

MILLER PARK ZOO TIGER'S TONGUE



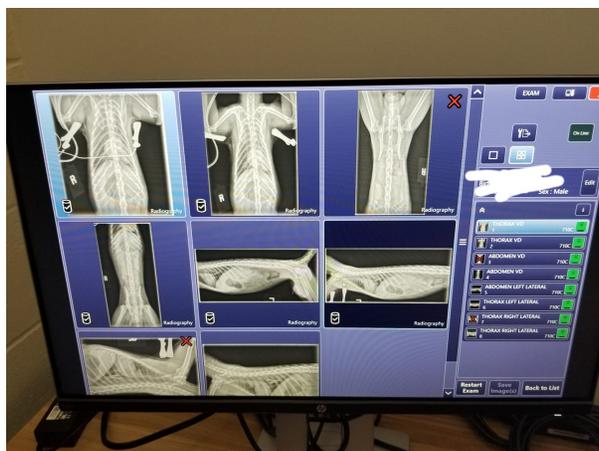
Member Newsletter

March 2020

News from the Zoo

Spring break looks different this year at the zoo with our gates closed until May 1. Please be assured, we miss our guests, but in many ways it's business as usual for the staff and most certainly for the animals. Exhibits are being cleaned and animals are being fed, trained and provided with enrichment on regular schedules. Zookeepers who would normally have time devoted to guest interactions will use that time for operational tasks. "No matter what's going on around us, our dedication to animal care stays the same," said Peter Burvenich, Miller Park Zoo Curator.

The DeBrazza Monkey exhibit project is entering the final planning phase. Architectural drawings and documents by Shive Hattery, are to be completed by month's end. Once approved by the City Council the project will go out for bid in April. If the process stays on schedule we will break ground this May.



Lemur X-Ray

Much Success in 2019 and More to Come In 2020

We ended 2019 thankful for many successes and have begun 2020 in the same spirit. Looking back to last year we saw record numbers of animal births, high levels of attendance and a new exhibit at our zoo. Thanks to the generosity of individual donors and corporate supporters, funds for an x-ray machine were raised by the Zoological Society and the machine is now on site, improving animal care at Miller Park Zoo.

Successful events such as the Zoo Stampede, Brews at the Zoo and Zoo Do brought over one thousand guests to Miller Park Zoo that might not already be regular zoo guests. But many are now! These events alone raised over \$114,000 for projects at our zoo.

Animal Adoptions - A Great Way to Stay Connected

If you are looking for a way to stay connected to the zoo and the animals (especially during this unusual spring break) please consider adopting a zoo animal.

By adopting an animal at the Miller Park Zoo, you support exceptional daily care of the zoo's animals. Our professional staff will provide the special diet, environment, and veterinary care that your animal requires.

For more information on how you can make a ZOOoption, go to mpzs.org/animal-zoooption.

Coming Events

Many AZA-accredited facilities like Miller Park Zoo, may be closed to the public during the COVID-19 outbreak, but they are still providing the highest level of animal care and bringing education and fun to you through online events and educational resources.

For up-to-date information follow:

Miller Park Zoo on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Miller Park Zoological Society on [Facebook](#) and mpzs.org

For online events and activities at other AZA-accredited zoo visit www.aza.org/livestreams-and-activities/

Committees are already at work planning Zoo Do, taking place September 26, 2020. A new date is being scheduled for Brews at the Zoo which is expected to draw another record breaking crowd.

Stay tuned for more details or visit MPZS.org.

We want to thank all of you who attended events, gave generously to campaigns, visited the zoo and renewed your zoo membership. A special thank you and recognition of our 2019 Booster Club Members (listed below).

2019-2020 Booster Club Members

Michael & Amelia Buragas

Jeremy Cantlon & Jennifer Kouri

Ben & Kara Leak

Martin and Donna Nickels

Jerry and Carole Ringer

Ted & Ashley Swanson

Rita Buczyna

Tom Carroll

Jan Farkas

Glenn & Michelle Harbin

Roger & Mary Hunt

Scott McCullagh & Sharon Keutzer

Edwin Neaves & Amanda Wycoff Neaves

David & Lisa Osnowitz

John & Paula Pratt