

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
LOS ANGELES ZOO**

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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 to Toledo Zoological Gardens in Toledo, Ohio of 0.1 European long-nosed viper. This transfer reduced the Los Angeles Zoo's species surplus.

Loan transfer to Zoo Miami in Miami, Florida of 0.1 Giant otter. This transfer was a breeding recommendation.

Donation to Scovill Zoo in Decatur, Illinois of 1.0 Lady Ross' turaco. This transfer was a studbook recommendation.

Donation to Private facility of 0.1 Major Mitchell's cockatoo. This transfer removed a bird that did not adapt well with the Los Angeles Zoo's population.

Donation to San Antonio Zoological Gardens and Aquarium in Texas of 1.2 Baja ratsnake. This transfer reduced the Los Angeles Zoo's off exhibit surplus.

Donation to San Antonio Zoological Gardens and Aquarium in Texas of 3.0 Brazilian salmon tarantula. This transfer provided the San Antonio Zoo with specimens for exhibit and breeding.

Donation (ownership only) to Phoenix Zoo in Arizona of 1.1 Buff-cheeked gibbon. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation to Lincoln Park Zoological Gardens in Chicago, Illinois of 1.0 Cape thick-knee. This transfer was an SSP recommendation.

Donation (ownership only) to Phoenix Zoo in Arizona of 2.1 Catalina Island rattlesnake. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Oklahoma City Zoo in Oklahoma of 1.0.1 Catalina Island rattlesnake. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Chattanooga Zoo in Tennessee of 2.1 Catalina Island rattlesnake. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Brevard Zoo in Melbourne, Florida of 1.1 Giant otter. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Phoenix Zoo in Arizona of 0.1 Golden conure. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Phoenix Zoo in Arizona of 4.4 Greater flamingo. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Oklahoma City Zoo in Oklahoma of 0.1 Komodo dragon. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation to Saint Louis Zoological Park in Missouri of 0.0.2 Magnificent tree frog. This transfer provided the Saint Louis Zoo with exhibit specimens and reduced the Los Angeles Zoo's off exhibit surplus.

Donation to San Antonio Zoological Gardens and Aquarium in Texas of 0.0.2 Mexican lance-headed rattlesnake. This transfer returned San Antonio Zoo's owned offspring resulting from a breeding loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Phoenix Zoo in Arizona of 1.0 Northwest Bornean orangutan. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

## **INCOMING**

Donation from Moody's Gardens, Aquarium and Rainforest of 0.1 Grey-winged trumpeter. This transfer was an SSP recommendation.

Donation from Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, South Carolina of 1.0 Tammar wallaby. This transfer was an SSP transfer and breeding recommendation.

Donation of 0.4 Nicobar pigeons from Audubon Aquarium of the Americas in New Orleans, Louisiana. This transfer was an SSP transfer and holding recommendation.

Donation from a Private facility of 0.2 Boer goat. This transfer provided the Los Angeles Zoo with a new breed of goats.

Purchase from a Private facility of 0.2 Boer goat. This transfer provided the Los Angeles Zoo with a new breed of goats.

Donation (ownership only) from a Private owner of 2.0 Harris' hawk/bay-winged hawk. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Births (4/1/26-4/30/26)

0.0.2 Sacred ibis  
0.0.1 Splash-back poison frog

Births (5/1/26-5/31/26)

1.2 Snow leopard

Deaths (4/1/26-4/30/26)

1.0 Black-headed weaver  
0.0.1 Golden poison dart frog  
0.0.1 Goyder River rainbowfish  
0.0.1 Magnificent tree frog  
0.1 Nigerian dwarf goat  
0.0.1 Red piranha  
1.0 Southern pudu  
0.1 Southwestern speckled rattlesnake  
0.0.1 Splash-back poison frog  
0.1 Sumatran tiger (ownership only)  
0.0.2 Sunburst diving beetle  
0.1 Catalina Island rattlesnake (ownership only)

Deaths (5/1/26-5/31/26)

0.0.1 Banded archerfish  
0.1 Black duiker  
1.0 Catalina Island rattlesnake  
1.0 Catalina Island rattlesnake (ownership only)  
0.0.1 Green tree python  
0.0.2 Mimic poison frog  
0.0.1 Phantasmal poison dart frog  
0.0.1 Poison dart frog  
0.1 Red piranha  
0.1 Southwestern speckled rattlesnake