

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
LOS ANGELES ZOO**

DATE: November 18, 2025

TO: BOARD OF ZOO COMMISSIONERS

FROM: DENISE M. VERRET, Zoo Director 

SUBJECT: **LOS ANGELES ZOO ANIMAL TRANSFERS AND STATUS REPORT**

The following is a list of animal transfers that have been completed. Funds from sales will be deposited into the City's Animal Purchases and Sales account. All receiving institutions are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) unless otherwise noted. Animal transfers support the Zoo's commitment to population management through participation in AZA Species Survival Plan (SSP) Program recommendations, animal welfare and conservation efforts. Transfers reflect loans, purchases, sales and donations and include animals that are owned by the Los Angeles Zoo, but reside in the care of other AZA-accredited or approved institutions.

OUTGOING

Loan to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas of 0.1 Baird's tapir. This transfer provides a breeding opportunity to support a future tapir population.

Donation to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas of 0.1 Blue-throated macaw. This transfer provided West Texas Wildlife Preserve with a female to be paired with a mate.

Donation to San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance in California of 1.2 Catalina Island rattlesnake. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas of 2.0 Common peafowl. This transfer supported the enhanced wellbeing of this geriatric pair of birds.

Sale to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas of 1.0 Crested pheasant. This transfer provided animals to West Texas Wildlife preserve as this species is not part of the Zoo's collection plan.

Sale to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas of 1.1 Sarus crane. This transfer provided surplus animals to West Texas Wildlife preserve as this species is not part of the Zoo's collection plan.

Donation to San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance in California of 1.0 Komodo dragon. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation to Virginia Zoological Park in Norfolk, Virginia of 0.1 Masai giraffe. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation to Disney's Animal Kingdom in Lake Buena Vista, Florida of 0.1 Masai giraffe. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation to Fresno Chaffee Zoo in Fresno, California of 0.1 Masai giraffe. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Loan transfer to Oklahoma City Zoo of 1.0 Ocelot. This transfer was an SSP recommendation.

Sale to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas of 1.1 Red-billed blue magpie. This transfer provided animals to West Texas Wildlife preserve.

Loan return to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas of 1.0 Red-fronted macaw. This transfer returned the animal to its owner and approved by the SSP.

Donation to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas of 0.2 Sand foxes. This transfer provided an enhanced environment for the foxes to thrive.

Sale to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas of 1.0 Scarlet macaw. This transfer provided animals to West Texas Wildlife preserve.

Sale to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas of 1.0 Spectacled owl. This transfer provided animals to West Texas Wildlife preserve and was an SSP approval.

Donation to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas of 1.3 of Spur-winged lapwing. This transfer was an SSP approval.

Donation to Fort Worth Zoo of 1.0 Spur-winged lapwing. This transfer was an SSP breeding recommendation.

Donation to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas of 1.1 Steller's sea-eagle. This transfer was a Studbook breeding recommendation.

Donation to West Texas Wildlife Preserve in Merkel, Texas of 1.0 Sunbittern. This transfer was an SSP approval.

Donation to Albuquerque Biological Park of 0.1 Von der Decken's hornbill. This transfer was a Studbook breeding recommendation.

Donation to Akron Zoological Park in Akron, Ohio of 1.0 Yellow-backed duiker. This transfer is an SSP breeding recommendation.

INCOMING

Loan from San Antonio Zoo of 0.1 Okapi. This transfer was an SSP breeding recommendation.

Donation from San Diego Zoo of 0.1 Steller's sea-eagle. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Births (10/1/25-10/31/25)

1.0 Northwest Bornean orangutan

Deaths (10/1/25-10/31/25)

1.0 Gray's monitor (butaan)

0.0.1 Green and black poison frog

3.5 Mangrove pitviper

0.1 Red-bellied piranha

1.0 Sichuan takin

0.1 Speke's gazelle

0.1.0 Tarantula

1.0 Visayan warty pig

0.1 West African green mamba

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