

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
LOS ANGELES ZOO**

DATE: February 17, 2026
TO: BOARD OF ZOO COMMISSIONERS
FROM: DENISE M. VERRET, Zoo Director 
SUBJECT: **LOS ANGELES ZOO ANIMAL UPDATES 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 (ownership only) to The Living Desert in Palm Desert, California of 1.0 Cape vulture. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Houston Zoo in Houston, Texas of 1.0 Cape vulture. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Memphis Zoological Garden and Aquarium in Memphis, Tennessee of 1.1 Catalina Island rattlesnake. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Memphis Zoological Garden and Aquarium in Memphis, Tennessee of 1.0 Mangrove pitviper. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Loan transfer to San Diego Zoo Safari Park in Escondido, California of 2.2 Mountain yellow-legged frog. This transfer provided San Diego Zoo Safari Park with animals from the San Gabriel Mountains region for breeding purposes.

Donation to The Living Desert in Palm Desert, California of 0.1 Spur-winged lapwing. This transfer was an SSP breeding recommendation.

INCOMING

Donation from San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance in San Diego, California of 2.3 Greenbottle blue tarantula. This transfer provided the Los Angeles Zoo with new exhibit specimens.

Donation (ownership only) from Cameron Park Zoo in Waco, Texas of 1.0 Jaguar. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Loan transfer from Long Beach Aquarium in Long Beach, California of 5.5 Mountain yellow-legged frog. This transfer provided the Los Angeles Zoo with animals from the San Gabriel Mountains region for breeding purposes.

Donation from Oklahoma City Zoo in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma of 1.0 Prehensile-tailed skink. This transfer was an SSP breeding recommendation.

Donation from Central Coast Zoo in Atascadero, California of 1.1 Red-fronted macaw. This transfer was an SSP breeding recommendation.

Donation from Fresno Chaffee Zoo in Fresno, California of 0.1 Red-lored amazon. This transfer provided the Los Angeles Zoo with a new species for exhibit.

Donation from America's Teaching Zoo in Moorpark, California of 1.0 Spider monkey. This transfer provided a companion for our male spider monkey.

Donation from Fresno Chaffee Zoo in Fresno, California of 0.3 Yellow-naped amazon. This transfer provided the Los Angeles Zoo with a new species for exhibit.

Births (1/1/26-1/31/26)

No Births

Deaths (1/1/26-1/31/26)

- 0.0.1 Dyeing poison frog
- 1.0 Green-winged macaw
- 0.0.1 Magnificent tree frog
- 0.0.1 Phantasmal poison dart frog
- 0.0.1 Rainbowfish
- 0.0.2 Tami River rainbowfish
- 1.0 White-faced whistling duck
- 0.1 White-headed buffalo weaver