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QUARTER CENTURY AWARD
Bramble Park Zoo
FOR 25 YEARS
OF CONTINUOUS ACCREDITATION
2018

AZA UPDATE

The Zoo is working full steam ahead to meet all of the requirements for AZA accreditation. Jeff Wyatt, DVM and AZA Accreditation Board President will visit the zoo this month for a preliminary inspection. Jeff will let us know how we are doing and what still needs to be done. Then, the AZA inspection team (3 zoo professionals from zoos across the country) will visit again in June. This time we will be ready!



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*Exciting
Challenging*

The recent million-dollar donation from an anonymous donor will allow the zoo to construct a much-needed Animal Care Building. The new facility will improve the lives and health of the zoo animals.

The Watertown Area Community Foundation provided funding to support a new zookeeper position. This will enhance the quality of care for our animal collection.

The Andrea Waitt Carlton Family Foundation and Lake Area Zoological Society will provide funding to modernize many of our cat and primate habitats. Some of these improvements include glass-viewing areas, additional climbing structures for our primates and cats, and other structures to allow them to exhibit more of their natural behaviors.

These enhancements will help the Bramble Park Zoo to achieve AZA accreditation and improve the welfare of the zoo animals.

Thanks for all your support,

Dan Miller
Director



WEBSITE NEWS



In order to save space, and the planet, instead of printing all members, animal sponsors, and animal transactions in the newsletter, we will put them on our website! Guests can also subscribe to the e-newsletter here.

NEW!

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animal info at...
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Lizzo the newest Ambassador Animal at Bramble Park Zoo

Common Name: Uromastyx Lizard

Scientific Name: *Uromastyx spp.*

Distribution: Throughout Northern Africa & the Middle East

Size: 8-24"

Life Span: 15-35+ years

Uromastyx is a genus of lizard found in parts of Africa and the Middle East. Uromastyx lizards come from very hot places and need high temperatures to do well. In the wild these lizards live in burrows and will do best if offered underground retreats.



ENRICHMENT / TRAINING / ANIMAL WELFARE



In order to achieve the high standards of AZA accreditation, the zookeepers have changed and updated the way they observe and record animal training, enrichment and welfare. Kim Konrad, the Office and Visitor Services Manager has worked tirelessly on making user-friendly documents to record the data. Now, the zookeepers (John, Bill, Michelle, Olivia, Angie, and Spencer) are collecting all the data and Jim Lloyd, General Curator is reviewing the information.

New for 2020 is an enrichment calendar to make the creation and implementation of toys easier for all of the animal care staff. Also, each week 1 full-time keeper is designated as "trainer" on the schedule. They are in charge of making sure all of the 38 animals in the formal training program receive a training session. In addition, animal welfare sheets track an animal's health, habitat and daily care in order to make sure every animal at the zoo is receiving the husbandry they need.

ED'ZOO'CATION

NEW!

Jane's
Explorers

Walk on the **Wild Side** with us! Education programs are offered year round for ages 2 and up. Zoo Education programs include a hands-on approach to animal discovery, activities, games, art and interaction with zoo animals.

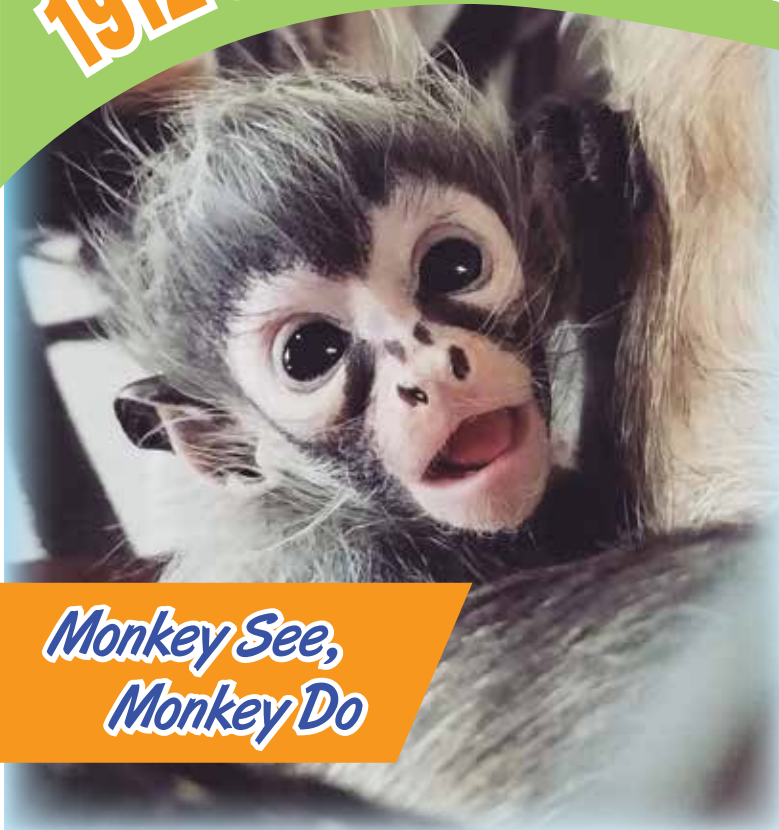
The Park and Rec summer brochure will be coming out soon! Make sure you look at the new offerings from Bramble Park Zoo. New for 2020 is a two-day camp option and Jane's Explorers!

In addition, spring is right around the corner, which means lots of yellow buses and kids!



MISSION: COME CLOSER TO THE NATURAL WORLD AROUND US.

1912 through 2020 and beyond...



*Monkey See,
Monkey Do*



Here's Looking at Zoo



A "Zoo"pendous Day



*The
cat's
meow*

“Continuing the Legacy”



Bramble Park

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Come Closer.



Hang in there!

Grin and Bear it



Leeping Lizards



Where the Wild Things Are



At the Zoo

If I had a Million Dollars . . .

THANK YOU

Thank you to our generous anonymous donor! The donor gave 1 million dollars towards the construction of the Animal Care Building. This is the largest one time gift in the 108-year history of the Bramble Park Zoo. Plans will be completed soon with dirt-work starting this summer!

In addition, the Watertown Area Community Foundation granted \$90,000 towards a new full-time year round zookeeper position. The grant is for a two-year position. That will bring the total number of permanent animal care staff to seven!

Also, the Andrew Waitt Carlton Family Foundation of Tennessee agreed to match funds to modernize the zoo.

THANK YOU!

We truly appreciate your support!

Did you know if you have a membership card and are a "member of the zoo" you are part of the Lake Area Zoological Society (LAZS); the Zoo's non-profit support organization? The LAZS helps the zoo with extra projects throughout the year.

Thank You

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

- 1.0 Pygmy goat
- 1.0 Snow Leopard
- 0.1 Amur Tiger
- 0.1 Uromastyx

DISPOSITIONS

- 2.2 White-throated Capuchin monkeys
- 0.1 Amur Tiger
- 0.0.3 Leopard geckos
- 2.1 Red kangaroos

DEATHS

- 1.0 Spider monkey
- 1.1 Swift fox
- 1.1.1 Scarlet ibis
- 0.0.4 Ravens
- 1.0 Domestic ferret



REHAB BIRDS

- Immature bald eagle
- Red-tail hawk
- Great horned owl
- White Pelican
- broken shoulder
- Saw-whet owl
- Black billed Magpie
- Northern flicker
- Kriders hawk
- Kriders hawk
- Red-tail hawk
- Great horned owl
- Bald Eagle

STATUS

- Shot – euthanized
- Non-releasable
- Non-releasable
- Non-releasable
- Minor wing injury, released
- Imprinted – transfer-new zoo
- Released
- Release pending
- Add to collection
- Non-releasable
- Pending
- Removed tip of wing, treating infection

2020 SPECIAL EVENTS

Event	Day	Date	Time
Mother's Day Celebration <i>Honor Mom with a visit to the zoo and receive a special gift just for ladies.</i>	Sunday	May 10	1 PM-4 PM
Father's Day Fiesta <i>Honor Dad with a visit to the zoo and receive a special gift just for men.</i>	Sunday	June 21	1 PM-4 PM
Food Truck Festival <i>Sweet and Savory food trucks and entertainment by Maggie in the Meantime.</i>	Saturday	June 27	12 PM-6 PM
Sippin' Safari <i>21 and over fundraiser highlighting food, drink, entertainment and animals from around the area.</i>	Friday	July 24	6 PM-9 PM
LAZS Member Appreciation Picnic <i>Members only grill-out donated by Hy-Vee and Coca-Cola.</i>	Monday	Aug. 10	6 PM
Midco Free Day <i>Free admission, pop, popcorn, and entertainment.</i>	Thursday	Aug. 13	10 AM-7 PM
26th Annual Watertown Radio Chili Cook-off & Salsa Challenge <i>Chili contest, music and awards - reduced admission.</i>	Saturday	Sept. 26	10 AM-4 PM
ZOO BOO <i>Community supported trick-or-treating in a fun and safe environment-memberships not valid for youth</i>	Saturday	Oct. 24	2 PM-6 PM
Breakfast with Santa <i>Breakfast provided by Burger King, photos with Santa, reduced zoo admission.</i>	Saturday	Dec. 12	8 AM-10 AM

Dates, times and fees are subject to change without notice.
Please call 605-882-6269 for more information on these events and other activities presented by Bramble Park Zoo.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Newsletters and other printed materials are difficult to produce, mainly because things change daily here at the Zoo! To stay on top of current events please visit our official website often
- (www.brambleparkzoo.com) and become a fan of our Facebook page
- (www.facebook.com/BPZandLAZS).



MOTHERS DAY

Bring Mom to the Zoo for her special day. Mothers will receive a special gift. Stroll around the zoo and see our famous mothers like Charlotte the spider monkey, Houdini the DeBrazza's guenon and Mayka the black and white ruffed lemur.

DATE: Sunday, May 10, 2020

TIME: 1:00 – 4:00pm.

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GO GREEN!

Animal Chatter, the Lake Area Zoological Society Newsletter, is **GREEN!** If you would like to help us save money on printing and postage costs and help the environment, please drop us an email at bpz@brambleparkzoo.com with the words "It's Easy Being Green" in the subject line and we will start sending your newsletter electronically. You'll get the same information and pictures, without wasting paper and money. You'll even get the news sooner if you choose to receive *Animal Chatter* via e-mail!

Note: Some editions will still be mailed via the US Postal Service due to important inserts located in the newsletter.



HERE, KITTY, KITTY, KITTY -



This is one my favorite Yeti pictures. Here he was balanced between two ledges, hanging upside down playing with his tail. Photo by: Cindy Rodgers

Yeti



Yeti with a pumpkin. He brought it in from the public side when he heard Val in the back area. He loved hanging out in the back when she was there - plus he wanted to show off his "find". Photo by: Valarie Chavez

Yeti was born at the ABQ BioPark Zoo, in Albuquerque, NM, on May 19, 2018 to parents Azeo and Sarani. Azeo, 18 years old, and his previous mate, Kachina, had 12 cubs. The zoo lost Kachina in June 2017 to cancer. Sarani, eight years old, was brought to the ABQ BioPark Zoo late 2017 as part of the SSP Snow Leopard breeding program. Yeti is the first born for the two breeding snow leopards and the 13th cub born at the zoo. Yeti has always been full of spunk! A true daredevil – which he gets from mom, Sarani. He loves playing with enrichment of all shapes and sizes. Yeti is a huge "talker". If he wasn't getting enough attention, he would call until keepers would hang and interact with him. He seems to have an endless amount of energy while playing and a huge appetite. He is a growing boy after all!



One of my last photos of Yeti before he moved. Photo by: Cindy Rodgers

Yeti was such a joy to his keepers, ABQ BioPark staff and their visitors. We all miss Yeti but know everyone in the Bramble Park Zoo family will love him as much as we do! With his playful spunk, attitude and, of course, that handsome face, he will steal your hearts.

Written by: Valarie Chavez, Senior Carnivore Keeper at the ABQ BioPark Zoo

Note: Cindy has been photographing Yeti since the den door opened until he left so she has some fun pics that reflect what Val wrote.

TWO NEW CATS ARE HERE!

Ursula and her three sisters arrived at Potawatomi Zoo when they were 3 years old. They settled in quickly, exploring their outside habitat and their inside holding area. It has been such a pleasure watching them grow physically and behaviorally over these last three years. Ursula stood out from the group because she was not as trusting as her sisters and never let her guard down. She is a very definitive tiger. When she decides about people or things she likes or dislikes she has no problem letting you know. She is very smart and catches on to new training and enrichment items very quickly. While at our facility, guests and keepers loved watching Ursula play with her sisters, swim in her pools, explore and scent mark her exhibit, and play with enrichment. Some of her favorite enrichment items include lawn bags, perfume-scented toys, and cardboard boxes. Ursula always brought a smile to my face when she would greet me in the mornings by chuffing at me. She will be missed, but I know she has a great home at Bramble Park Zoo and will be loved by keepers and guests.

Written by Maria Sheehan:
Swing Keeper at Potawatomi Zoo



Ursula





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Regular Hours 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Daily

Extended Hours (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Daily

ADMISSION FEES

2 and under - free • 3-12 years old - \$8.00 (+ tax) • 13 and over - \$10.00 (+ tax)

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Purchase a membership and get in free every day!

LAKE AREA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lake Area Zoological Society is to promote and stimulate interest in the Bramble Park Zoo and support the zoo's development and programs through fundraising, marketing and other initiatives designed to enhance the zoo experience.



WILD FUN at the BRAMBLE PARK ZOO



Having a wild time at the zoo!



where the wild things are