

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
LOS ANGELES ZOO**

DATE: August 18, 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 Honolulu Zoo in Hawaii of 0.1 Eastern black rhinoceros. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Birmingham Zoo in Alabama of 1.0 Brush-tailed bettong. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, Michigan of 0.1 Burmese star tortoise. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, Michigan of 2.1 Catalina Island rattlesnake. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Abilene Zoo in Texas of 3.2 Catalina Island rattlesnake. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, Michigan of 0.1 Chinese alligator. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington, DC of 1.0.1 Common spider tortoise. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Zoo Miami in Florida of 1.0 Giant horned lizard. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Akron Zoo in Ohio of 1.0 Komodo dragon. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington, DC of 0.1 Komodo dragon. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Clyde Peeling's Reptiland in Allenwood, Pennsylvania of 1.0 Komodo dragon. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo in Bridgeport, Connecticut of 0.1 Ocelot. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo in Nebraska of 0.1 Ocelot. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Toledo Zoological Gardens in Ohio of 1.0 Southern pudu. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek, Michigan of 0.1 Red-capped mangabey. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, Michigan of 0.0.1 Rio Fuerte beaded lizard. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to African Rhino Protection Initiative in Bellevue, Texas of 0.2 Southern white rhinoceros. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

Donation (ownership only) to Zoo Miami in Florida of 0.1 Western Santa Cruz giant tortoise. This transfer eliminated an unnecessary loan.

INCOMING

Donation from Toledo Zoological Gardens in Ohio of 0.3 Emerald skink. This transfer provided the Los Angeles Zoo with a new species for exhibit.

Purchase from Bugs of America in Portal, Arizona of 0.0.3 Giant desert centipede. This transfer provided the Los Angeles Zoo with backup exhibit specimens.

Donation from Toledo Zoological Gardens in Ohio of 0.0.4 Malaysian black scorpion. This transfer provided the Los Angeles Zoo with a new species for exhibit

Donation from Toledo Zoological Gardens in Ohio of 1.2 River vine snake. This transfer provided the Los Angeles Zoo with a new species for exhibit

Purchase from Bugs of America in Portal, Arizona of 0.0.2 Desert hairy scorpions. This transfer provided the Los Angeles Zoo with backup exhibit specimens.

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Births (7/1/26-7/31/26)

0.0.2 Black-necked stilt

0.0.1 Coquerel's sifaka

Deaths (7/1/26-7/31/26)

1.0 Boyd's forest dragon

1.0 Buff-cheeked gibbon (ownership only)

1.0 Catalina Island rattlesnake

0.1 Golden spiny-tailed gecko

0.0.1 Green and black poison frog

1.0 Rock hyrax

1.0 Speckled mousebird

0.0.3 Vampire crab

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