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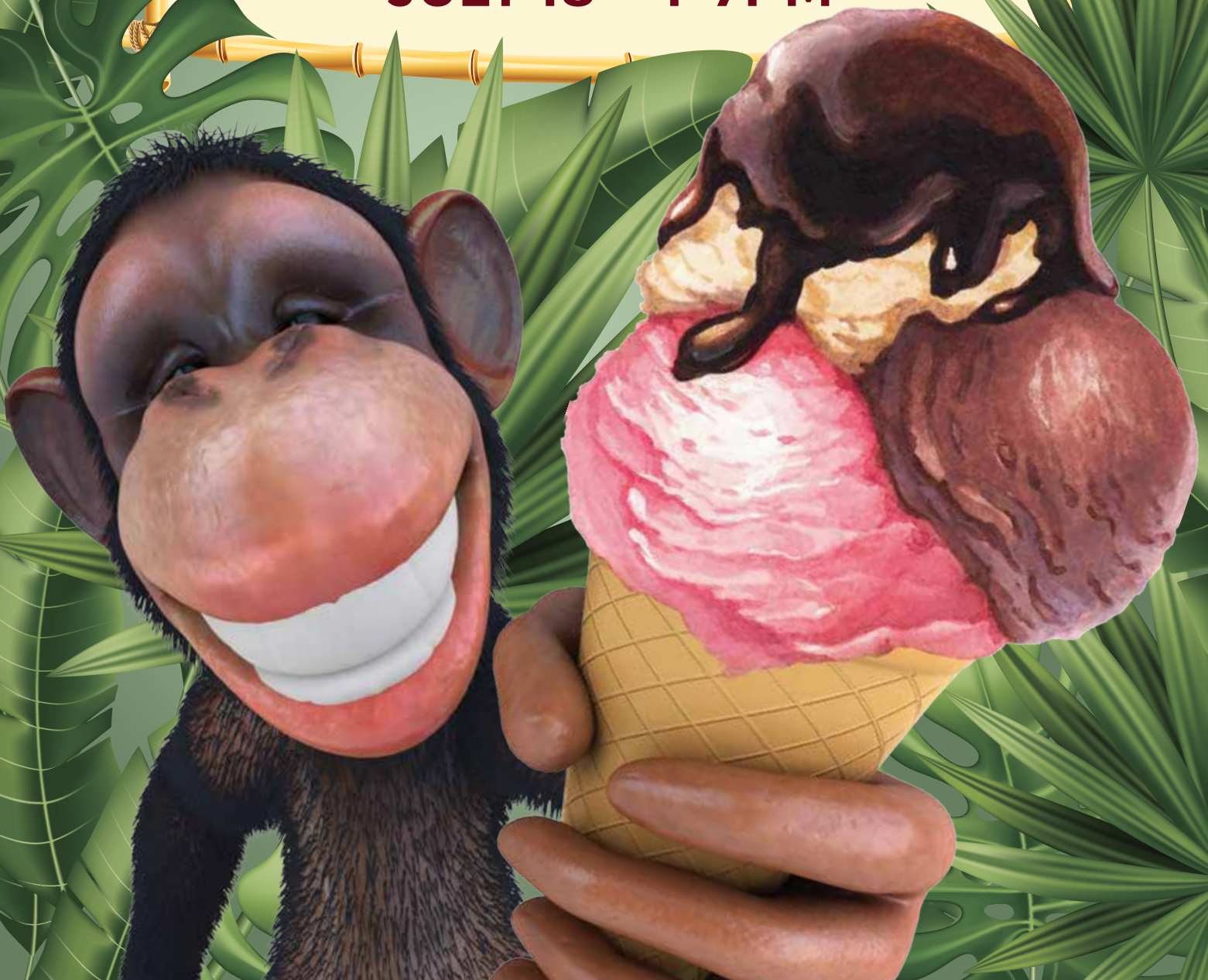


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Dear Friends,

It's springtime at the Chattanooga Zoo! As the weather warms and the days grow longer, more and more guests enter the gates of the Zoo to experience wildlife—up close and personal. As we look expectantly to this bright new season ahead, I think it's also important to take a look back at what has already come to fruition in 2022!

Our Red Panda habitat renovation is now officially complete, and it's a beautiful new addition to their current space. This fully reimagined outdoor area boasts new netting, perches, climbing structures, bridges, and even a new panda-condo. All of these elements make this space uniquely enriching for the Red Pandas, and more visually accessible for guests. I'm extremely proud of the team who worked to put it all together, and our community who supported our Red Panda Rising campaign which funded the project. We hope you come see the Pandas in their new space!



You'll certainly learn more about it in this slimy edition of ChattaZOOga, but our Hellbender Research Program is making big strides this

year through the hatch and wild-release project, which began in late 2021. More than one hundred baby Hellbenders were hatched right here at the Zoo in a biosecure area. Our hope is that as these individuals are released into the wild upon maturity, they will flourish in our local waterways and help the species thrive.

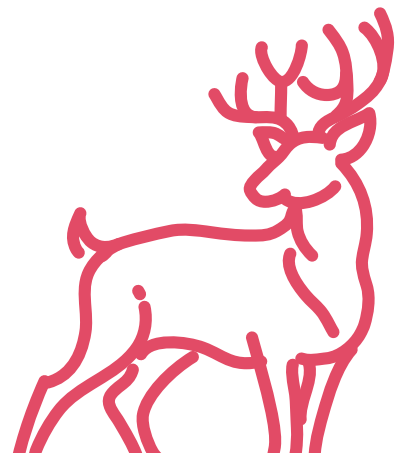


Our Giraffe herd has been at the Zoo since May of 2020. This first phase of our African Expansion project, Reaching Great Heights, has resulted in many meeting this charismatic species for the first time. Now, in 2022, we are working towards expansions again with a second phase which will expand the current Giraffe yard among other renovations.

There's more happening here at the Chattanooga Zoo than I can fit into this letter, but these projects are just a few of the ones that make me extremely proud to be a part of what is happening at the Chattanooga Zoo.

Sincerely for the Animals,

Dardenelle Long
CEO & PRESIDENT



ZOO NEWS

PEDZ

The Chattanooga Zoo is happy to announce the continuation of the PEDZ program in summer '22! PEDZ, which stands for Promoting Ethnic Diversity in Zoos, is designed to create summer jobs for underserved minority students in our community at the Chattanooga Zoo. Every summer, 16-20 high school students are accepted into the 8 week employment program. These students have the opportunity to learn valuable job skills, as well as experience personal development and growth, and create lasting relationships. We can't wait to see how the 2022 PEDZ program will affect the lives of so many kids in our community!



Caracals

You might have noticed a few new furry faces on the Zoo's social media recently! Two Caracal sisters have come to call the Chattanooga Zoo home. The siblings, Mieke and Mara, were born at the Nashville Zoo in 2021. At the Chattanooga Zoo, they will be a part of our Ambassador Program, which means while you might not see them during a regular visit at the Zoo, you might get the chance to see them displaying some of their natural behaviors during an education program.

Caracals are a species of wild cat native to most parts of Africa, as well as northern India. In the wild, they eat small prey like rodents and birds, and are highly efficient hunters! Their fantastic ears aid in their stalking ability by swiveling around, helping them detect prey.



Zoo Accessibility Program

We're constantly looking for ways to bring wildlife to every member of our community. Because of this mission, the Chattanooga Zoo proudly offers an avenue to help make the Zoo accessible for all families. All those who participate in programs including SNAP, TANF, and WIC are eligible to receive a reduced regular Zoo admission rate. To receive this reduced admission rate, please present your program card at the ticket booth. Since the program began last summer, thousands of families have been able to utilize this program!

Red Panda Rising

The new Red Panda outdoor habitat is NOW OPEN! The new habitat features increased space, as well as added vertical climbing structures such as bridges, tunnels, ladders and platforms. Each feature of the exhibit was created with the Red Panda's natural climbing instincts in mind. Additionally, our Red Panda outdoor space has a new "Panda Condo" -- an enclosed space for pandas to access while they're exploring. As always, our Red Pandas will continue to have access to our indoor Red Panda exhibit, viewable by guests by the second floor of the Himalayan Passage.

Now that this habitat is open, guests will have the opportunity to learn more about Red Pandas, up close and personal. Previously, Red Panda viewing from the outdoor space was minimal. Now with new updates, guests have a largely unobstructed view. Catch glimpses of fiery red fur and ringed tails on your next trip to the Chattanooga Zoo. This time, however, you can enjoy the stu-PANDA-ous view outside.

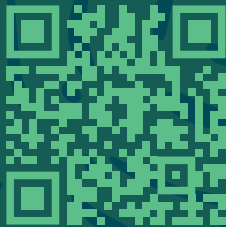
"Our Red Pandas are enjoying their new outdoor habitat! With construction now complete, guests can witness our pandas climb and explore their new space. This project was made possible by those who generously contributed to the Red Panda Rising campaign which funded the habitat," said Dardenelle Long, Chattanooga Zoo President and CEO. "We continue to commit ourselves to excellent animal care, and this new habitat aligns perfectly with that mission."

SAFE KIDS at the ZOO

Saturday, April 30, 2022 | 10 AM–2 PM

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Children of all ages will learn how to stay safe on the road, at home, and at play with a full day of family activities!



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and receive a \$2 discount.



GIVING HELLBENDERS A HEAD START



The Eastern Hellbender is a sight to behold. You'd think that more people would know about their existence, considering their size (up to 30 inches) and all-around otherworldly appearance. Slimy skin that folds and wrinkles have earned this creature nicknames like "snot otter" or "lasagna lizard." However, if you ask around, you'll find that many aren't aware that we share our waterways in East Tennessee with this incredible animal. Perhaps that general unawareness is what brings about the struggles that Hellbenders face. This salamander species is an ecological indicator of water quality due to its inability to survive in anything other than the freshest and most oxygenated streams. Where there are Hellbenders, there is clean water. Where they disappear, pollutants and water

temperature aren't optimal and may be a sign of poor water quality.

To reach our community and educate the public about the Eastern Hellbender, we built what is called the Hellbender Research and Education Facility. Home to nine adult Hellbenders, guests have the opportunity to watch research in action as members of our Animal Care team tend to the adults and record water quality. It's the perfect place to see what is an elusive animal in the wild, up close and personally. When Volunteers are present, Zoo patrons can watch keepers feed Hellbenders things like night crawlers and krill while learning about this incredible species and what it takes to preserve it in the wild. The space is also a classroom for

educational programs, and houses several other North American reptiles and amphibians like the Spotted Turtle, Indigo Snake, and Spring Salamanders.

As this program grew, and word began to spread about this amazing species, the Chattanooga Zoo decided to get more deeply involved in the protection of this animal. Partnering with several entities like Lee University, TWRA, Tennessee



American Water, and the Forestry Service, the Hellbender Head Start program was born! One of the struggles that Hellbenders face in the wild is low survival rates of hatchlings. To combat this, 108 eggs were collected from a local stream in conjunction with wildlife agencies, with the goal of returning mature and robust Hellbenders back into the wild.

To begin their journey, Herpetologists Kate, Will, and Max along with our facilities team built a special room for the Hellbender babies to start their lives in. Since the goal of this project is to reintroduce these individuals back into their

wild habitats, something called biosecurity is of extremely high importance. Several precautions are taken to make sure hatching is successful and healthy, as well as guarantee that no outside substances or pollutants are carried into the Hellbender “nursery.” This will ensure that no pollutants can then travel out into their habitats as they are reintroduced into the wild.

After just one week at the Zoo, all 108 eggs hatched successfully. Even more astounding is that after a few months of development, all but one Hellbender hatchling has survived. That’s a 99.1% survival rate, compared to about 30% in the wild.

Right now, the young live together and share a few tanks. They are small—miniature versions of a full-grown adult at just one inch long. As they grow, however, they will require more and more space. With that in mind, our team is currently working to build a biosecure addition onto the current Hellbender Facility. This space would provide more than enough room to swim and grow for the 107 young amphibians. As they mature, we will be working with the Forestry Service to reintroduce the young back into their original habitat, where the hope is that their arrival causes local populations to thrive and bolsters their numbers. Currently, guests are unable to see the babies due to biosecurity factors. However, photos and videos of the young at different life stages will be available in the main Hellbender Research and Education Facility.

You can support the mission to save the Eastern Hellbender by making a donation to the Zoo, visiting the Hellbender Facility, learning more about this species, and reducing water pollution.

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ZOO YOU KNOW

Horned Lizard

Look closer! Can you see them? The Desert Horned Lizard is very talented at camouflaging itself to blend in with its surroundings. Characterized by their flat bodies and the scales poking out from the back of their head that look like horns, these lizards use cryptic coloration to blend into their environment. These medium-sized lizards are often called “Horned Toads” but are not actually toads at all—they just resemble them! Here at the Chattanooga Zoo, we have several individuals of the Desert Horned Lizard species. In the wild, you can find these lizards in desert climates with fine sand. Although the Zoo does have fourteen Desert Horned Lizards, in this edition of Zoo You Know, we’ll be highlighting one female individual named Grey. Grey is eight years old and is settling into her geriatric years very nicely. Her favorite treats are harvester ants, pinhead crickets, and wax worms. When she knows she is about to have a snack, she will do a little dance by wiggling her tail to show her excitement! If you catch her at just the right time, she can be found buried under the sand with her face sticking out. Be sure to stop by Deserts of the World to see if you can spot her doing her little dance-y dance!



Dudley the Pied Tamarin

Just a handful of years ago, Pied Tamarins were abundant in a city called Manaus, located in Brazil. Now, the species is critically endangered and it is a rare occurrence to spot them in the wild. The species is threatened by deforestation, habitat loss, and interspecies competition- meaning that resources are being depleted and the various species of monkeys in the geographic area compete for food, shelter, and space as those are becoming increasingly limited. Pied Tamarins are known for their bald heads, big round eyes, and pointy ears! Four Pied Tamarins call the Chattanooga Zoo home, and live in the Amazonica La Selva section of the Zoo, just across from the Giant Anteater. Dudley is a five-year-old male who is making strides to repopulate the species with his mate Daphne through the Species Survival Plan. It was love at first sight for the two! Although it often takes time for bonds to form, these two were instantly inseparable upon introduction. Dudley can often be found snuggling with Daphne and even loves to play with her tail. Aside from being a doting mate, Dudley will do almost anything for a snack. His favorite treats are crickets, worms, cranberries, strawberries, and grapes! Enrichment brings him lots of joy, especially if it involves food. If you were to walk up to Dudley, there's a good chance he will check you out by turning his head side-to-side (sometimes even upside down) and flick his tongue out, showing his curiosity! His keeper, Kate, calls him "opinionated, yet charming" and has a personality that will make you fall in love with him if you spend time with him. Only ten Zoos in the United States house Pied Tamarins, and we are absolutely honored to have these beautiful monkeys call the Chattanooga Zoo home!



Jean the Jaguar

As a member of the largest cat species in the Americas, Jean the Jaguar is a sight to behold. Jaguars are characterized by their coats; they have tan fur with spots that turn into rosettes which help them blend in with their environment, which was originally the tropical forests of Central and South America. Jean has some handsome rosettes and weighs in at nearly 140 pounds! To keep his figure looking trim and muscular, he enjoys whole prey items and loves ground beef meatballs. He also participates in daily training exercises that challenge his critical thinking skills, and in the long run, helps keepers administer veterinary care and make daily life for Jean positive and enriching. He does all of this with his brother Phil, who has been with Jean since day one. It's rare that two males are kept together, but Phil and Jean have been inseparable since birth. Jean is the more outgoing of the two and will likely come to say "Hi!" before his brother if you visit them at their enclosure. The Chattanooga Zoo helps Jean's species by supporting field research on jaguars in Argentina and Latin America in order to learn more about the majestic animals. If you would like to help too, you can! Head over to the zoo's website to virtually adopt an animal and assist in conservation efforts for the near-threatened species.



CONSERVATION CORNER: BLOSSOMS & BABIES

By: Peri Anne Edwards

Spring brings so much life from blossoms to baby animals. As you are enjoying the outdoors or just watching the bustle of life in your yard, be on the lookout for injured or orphaned wildlife. However, sometimes it can be tricky to tell whether or not an animal needs assistance. We wanted to share some information and tips to help you make this decision. Plus, you can always call us (see below).

The Chattanooga Zoo serves as a rehabilitation intake center for Tennessee wildlife. We can do an intake exam and either care for the animals or transfer them to a partner facility for long-term care. The goal of rehabilitation is always to get the animal back to the wild. Last year we took in 569 total animals. Remember, call before acting. Below is some information on some species you might see.



QUICK FACTS

- Tennessee & Georgia require permits to care for native wildlife. So, call your local wildlife rehabilitation center.
- Do not offer food or water to the animal.
- Advised to bring the animal in for care? Offer the animal a dark and quiet spot. Cardboard boxes are great for transportation!
- Always wear gloves.

Birds

- Songbirds have a “fledgling” stage where they still have some fluffy down feathers along with some adult feathers. They leave the nest but cannot fully fly yet so you will often see them hopping along. Have no fear, mom and dad are close by and still providing food & protection. Watch the bird for a while and see if you can spot the parents tending the young one.
- Birds of Prey easily imprint on people so it is important not to offer food. In rehabilitation centers, we often take extra precautions so the bird does not know the food is being offered by humans.

Mammals

- Rabbits dig dens and hide their babies in them. They only visit the babies when necessary to avoid

attracting predators. Check your yard for rabbit dens before mowing.

- Fawns will hide out in vegetation and mom only visits 2-3x/day to avoid attracting predators. Watch the little one and keep an eye out for mom.
- Opossums have lots of babies! Average litter= 15. The females keep the young in their pouch during early development. You can help out by driving cautiously at night because they often try to cross roads.

WHO TO CALL?

Download the AnimalHelpNow! App to find a wildlife rehabilitator near you!

Tennessee

- Chattanooga Zoo 423-697-1322 ext. 5704
- Opie Acres (small mammals) 423-255-6460
- Happinest Wildlife (birds of prey) 423-847-5757
- Camp Windernest (songbirds) 423-593-3932
- Marshall Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation (small mammals) 540-392-5428

Georgia

- Georgia Wildlife Network 678-365-1976
- Rising Fawn Area 423-605-1035



NEW AT THE ZOO!

White-Tailed Deer

Oh deer! Another white-tailed deer has joined the herd! Doelene came to live at the Chattanooga Zoo in March 2022, and is enjoying the company of Maybelline, Zeppelin, and Pete—the other three deer



that live in our Walkin' the Tracks area. This area of the Zoo is home to many North American species, all of which are deemed non-releasable by local wildlife agencies. As a result, each species is cared for at the Zoo where they can be an educational ambassador for guests. We hope that each guest that gets to watch Doelene live and thrive with the rest of the herd can learn more about this amazing species!

Spring Salamanders

Our Hellbenders might be the star of the salamander show, but that doesn't mean that our Spring Salamanders aren't deserving of some attention as well! Two Northern Spring Salamanders came to live at the Chattanooga Zoo this year, and currently reside in the Hellbender Research and Education Facility, which is also home to several other snake and turtle species as well as our Hellbender group. This small, fiery red species is native to most of Appalachia. Like Hellbenders, Spring Salamanders are excellent indicator species, which means that they can give us a good idea of the cleanliness of a waterway. Since they can only survive in cool, clean, freshwater streams, healthy populations of Spring Salamanders tell us that a waterway is most likely thriving and has a



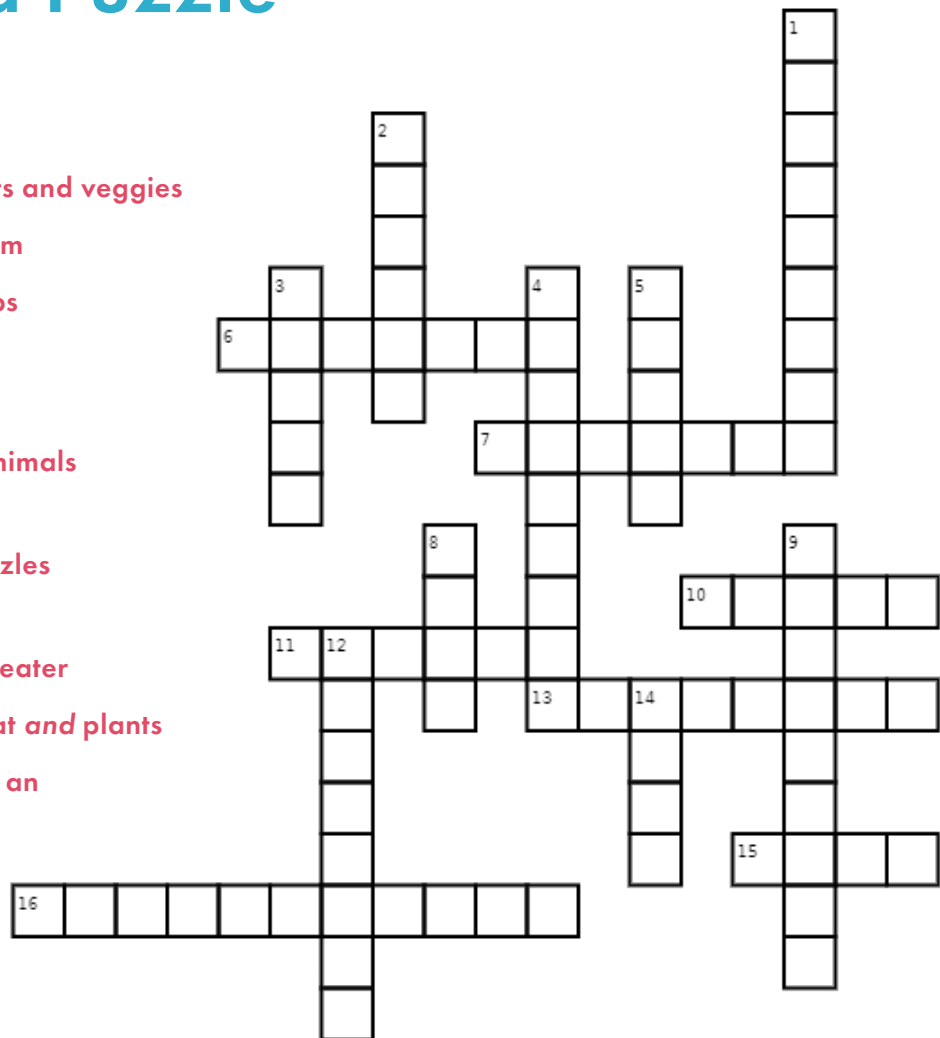
low pollutant load. At the Zoo, you can spot these individuals hiding amongst the moss and rocks in their habitat, much like they would in the wild. They enjoy an insect-based diet here at the Zoo, and can grow up to 7.5 inches!

KIDS ACTIVITY

Crossword Puzzle

Down

1. an animal that eats plants and veggies
2. a big cat that likes to swim
3. an animal with 1-2 humps
4. See you later, _____.
After a while, crocodile.
5. helping sick or injured animals
get back to the wild
8. a bird that can solve puzzles
and likes shiny objects
9. an animal that is a meat eater
12. an animal that eats meat *and* plants
14. a word zookeepers call an
animal's meal



Across

6. a small species of African cat with ear tufts; two just joined the zoo
7. an animal that can be 16 feet tall
10. some people call this animal a danger noodle but the zoo loves them
11. an island in Indonesia and a name for a giant lizard
13. a bamboo eater that is red and fluffy
15. an insect that lives in the ground and the name of a dance move
16. this animal blends in with snow and has a long fluffy tail



THANK YOU TO OUR RED PANDA RISING DONORS!

Some of the Chattanooga Zoo's most popular reZOOdents will soon have a new home thanks to our wonderful Red Panda Rising donors. Featuring a larger habitat, multiple areas to climb and perch, and a panda "condo" for potential cubs to snuggle with their mom, this newly renovated space also provides guests with a more intimate viewing experience with this landmark species.

We are also thrilled that the new Red Panda space will include the addition of an outdoor lift that will help make the second level of the Himalayan Passage more accessible. Previously the upper level of the indoor red panda exhibit was only accessible by stairs.

The need for a new exhibit grew out of the expansion of the Zoo's conservation efforts via the Species Survival Plan (SSP), a population management and conservation program for selected endangered species in accredited zoos and aquariums across the United States. The Chattanooga Zoo currently participates in 46 SSP programs representing a variety of species.

Of course, our reZOOdent Red Pandas Willa and Avi don't know a thing about the SSP but their presence at the Chattanooga Zoo teaches visitors about the importance of conservation and protecting Red Pandas in their wild habitats of Eastern Himalaya. Be sure to visit this amazing new area on your next trip to the Chattanooga Zoo!

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LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Cubs, kittens, calves, pups, and hatchlings—oh my! One of everyone's favorite times to visit the Chattanooga Zoo is when a baby is born. Why wouldn't it be? It's a wildly adorable experience, and who doesn't love furry (or scaly) new babies? More than cuteness-overload, however, each birth also signifies important strides made in the conservation of these species.

AZA-accredited Zoos and Aquariums participate in something called the Species Survival Plan (SSP). The SSP is an initiative which seeks to promote biodiversity through a healthy and robust animal population in Zoos and

Aquariums. The hope is that through this program, no species should go fully extinct, even if wild populations suffer. There are many facets of the program; from breeding recommendations, habitat conservation, and awareness and education. There are even many release success stories surrounding this program such as the California Condor, Black Footed Ferret, and the Red Wolf. One species that has benefited greatly from this program, however, resides here at the Chattanooga Zoo!

You might have caught glimpses of this fiery orange primate species bouncing and swinging around their habitat in the

La Selva Amazonica area. Golden Lion Tamarins were almost fully extinct in the wild in the 1970's. After several decades of conservation efforts, including the breeding recommendations set forth for captive individuals in AZA Zoos, they were "downlisted" from Critically Endangered to Endangered in 2003. Since then, the SSP has kept up efforts to maintain healthy populations living in human care.

At the Chattanooga Zoo, guests can see a pairing of Golden Lion Tamarins Caliente and Fuego, as well as their offspring. This is their story!

Caliente was paired with Fuego as part of the Species Survival Plan. After being together at the Chattanooga Zoo for just one year, their first son Picante came along in 2018. And last summer, baby Tamale was born! The family of four lives happily in the La Selva Amazonica building where they enjoy a diet of mealworms, special primate diet, veggies and fruits. Their family is not only adorable to watch and learn about, but a valuable piece of the story that is the Species Survival Plan. One day, their sons Picante and Tamale will be paired with mates of their own to hopefully become a part of that story as well!

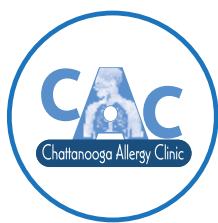
In the meantime be sure to visit the Zoo this spring. You never know what zoo-borns you might see! And while you watch that kit, cub, hatchling or fawn, you'll know that their birth goes beyond a cute face—it signifies important conservation work being done.



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EDUCATION CORNER

Summer Camp Registration is Now Open!

Let your children run a little wild during summer camp at the Chattanooga Zoo! Starting June 6th, join us for weeks full of animal exploration, scientific discoveries, games, crafts, and a whole lot of FUN!

We have Summer Camp programs available for rising Kindergarteners through 8th Graders.

Camp will run Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Aftercare options are available for an additional fee.

Jr Zookeeper • June 6th-10th or July 25th-29th • K-5th Grade

Step into the boots of a zoo keeper and learn what it takes to keep the animals happy, safe, and healthy!

The Secret Life of Zoo Animals • June 13th-17th • K-5th Grade

Ever wonder what your favorite reZOOdents are up to when you can't see them? Join us this week to find out!

Zoo Lab • June 20th-24th • K-5th Grade

Did you know that zookeepers are scientists? Discover how they put their hypotheses to the test. Then, throw on your lab coat to investigate for yourself!

Bees, Butterflies, & Beetles • June 27th-July 1st • K-3rd Grade

This week of camp will have you bugging out with us as we learn all about how these small friends make a big impact on the world around us!

Winter in July • June 11th-15th • K-3rd Grade

What better way to beat the summer heat than bring winter to the zoo?! Join us this week to chill out with zoo pals who prefer cooler temperatures.

Ferocious Fossil Fun • July 18th-22nd • K-5th Grade

Roar into the zoo for a dino-mite time as we learn how many of our prehistoric pals aren't so different from our favorite reZOOdents!

Animal Care I • June 13th-17th or July 11th-15th • 6th-8th Grade

Animal Care II • June 27th-July 1st or July 18th-July 22nd • 6th-8th Grade

Shadow a zookeeper, prepare animal diets, participate in animal training, and more during this in-depth, hands-on learning experience focused on everything it takes to be an Animal Care Specialist. Animal Care I & II will involve similar activities but will focus on different animals.

To register your camper today, please visit chattzoo.org/camps



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ZOO EVENTS

2022 Upcoming Events

Hug A Bunny

April 15-16

9am-5pm

We have an EGGstravagant day planned to celebrate a Hoppy Easter at the Chattanooga Zoo! Join us for our annual Hug A Bunny event and get to meet the Easter Bunny, as well as some of his favorite bunny buddies!

Earth Day

April 23

Erlanger Safe and Sound

April 30

Mother's Day

May 8

Help celebrate your wonderful mother, and all of our animal moms, by bringing her to the Zoo!

Endangered Species Day

May 20

Learn about the endangered species that call the Zoo home during this educational event!

Spirits in the Wild

May 21

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