

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
LOS ANGELES ZOO**

DATE: January 20, 2026

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 sustainable 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

Donation to Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, California of 1.0 Axolotl. This transfer provided Aquarium of the Pacific with an exhibit specimen.

Donation to Birmingham Zoo in Alabama of 1.0 Blue-faced honeyeater. This transfer was an SSP breeding recommendation.

Loan transfer to San Diego Zoo in California of 1.0 California condor. This transfer provided San Diego Zoo with an exhibit specimen.

Loan transfer to Salisbury Zoological Park in Maryland of 0.3 Chacoan peccary. This transfer was an SSP recommendation.

Donation to Clyde Peeling's Reptiland in Allenwood, Pennsylvania of 1.1 Smoky jungle frog. This transfer provided Clyde Peeling's with exhibit specimens.

INCOMING

Donation (ownership only) from Albuquerque Biological Park in New Mexico of 0.2 Black howler monkey. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) from Albuquerque Biological Park in New Mexico of 1.0 Short-beaked echidna. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) from Albuquerque Biological Park in New Mexico of 0.1 Western lowland gorilla. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) from Louisville Zoological Garden in Kentucky of 0.1 Hyacinth macaw. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Births (12/1/25-12/31/25)

0.0.5 Mexican lance-headed rattlesnake

Deaths (12/1/25-12/31/25)

0.1 Blue-breasted kingfisher
1.0 Colorado River toad
0.0.1 Giant desert centipede
0.0.1 Golden poison dart frog
0.0.1 Magnificent tree frog
0.0.1 Mexican lance-headed rattlesnake
2.0 Nigerian dwarf goat
1.0 Southern tamandua
0.0.1 Tami River rainbowfish
0.6 White-lipped island pitviper
1.0 Yellow-backed duiker

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