Kangaroos are the best jumpers of all mammals and can jump over 30' in one hop and 6' high with a speed up to 40mph!
Director’s Report

My Journey

It all began on July 26, when I was admitted to the ER. I had a 103.5 fever and severe pneumonia. They admitted me to the hospital. For the next 6 days I don’t remember much only flashes of people visiting and praying with me. They finally told me I had West Nile, I could not believe it. At that point I could not walk, had trouble breathing and could not sit up. The virus attacked my brain and spinal cord. They transferred me into Jenkins Living Center which provides 24 hr care. I started daily occupational therapy and physical therapy. I basically had to re-learn everything. I had to learn how to dress myself and develop upper body strength. I am presently confined to a wheel chair and hope to be able to walk some day.

Thanks to all the visitors and care I received my spirits remain positive, although there were several times I was severely depressed.

There is one thing that will remain with me forever. The second night I was in the hospital I saw a great light. I prayed to Jesus and told him if you must take me go ahead. At that point a great wind blew me back and a voice told me that you must stay. I will never forget this.

As I continue to recover, I will keep all of you updated. I thank every one of you for all your visits, cards, phone calls and support.

Hopefully I will see you at the zoo.

Dan Miller
Zoo Director

ZOO FACT:
There are only 222 AZA accredited Zoos world wide and the Bramble Park Zoo has been accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums since 1993!
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ZOO HOURS
Winter Hours: 10am-4pm daily
ADMISSION FEES
2 and under – Free
3-12 years old – $5.00 + tax
13 and over – $7.00 + tax
Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
Call for pricing during special events.

Don Roby, winner of LAZS raffle to support the wolf exhibit.
Thank you to all who donated items & purchased tickets!
These individuals and groups have sponsored animals at the zoo. Their names are displayed on the Wild Child board located inside the Discovery Center. You can join this dedicated group for as little as $30.

**Zoo Parent**
- Carol Graf
- Xavier Mack
- Gaven Raden
- Kaylee Iverson
- Olive Iverson
- Mason Iverson
- Raigan Johnson
- Isabel Johnson
- Donna Thompson
- Audrey Brandsrud
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**Wild Child**
- Ring-tailed Lemur
- Bald Eagle
- Pine Marten
- Snow Leopard
- White Bengal Tiger
- Capuchin Monkey
- Pygmy Goat
- Siamang
- Clownfish
- Jaguar
- White Bengal Tiger
- Capuchin Monkey
- White Bengal Tiger
- White Bengal Tiger
- Gray Wolf
- Black-footed Penguin

**Zoo Fact:**
The zookeepers have been working very hard on an animal husbandry training program for 6 months now! They are working on operant conditioning and positive reinforcement with the ring-tailed lemurs, black and white ruffed lemurs, black bears, jaguars, colobus monkeys, pine martens, fishers, wolves and coyotes.

**Zoo Fact:**
The pink color of the ibis and spoonbill comes from the food they eat.
EDZOOcation in Action

Zoo Education programs include a hands-on approach to animal discovery, activities, games, art and interaction with zoo animals.

- A minimum of eight participants is needed to hold each class session.
- Deadline to register is one week before each program begins.
- To register, please go online to www.watertownparkandrec.com or contact the Zoo at 882-6269.
- Parents of younger children may attend.

FALL ZOO SCHOOL
Dates & Times: Thursdays 2:00-3:30 p.m. or Fridays 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Fee: $12 +tax per program
Hide and Seek – November 7 or 8
Turtle Power – November 14 or 15

EARLY OUT ZOO CLASSES
Continue your school day of learning and fun during these afterschool programs at the zoo scheduled on teacher in-service/early out days.
Time: Classes run from 12:20-4:00 p.m. and include a snack.
Fee: $15 +tax
Born in the USA – Wednesday, October 30
Critter Coverings – Wednesday, November 20
Family Ties - Wednesday, February 26
Operation Zoo - Wednesday, March 26

Fall Zoo School
Ages 2-kindergarten

Early Out Zoo Classes
School age

Zany Zoo Joke:
Q: Why did the birds fly south?
A: Because it was too far to walk!
Dan Miller came to Watertown in the winter of 1988 to assume the position of zoo superintendent. Over the years Dan has brought a new standard of professionalism to the Bramble Park Zoo and the entire community. His leadership has allowed the zoo to continually move forward and become an icon in the city. His endless accomplishments include: zoo renovation, AZA accreditation, fund raising, and developing the zoo into an educational facility for all ages. Dan’s many talents can be seen every day in the world class facility that is Bramble Park Zoo, but perhaps his biggest talent is how he brings out the best in people. A thoughtful comment, a friendly argument, a thought provoking discussion and a funny joke are all in a day’s work. Because of Dan’s dedication and leadership, the City of Watertown is a better place.
New World Monkey
Capuchin

Old World Monkey
DeBrazza

**NEW WORLD MONKEYS**
(Americas & Oceana)
- **Size**: Small to medium sized primates
- **Nose**: Scientific name for New World Monkeys is Platyrrhini which means “flat nosed”. Nostrils face sideways.
- **Tail**: Prehensile tail (used like a 5th leg)
- **Vision**: Lack trichromatic vision (mono vision) – exception: Howler Monkey
- **Dental**: 12 premolars
- **Butt**: No Pads
- **Trees**: Primary tree dwellers
- **Thumbs**: Thumb sits in line with other fingers
- **Pairing**: Form more monogamous pair bonds / both show substantial paternal care of young
- **Species**: Marmosets, Tamarins, Howler Monkeys, Spider Monkeys, Woollys, Titi Monkey, Capuchins, Squirrel Monkeys, Owl Monkeys, Sakis, Uakaris

**OLD WORLD MONKEYS**
(Africa & Eurasia)
- **Size**: Medium to large sized primates
- **Nose**: Scientific name for Old World monkeys is Catarrhines which means “narrow nosed”. Nostrils face downwards. Non-grasping tails
- **Tail**: Trichromatic vision (color vision)
- **Dental**: 8 premolars
- **Butt**: Have a pad for sitting
- **Trees**: More varied habitat from rainforest to desert
- **Thumbs**: Opposable thumbs
- **Pairing**: Less monogamous
- **Species**: Baboons, Guenons, Macaques, Mangabeys, Patas, Colobus, Langurs, Leaf-monkeys, Proboscides

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**ZANY ZOO FACT:**
Do you know if you are looking at an “OLD WORLD” primate or a “NEW WORLD” primate when you are at the zoo?

**ZANY ZOO JOKE:**
Q: When an ape visits the tailor, what kind of suit does he order?
A: A zoo-t suit!
ANIMAL ENRICHMENT WISH LIST

ZANY

ZOOFACT:
Did you know that zookeepers can use these items for animal health and enrichment programs?

- Crates
- Totes
- Electronic scale
- Hand-held laser lights (red and green)
- Cupcake liners
- Small rope
- Shoe laces
- Kongs (variety of sizes)
- Suet feeders
- PVC pipe and end caps
- Pillow cases
- Clips
- Plastic baby chain or hooks
- Ping Pong balls
- Wiffle balls
- Clothes pins
- Fake plants
- Training clickers
- Hammocks
- Eye hooks (variety of sizes)
- Carabineers
- Nuts and bolts (variety of sizes)
- Clean towels

ZANY

ZOOFACT:
Lady Ross Turacos have mobile outer toes which they are able to rotate forward and backward!

ZANY

ZOOFACT:
Colobus monkeys have unusual stomachs which are similar to the digestive systems of cows. The important feature of a colobus’ stomach is that it has three or four different regions. Colobus monkeys always have a belly full of food which is in the process of being digested. The contents of the stomach can constitute up to a quarter of the weight of an adult and half the weight of an infant monkey.

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Clean towels

Jolie Femrite and Marcy Homola enjoyed a special tour by seasonal Zoo Educator (and Mellette School 5th grade teacher) Radeana Johnson for AR points received during the 2012/2013 school year.

Cousins, Max (7) and Wilkes (3) Flatten along with Brynn (4) and Faith (2) Roehrich, joined their parents on a tour celebrating Faith’s birthday in September.

Andre is 3 years old and the son of George and Kelli Theron.

ZANY

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Bramble Park ZOO

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WINE
BEER
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Friday 6-8pm, November 15th, 2013

$40.00 Per Ticket Limited Seating. Each Ticket Entitles you to a Free Reidel Tasting Glass, Buffet Style Meal, Wine and Beer for you to Sample. Hosted at Second Street. Tickets Available at All Watertown Cowboy Liquor Locations and Bramble Park Zoo.

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Sarah Zander
Did you know being a member comes with many perks such as visiting our zoo and other zoos as often as you want and an invitation to the annual LAZS members’ appreciation dinner?

Tigers, lemurs, bears, Oh my! Bramble Park Zoo has changed over time.

At first mostly birds, but not anymore.... Fish & monkeys were added to see and adore.

With time came some donkeys, along with goats, And slithering snakes nested warmly in totes.

Pine martens & fishers up in a tree, Funny to watch, a definite “must see”.

Wolves & coyotes feel the need to approach, As it is their territory you seem to encroach.

Camels & kangaroos, a bit more reserved, Seeing these creatures, a treat well deserved.

From penguins to hedgehogs, and ducks on the pond, To the Discovery Center, which you’ll become quite fond.

Soon to be added to this fine locale, The Ottertown exhibit, impress you it shall.

Bramble’s description has come to its closure, With our motto I’ll leave you, it’s time to “COME CLOSER!”

Congratulations to Judy and Harlan Konrad! They won the Terry Redlin canvas print at the annual LAZS picnic.

Thank you to all zoo crew for a great year!

Zany Zoo Fact: Our zookeepers have many talents...some are even poets!
The Pet Memorial program helps individuals with the loss of a beloved pet by honoring the life of their “best friend.”

When you make a donation in memory of a pet, you or your designated recipient will receive a personalized card that announces your gift to the Bramble Park Zoo Pet Memorial Fund and recognition in this newsletter.

Proceeds are used to enhance the veterinary care at the Zoo through funding the purchase of medical equipment needed to care for the zoo’s animal collection.

Please send donations to the LAZS at PO Box 484, Watertown, SD 57201
Curator’s Comments
By Jim Lloyd

We’ve been busy as beavers constructing the new Ottertown exhibit, which will house North American river otters, and the new KidZoo edition, which will house domestic and exotic contact animals in a new barnyard setting.

ZANY ZOO FACT:
The oldest animal at Bramble Park Zoo is Margo, a red-lored Amazon parrot who is approximately 65 years old.

ZANY ZOO FACT:
The youngest animal at Bramble Park Zoo is Giselle, a female DeBrazza’s guenon born on June 22, 2013!
**Zany Zoo Fact:**

The Zoo spent $11,500 for 250 cases of feline diet, 120 cases of bird of prey diet, and 40 cases of bones. This food feeds the tigers, jaguars, snow leopard, wolves, coyotes, swift fox, pine martens, fishers, bears, all birds of prey, ibis, hornbills and rehab birds for 6 months. The Zoo also spends another $4,000 annually on penguin fish and about $1,000 on frozen rats and mice to feed snakes.

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**Zany Zoo Joke:**

There was this truck driver who had to deliver 500 penguins to the zoo. As he was driving his truck through the desert, his truck breaks down. After about 3 hours, he waves another truck down and offers the driver $500 to take these penguins to the zoo for him. The next day the original truck driver arrives in town and sees the new truck driver crossing the road with 500 penguins walking single file behind him. The original truck driver jumps out of his truck and asks, “What’s going on? I gave you $500 to take these penguins to the zoo!” The new truck driver responds, “I did take them to the zoo. And I had enough money left over so now we’re going to see a movie.”

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**Join Us For Zoo Boo**

Saturday, October 26th from 2-6pm

at the Bramble Park Zoo

Come and trick-or-treat in a fun and safe environment

Make sure to get your tickets early at County Fair Foods so you can use the Express Entrance

**Tickets**

$5 for youth 3-12 • $5 or LAZS membership for adults 13 and over

2 and under are FREE

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Josiah (9) and Asher (7) visited the Zoo all the way from Seattle for a behind the scenes tour. They are grandsons of Bruce and Colleen Hestad of Watertown.

...at the Zoo!
ANIMAL UPDATE

3.2.1 = 3 males, 2 females, and 1 unknown sex. To save space when communicating with other zoos, we use this system to indicate the number and sex of each group of animals.

ACQUISITIONS
0.0.1 Domestic rabbit
0.0.5 Ring-necked pheasants
0.4 Inland bearded dragons
0.0.2 Ravens
0.0.1 Fly river turtle
3.3 Great Plains toads

DEATHS
1.0 Ring-teal (euthanized blindness)
1.0 Wood duck (broken neck)
0.0.1 Freshwater stingray (unknown)
0.0.1 Pancake tortoise
0.1 Temminck’s tragopan (broken neck)

BIRTHS & HATCHES
0.0.2 African pygmy goats

REHAB BIRDS
Red-tailed hawk
Nighthawk
Common egret
Nighthawk
Northern Harrier
Great-Horned Owl
Released Ducks include:
Screech owl
10 Wood ducks
8 Mallards
3 Hooded mergansers
4 Robins
 Peregrine falcon
Kestrel
Bald Eagle
Bald Eagle

STATUS
Caught in barbwire fence, cut on throat (not serious); Vet stitched and released
Broken wing; euthanized
Very thin; weak; euthanized
Severely broken wing; euthanized
Nothing wrong; released
Possible West Nile Virus; blind, thin, weak; Euthanized
Possibly hit by car; Euthanized
23 wood ducks, 2 hooded mergansers, 8 mallards and 1 Canada goose
Released
Hand raised & released
Hand raised & released
Released on zoo grounds
Was wet, couldn’t fly; released
Pending placement
Thin, weak, unknown cause; possible release
Released

MEMORIALS

In Memory of: Richard Drake
Contributed by: Jim & Francene Spies

In Memory of: Al Iverson
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ZANY ZOO FACT:
Keeping track of animal information is a very important job completed by a registrar. ZIMS is a global record keeping system that allows us to log births, deaths and acquisitions and share this information with other zoos.