San Antonio Zoo. His research looks into orangutan habitats in zoos and explores how the great apes use their space. Zoo volunteers tracked the behavior and location of the orangutans repeatedly for a month.

## A TRIBUTE TO AKILI

Beloved Africa lion Akili was mourned after being fatally injured in July during introductions to male lion Josh. Even with immediate intervention, the veteran lion succumbed to her injuries. Both staff and patrons grieved at the unexpected loss of this long-time favorite and member of the Zoo family. Born in 2005 at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado, Akili came to Birmingham when she was two to live with resident lion Kwanza. In 2011, the pair had five cubs. Akili was a dynamic ambassador for the Zoo and will be deeply missed.



OTHER PAGE: Nadira the orangutan; L TO R: Akili the African lion, Indigo Montoya the eastern indigo snake, Wakinyan the black vulture.







## MONARCH WAYSTATION

Under a 2-year PiCA grant, Conservation Manager Terra Manasco continued enhancing the Zoo's certified Monarch Waystation which supports the North American Monarch butterfly life cycle, from caterpillars to adulthood. Such pollinators are experiencing environmental threats including habitat loss, climate change, overuse of pesticides, and disease.

## CHIPANGALI LARGE CARNIVORE PROJECT

The Zoo continues its ongoing and integral support of the Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage and Research Centre in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. The nonprofit rescues and cares for orphaned, injured, abandoned, abused, or confiscated wildlife found in southern Africa. CEO Chris Pfefferkorn serves on its board, and Zoo staff continue their work on the Chipangali Large Carnivore project, conducting biodiversity studies on leopards and brown hyena populations near Matopos National Park.

## GOING GREEN

Zoo accountant and PiCA recipient Kelli Rohlman researched and implemented ways to reduce the Zoo's resource consumption and waste output. For instance, a single change of switching to touchless card readers eliminated 60 pounds of paper per year.

## REACHING THE WORLD

The Zoo provided financial support for eight conservation efforts around the world:

- International Elephant Foundation
- Tarangire Elephant Project
- International Rhino Foundation
- Giraffe Conservation Foundation
- Turtle Survival Alliance
- African Lion AZA SAFE
- Orangutan AZA SAFE
- African Penguin AZA SAFE

## SPECIES ON THE FLY

Ten birds representing nine species moved to other zoological centers to help bolster breeding populations, including at Disney's Animal Kingdom and the San Diego Zoo. The moves were based on each Species Survival Plan overseen by the AZA.

## SAVING ALABAMA ANIMALS FROM EXTINCTION

The Zoo participated in three AZA Save Animals From Extinction (SAFE) programs that impact Alabama species.

- North American Monarch Butterfly
- Eastern Indigo Snake
- North American Songbird

# RESTORE THROUGH GLOBAL CONSERVATION



## GOPHER TORTOISE HEADSTART PROGRAM

Nearly 100 gopher tortoises were released in the fall as part of this Alabama conservation program. The Zoo had spent the last year raising 29 of those hatchlings received from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Since research shows hatchling size plays a key part in survival, young wild hatchlings were brought under expert care at several facilities for a year or two, before being released back into their natural habitat. This hands-on effort will conserve a significant keystone species found only in the southeastern United States.

## AFRICAN ELEPHANTS

Lead Elephant Care Professional Shay Hoffman received a PiCA grant to assist in an international study to identify factors that alter health and aging in juvenile and adolescent elephants.

## ALABAMA BIODIVERSITY

Education Manager Anne Krichten, a PiCA recipient, worked to improve the Zoo's educational programs in coordination with the Alabama Aquatic Biodiversity Center and Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. The outcome will more fully represent local biodiversity, especially for freshwater mussels and snails.

## GIRAFFES

Animal Care Professional Annie Butchko received a PiCA grant to travel to Namibia to assist the Giraffe Conservation Foundation in tracking, recording behavior, and biopsy darting to collect DNA samples.



Ruby the reticulated giraffe

## KEY



Species Survival Plan (SSP), Global breeding plan for each species managed by Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).



Passion into Conservation Action (PiCA) program. Zoo-funded grants to employees for conservation initiatives.





#### CAYENNE'S EYE

At about 10 years old, screech owl Cayenne suffered an anterior lens luxation, in which the lens slips in front of the pupil. With the lens now removed, Cayenne was relieved from the inflammation and pain.



#### KHAN'S DONATION

While anesthetized as part of a normal reproductive evaluation, the 10-year-old jaguar's semen was collected with assistance by Cincinnati Zoo reproductive specialists. It could play a vital role in growing the diminishing jaguar population.



#### JALIL'S INJECTIONS

To ease his arthritic mobility challenges, the seventeen-year-old reticulated giraffe received cutting-edge stem cell injections. The treatment works to improve the cartilage in joints and lessen the progression of the disease. The injections were old hat to Jalil, since he routinely participates in blood draws while enjoying treats.



#### VULCAN'S WING

Red-tailed hawk Vulcan severely injured his right wing in the wild. No longer able to fly, he came to the Zoo. But his wing continued to cause him difficulty. After veterinary staff pinioned the wing, it allowed him easier movement around his habitat.



#### OLIVER'S TUMOR

The oldest Sumatran orangutan in the U.S. zoo population, 42-year-old Oliver had a benign testicular tumor removed after his caretakers noted a swelling, and an ultrasound subsequently confirmed a mass. Oliver did exceedingly well under extra care by staff to compensate for his heart disease, a common ailment in older apes.

#### BIRD FLU

When Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) showed up among Alabama's wild black vultures, the Zoo's bird caretakers had to take extreme measures to limit contact with the wild population. Seven species needed to be moved indoors, which meant they were unavailable for public viewing, including the flamingos, cranes, secretary birds (shown right), and the Alabama Wilds' native birds. The remaining populations remained in their aviaries, protected under tents. About five months later, the threat from the highly contagious disease decreased, allowing their caretakers to return all of the birds to their normal care and habitats. Not a single bird caught the deadly virus.



## RECOVERY WITH THE UTMOST CARE

THE ZOO USES POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT TO TRAIN OUR ANIMALS TO PARTICIPATE WITH US IN PROVIDING THEM WITH EXCELLENT VETERINARY CARE. IT TAKES DEEP DEDICATION AND SKILL BY OUR ANIMAL CARE PROFESSIONALS TO TRAIN AND BUILD THAT TRUST WITH THE ANIMALS.



# REPAIRING THE WORLD'S BIGGEST TOOTHACHE

**BULWAGI**, the Zoo's patriarch of the African elephant bachelor herd, had one remaining tusk as he reached a venerable 41 years of age. Zoo veterinary staff had been monitoring the broken tusk for years. When he began packing it with mud and touching it with his trunk, his obvious discomfort signaled the time had come to extract it.

Besides the removal of the tusk itself, the anesthesia in such a large and aged animal lends new layers of complexity and risk. The Zoo brought in two known experts on this procedure from the University of Pretoria in South Africa to put Bulwagi in the best of hands.

Drs. Gerhard Steenkamp and Adrian Tordiffe made the trip across the ocean having worked together on numerous tusk extractions. Dr. Tordiffe handles anesthesia while Dr. Steenkamp leads the physical extraction of the tusk.

## THE PROCEDURE

Training Bulwagi for this procedure started months in advance. His Animal Care Professionals worked with the 12,000-pound bull to make him comfortable being encircled with ropes that would guide him down onto his right side as the anesthetic took effect. This would leave his broken left tusk accessible.

Additional veterinary and animal care professionals from other AZA institutions around the country accepted the Zoo's invitations to help. Everyone was assigned a task. The cooperative effort led to a smooth anesthesia and successful extraction, with the total procedure taking just over three hours. Once the anesthetic reversal agents were given, Bulwagi was standing and eating within minutes, as if nothing had happened. He soon returned to continue leading his herd of two young bulls, Luti and Gadze, into adulthood.



RIGHT:  
Bulwagi during  
the surgery. LEFT:  
Bulwagi greets his young  
charge 14-year-old Gadze.



## Glow Wild

Larger-than-life illuminated lantern figures marked the wintry return of Glow Wild held mid-November through mid-January. The hand-painted silk objet d'arts represented wild flora and fauna from around the world. Zoo guests were mesmerized by glowing fields of blossoming flowers, soaring birds, towering elephants, and fire-spitting dragons — some looming up to 30 feet high!

# RESURGENCE OF CELEBRATIONS

2022 MARKED THE RETURN TO ONSITE EVENTS AFTER THE PANDEMIC SHUT DOWN MUCH OF OUR OUTREACH TWO YEARS AGO.

### WILD AT HEART

A new addition to the Zoo's celebrations, Wild at Heart was the largest fundraising effort of the year. Held September 8th and presented by First Horizon Bank, the event enticed guests to deck themselves out in "wild chic" attire — feathers, stripes, spots, and scales — and offered animal encounters, food, an open bar, and live music.

### ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY

Giveaways, family fun, and educational talks connected zoo-goers with helping conserve wildlife in Birmingham and around the world through AZA's Saving Animals From Extinction (SAFE) programs. Held May 20th, participants learned about pollinators, making seed pods to attract them, counting caterpillars, and the Zoo's butterfly habitat.

### FARM DAY

Zoo guests learned about the care of farm animals as well as conservation efforts for native wildlife at the annual affair held the third Saturday of April. The event included sheep shearing, identification using biofacts, wool spinning, and farm-related events from ALFA young farmers and 4-H Clubs. Even the Zoo's tractors were showcased.

### ZOO BREWS

The seventh Zoo Brews in mid-April showcased beer from a dozen craft breweries as well as tasty fare from local food trucks and the Zoo's Wild Burger restaurant. Delighted adults sampled each brewery's offerings for a penny each, donated to the Emergency Animal Fund. Full-size brewskies were also available.

### HOOTS & HOWLS

Hoots & Howls, the Zoo's daytime Halloween event, delivered a 5-star boo rating for three consecutive weekends in October. Sponsored by Publix Super Market Charities, the celebration invited guests to come costumed and ready to ride the Haunted Red Diamond Express Train, hop on the Protective Cobweb Carousel, collect sweets on the Candy Trail, and do the Monster Mash at a DJ-led dance party. Naturally, the Zoo's ambassador animals put the "treat" in the trick-or-treat fun.

### 'TAILS IN THE TRAILS

Specialty cocktails, live music, delicious food, and a silent auction marked the May 6th event hosted by the Birmingham Zoo Junior Board. Guests reveled in such animal encounters as Flamingo Mingle, Giraffe Feeding, Elephant Enrichment, Lion Bone Feeding, and Bongo Keeper Chat. Proceeds benefited the new Cougar Crossing habitat.

### OKTOBERFEST

Seasonal autumn brews, live polka music, enticing food, and the crowning of Mr. and Mrs. Oktoberfest charmed guests at this inaugural event. German fare included a build-your-own bratwurst station hosted by Nourish 205, as well as food truck offerings and concessions from the Zoo's Wild Burger. Lawn games added to the festivities.

WILD AT HEART | L TO R:  
Alex Morton, First Horizon  
Birmingham Market  
President; Rosemary  
Alexander, Event Co-  
Chair; Chris Pfefferkorn,  
Zoo President & CEO;  
Birmingham Mayor Randall  
Woodfin; Event Co-Chair  
Stephanie Cooper; Nancy  
Collat Goedecke, representing the  
Collat and Goedecke families as Event  
Honorary Chairs; and Event Co-Chair  
Anthony C. Hood.





2022  
VOLUNTEERS

WE CANNOT SAY ENOUGH ABOUT  
THE COMMITMENT OF THESE 149  
VOLUNTEERS. THEY GAVE OVER 16,483  
HOURS THIS YEAR TO HELP THEIR ZOO.

teen  
volunteers

- Kaashvi Anand
- Jeaneya Andrews
- Josue Anzueto
- Leo Baker
- Colin Bennett
- Caitlyn Bingel
- Sriram Birur
- Ethan Brasher
- Adriana Britt
- Alivia Button
- Jakayla Byrd
- Alexis Carmichael
- Taylor Carmichael
- Homero Castillo
- Krish Chintareddy
- Chandler Diamond
- Lila Discua
- Jake Dunn
- Maggie Dutton
- Kayla Evans
- Katie Ezekiel
- Haley Forester
- Edward French
- Lily Fu
- Mo Gard
- Amelia Goeman
- Poppy Grant
- Sunny Grant
- Sophia Green
- Braedon Hall
- Sunni Harkley
- Kennedy Harris
- Maddie Hazelrig
- Noah Hendrix
- Jackson Herron
- Morgan Hjetland
- William Hofer
- Hailey Howard
- Rebecca Howard
- Ejatou Jallow
- Maryam Khan

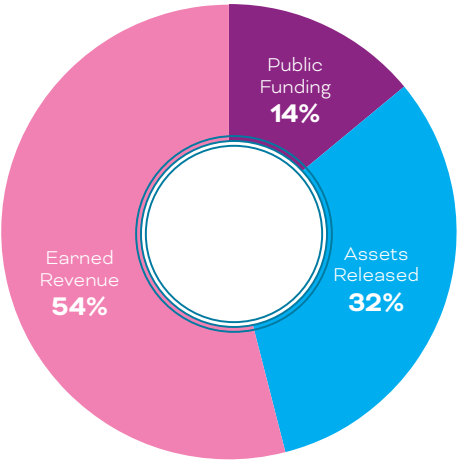
- Hailey Kim
- Silverr King
- Katie Laney
- Keyon Lewis-Sayles
- Vincent Lin
- Ellie McElroy
- Matthew McGuire
- Zara McKelvey
- Crawford Merriman
- Madison Miller
- Caroline Moore
- Melany Morgan
- Evelyn Murphree
- Bailyn Murphy
- Kevin NeSmith
- Charlene Ngamau
- Miriam Norman
- Ashley Ordonez
- James Parris
- Misha Patel
- Emily Phillips
- Whitley Phillips
- Farima Pournia
- Galvin Powell
- Zander Price
- Sophia Rabbideau

- Grant Rieder
- Madison Rigdon
- Mary Robb
- Cameron Samford
- Grey Seymour
- Caleb Shannon
- Laila Sibley
- Rachel Simmons
- Andrea Smith
- Maddie Smith
- Libby Soong
- Mary Stephens
- Kathleen Stone
- Robert Stringfellow
- William Stringfellow
- Kendal Taylor
- Hannah Timmons
- Ava Tolbert
- Pablo Velez Garcia
- Oona Vickery
- Evan Wagoner
- Olivia Walker
- Matthew Wang
- Autumn Ward
- Laylah Williams
- Reese Williams
- Kayleigh Wood
- Hannah Wright

adult  
volunteers

- Louise Abroms
- Nathan Adair
- Susan Alexander
- Dottie Ammon
- James Arnold
- Bill Ashley
- Linda Barnard
- Jenine Bastas
- Emma Baughn
- Sarah Baumgartner
- Sidney Brantley
- Carolyn Brockman
- Cynthia Brooks
- Naomi Buklad
- Dee Burrow
- George Butler, Jr.
- Jasmine Cai
- Klarke Campbell
- Ronnie Chapleau
- Ty Clark
- Joan Crawford
- Madeline Crowson
- Lindsay Davis
- Gina Dempsey
- Gracia Diaz
- John Doggett
- Alana George
- Frances Gilroy
- David Gleason
- Brooke Harris
- Mary Hayes
- Sally Hirschberg
- Marilyn Jent
- Wei Ji
- Virgil (Ray) Kicker
- Sarah Laney
- Hayden Langewisch
- Jeffrey Layton
- Logan Leverett
- Denise McClay
- Lindsay McCormick
- Caroline Miller
- Morgan Monroe
- Becky Neuberger
- Nita Oliver
- Betsy Postlethwait
- Eric Simons
- Emily Steber
- Larry Stephens
- Theresa Stephens
- Marcella Thompson
- Kristina Valladares
- Becki Vance
- Steven Williamson

2022  
FINANCIALS



UNRESTRICTED DOLLARS

Unrestricted Income for Operations	
Contributions and Public Funding	\$2,066,350
Earned Revenue (admission, membership, rides, events)	\$8,102,615
Assets Released from Restrictions	\$4,765,150
Total Income	\$14,934,115
Total Operating Expenses	\$12,494,916
Net Operational Income	\$2,439,199

RESTRICTED DOLLARS FOR  
DESIGNATED PROJECTS

Restricted Income	\$2,000,314
Release of Restricted Income	\$4,765,150
Change in Restricted Funds	(\$2,764,836)



Betula the  
American  
black bear

L TO R: tawny  
frogmouth birds;  
Plump Sidney the  
shingle back skink;  
American alligator;  
Bob the bobcat







Ori the  
blue-bellied  
roller

## 2022 IN-KIND GIFTS

Anonymous  
ABC 33/40  
Dr. and Mrs. James M. Abroms  
Alabama Adventure &  
Splash Adventure  
Alabama Ballet  
Alabama Hoops  
Alabama Power Company  
Alabama School of Real Estate  
Alys Stephens Center  
Art by Margaret Anne  
At Home Furnishings  
Atlanta Braves  
Avondale Animal Hospital  
B. Bayer & Co. Monogramming  
and Gifts  
Bandwagon Sports  
Barber Motorsports Park  
Ms. Linda M. Barnard  
Bijou  
Birmingham Legion FC  
Birmingham Zoo Volunteers  
Birmingham Zoo, Inc.  
Blueprint on 3rd  
Brick & Tin  
Brixx Pizza  
Bromberg & Company, Inc.  
Brookwood Shell Gas Station  
Butter Gourmet Cookies  
Cahaba Brewing Co.  
Caldwell-Flake Interiors, Inc.  
Carrie Pittman Hill Art  
Carrigan's Public House  
Downtown  
Cayenne Creative  
Christen Colvert Art  
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Collier  
Collier's Nursery  
Concepts & Associates  
Cook Store of Mountain Brook  
Country Club of Birmingham  
Cox Pools Service  
Curated Birmingham  
Dear Southern Lady  
Dentons Sirote  
Design Supply  
Details by Liz Hand Woods  
Details Lawn Care  
Diamonds Direct

Dogtopia of Homewood  
Mckenzie Dove  
Dread River Distilling  
Eighteenth Street Orientals  
ETC Jewelry Accessories  
Ex Voto Vintage  
Exceptional Foundation  
Fab'rik Homewood  
Fairhope Brewing Company  
Mr. Rolan Fields  
Finklepott's Original Fairy Hair  
Fixtures & Finishes  
Fleet Feet  
Full Moon Bar-B-Que  
Genesis Nail Spa  
Ms. Rae Gibson  
Go Shop Em's  
Good Grit Magazine  
Grand Bohemian Hotel  
Mountain Brook  
Gunn Dermatology  
Gus Mayer Shoe Salon  
Hammett  
Hazel House  
Heights Dermatology &  
Aesthetics  
Henhouse Antiques  
Hibiscus House, LLC  
Mrs. Kathryn Hill  
Holland & Birch  
Homewood Toy and Hobby  
Hoover Tactical Firearms  
Hop City Craft Beer and Wine  
Inline Lighting  
Iron City Live  
Irontribe  
James Kennedy Events  
Jamey Reed Fine Art  
JB & Co.  
Jimmy John's  
Kevin Roberts Photography, LLC  
Key Circle Commons  
Koplon Implant & Family  
Dentistry  
Laney's Place, LLC  
Laurel-Dawn Corner Studio  
Left Hand Soap Co  
Leon Loard Oil Portraits  
Let's Play Birmingham  
Levy's Fine Jewelry  
Little Hardware  
Little Professor Bookshop  
Little Sweet's Cookies  
Mr. David M. Loper and  
Mr. Tom Barnett  
M.G. Style

Magic City Needlepoint  
Mr. David Malone  
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Martin  
Mason Music Studios  
Ms. Linda M. Massey  
Mayfield Dairy Farms  
Mason McCulley  
Mr. and Mrs. Kerry McInerney  
Mr. and Mrs. Lee McKinney, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Mestre  
Mon Ami, LLC  
Moultrie Products  
Mountain Brook Chamber of  
Commerce  
Mountain High Outfitters  
Mr. Wally Nall III  
Nall-Daniels Animal Hospital  
Nashville Zoo at Grassmere  
Neighbors Ice Cream  
Oak Street Garden Shop  
Oak Street Hair Group  
Ocean Restaurant  
Olexa's  
On The Boulevard Designs  
Onward Reserve  
Organic Health  
Otey's Tavern  
Paige Albright Orientals  
Papa's Stripers Adventures  
Park West  
Pastry Art Bake Shoppe  
PBJ Works  
Pelham Civic Complex  
Laura Pennebaker  
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Pfefferkorn  
PGA Tour Superstore  
Piggly Wiggly Homewood  
Pine Tree Country Club  
Please Reply  
Pradco Outdoor Brands  
Mr. Arthur Price  
Protective  
Rebecca Brown's Baby &  
Children's Boutique  
Red Diamond Coffee and Tea  
Company  
Redmont Distilling  
Renew Dermatology  
Renewal by Andersen  
Rex Harris Fine Jewelry  
Chrissy Richards  
Mr. Tim Rocks  
Rojo  
Sanders Jewelry  
Selwood Farm  
Shelby County Humane Society

Mr. and Mrs. Dannelly J. Shelton  
Sikes Children's Shoes & Jack n'  
Jill Shop  
Mrs. Lacey Simmons  
Snoozy's Kids Store, Inc.  
Southeastern Salvage Home  
Emporium  
Spire  
Sportswear  
Standard Heating and Air  
Conditioning Co., Inc.  
Stash Birmingham  
Stella Blu  
Ms. Beverly J. Stewart  
Sugar, Inc.  
Swoop  
Taco Mama  
Tailored Sportswear  
Taziki's  
The Fitness Center  
The Knight School  
The Pants Store  
The Peachie Spoon  
The Retreat Day Spa  
The Travel Studio  
Thomas Andrew Art Studio &  
Gallery  
Three Dimensional Dog  
Tito's Handmade Vodka  
Trader Joe's  
Treeline Expeditions LLC  
Tricia's Treasures  
Trifusion  
Troy Rhone Garden Designs  
Ms. Elizabeth Tullos  
University Pickers - Leeds  
Urban Air Trampoline &  
Adventure Park  
Urban Cookhouse  
Valley Hotel Homewood  
Vaughan and Company, LLC  
Mr. Joseph M. Waites Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Todd Weiss  
Ms. Salena Whalen-Stalker  
Whole Dog Market of Homewood  
X4 Fitness  
Yoga Lab Birmingham  
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# Beeson Wildlife Legacy

The Beeson Wildlife Legacy recognizes those who have made lasting gifts to the Birmingham Zoo through their bequest or other planned gift. The name honors Mrs. Lucille S. Beeson, a lawyer and philanthropist known for her incredible generosity, and for whom the Beeson Way walkway around Henley Park was named. She thoughtfully donated the Zoo's first planned gift, demonstrating her abiding love for all animals.

## We gratefully recognize these members of the Beeson Wildlife Legacy —

- Anonymous
  - Linda Barnard
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## STAFF EXCELLENCE

THE ZOO STAFF CONTINUOUSLY BROADEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO MAINTAIN THE EXPERTISE NEEDED FOR THE ANIMALS IN THEIR CARE.

Amy Toman advanced her farrier skills in the **Zoo Hoofstock Trim Program**.

Annie Kaspar and Kelsey Moore traveled to the **Cheyenne Mountain Giraffe Workshop** in Colorado Springs.

Dr. Rachel Turner attained the **veterinary board certification**.

Scott Kayser attended the **Felid Taxonomic Advisory Group (TAG)** which provides leadership for maintaining healthy, sustainable populations of wild cat species in AZA-accredited facilities worldwide.

Amanda Polsen and Vaughan Moore attended the virtual **Advancing Bear Care Conference**.

Amy Toman was elected to the **Rhinoceros Taxonomic Advisory Group (TAG) Steering Committee** of the AZA conservation plan to manage rhino populations in AZA-accredited facilities worldwide.

Steph Beard and Mya Montrella passed the **state licensing Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE)**.

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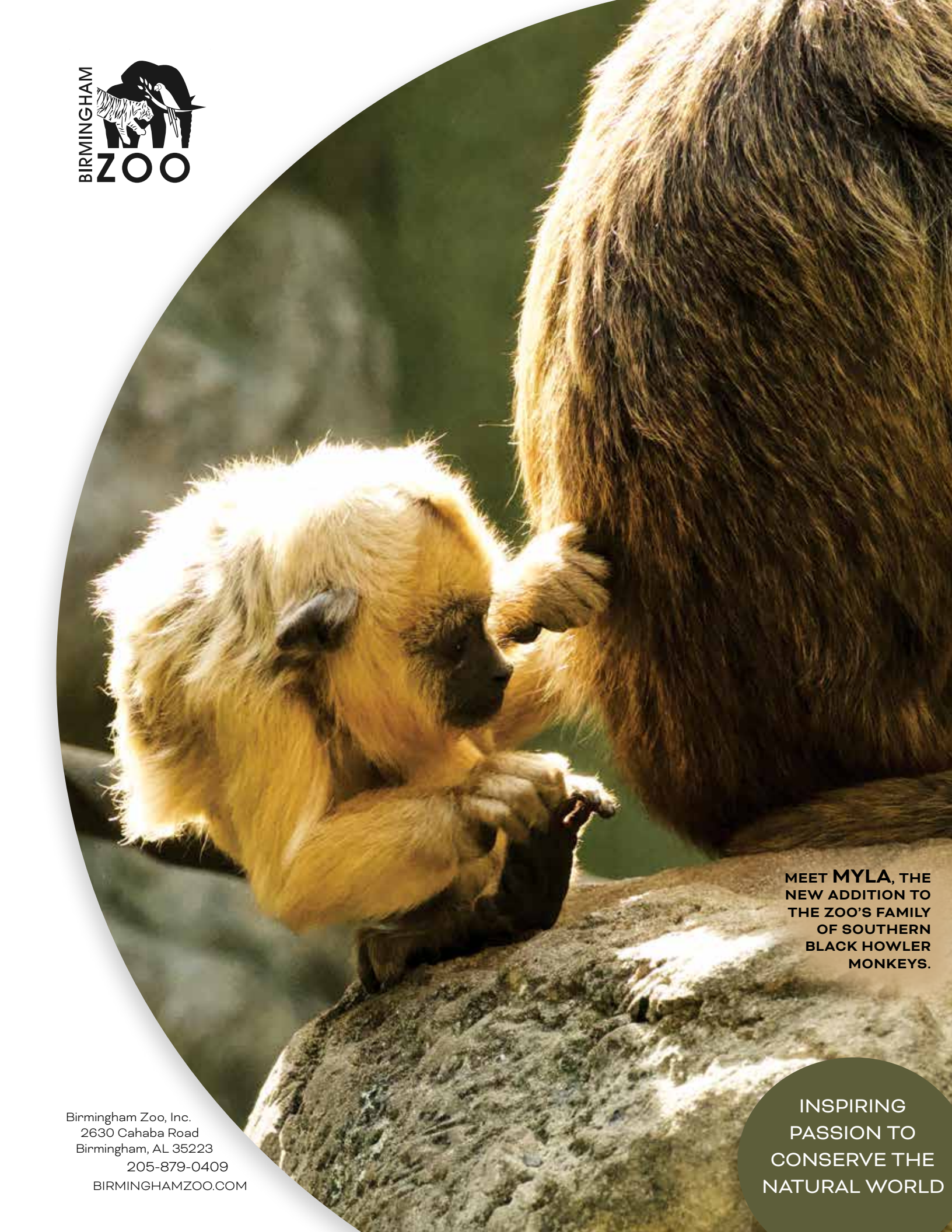
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Cranberry the red-flanked duiker

A spicebush swallowtail in the Butterfly Pavilion





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