

The WildTimes

NEW Zoo & Adventure Park



Meet the Summer Interns

We are very excited to have 14 interns this Summer. Two of them are continuing from the Spring Semester, and one of them is returning from last Summer. We are happy to have them with us! Make sure you stop and say hello when you see them educating the public during our many exhibit chats and presentations this summer. They will be identified by their bright blue shirts that say EDUCATION on the back. Here's a bit more about the remaining intern you didn't get to meet

in the last two issues!

Hello, my name is Zack Anderson and I'm currently a senior at UW Milwaukee receiving my bachelors degree in environmental science. As a child, I grew up with the NEW Zoo literally in my backyard. Therefore, I was constantly exposed to this tremendous AZA accredited program and the amazing things the keepers would do for our NEW Zoo. This program,

as well as my father, who directs the NEW Zoo, inspired me to intern here assisting with educating the public about animals, as well as receiving the opportunity to shadow keepers as they complete their daily tasks.

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall Internships! Check out www.newzoo.org/get-involved for more information or to apply.

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Something NEW for Zoo Pass Members this Summer: Early Admission on August 5th



This summer, Zoo Pass Members have an opportunity to BEAT THE HEAT during the first Wednesday of every month in June, July, and August, because the NEW Zoo will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. exclusively for our Zoo Pass Members!

Members can enjoy free coffee and juice in the Mayan Restaurant during this time, as well.

While you're visiting, keep an eye out for Neil and the Fox 11 Van—as you just might see them “in action” during one of their live television spots.

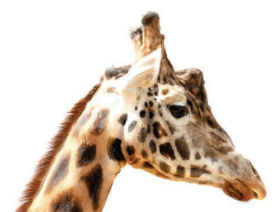
The final “Early Admission” day for Zoo Pass Members is August 5th.
We look forward to seeing you here!

Not a member?? There's still time to join! Check out our website for the details:

<http://newzoo.org/support/zoopass/>

**The August 2015
Paws & Claws
Gift Shop Special
Is...**

**10% off all
Giraffe items**



Conservation Connection: Recent Ivory Crush

On the morning of June 19, 2015, in Times Square, New York City, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with wildlife and conservation partners, hosted its second ivory crush event. One ton of ivory we seized during an undercover operation, plus other ivory from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, was crushed in front of VIPs and the general public.

Why Crush Ivory?

Crushing our ivory sends a message to ivory traffickers and their customers that the United States will not tolerate this illegal trade. This crush will also educate consumers, in the United States and around the world, and urge them not to buy products made with ivory that could be contributing to the poaching crisis.

Our first crush took place in Denver, Colorado, on November 14, 2013. We destroyed six tons of elephant ivory that was seized over the years by our law enforcement special agents and wildlife inspectors in connection with violations of U.S. wildlife laws and treaties. Since that crush, several governments throughout Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, have also destroyed ivory, joining with us to highlight this worldwide crisis and emphasizing that only a worldwide solution will stop wildlife poaching.

The Poaching Crisis

Elephant poaching is at its highest level in decades and now exceeds the species' reproductive potential. Elephants are being slaughtered across Africa to meet the demand for ivory faster than they can reproduce.

The poaching crisis not only takes a toll on wildlife, it affects communities as well. Insurgents and organized crime groups cash in on the money to be made from ivory, killing tens of thousands of elephants while gunning down park

rangers who work to protect them. This wholesale slaughter of elephants is a destabilizing force for African range states that rely heavily on wildlife tourism. Many of the organized criminal gangs at the center of the trafficking rings are also implicated in the trafficking of drugs, arms, and even people.

What can you do to help?

The United States is among the world's largest consumers of wildlife products – both legal and illegal. We have a significant ivory market, and we must continue to be vigilant in combating illegal ivory trade. You can help by not buying items that contain elephant ivory and by spreading this message to your family and friends. The work of law enforcement is an important part of the overall effort to stop wildlife poaching, but the only way to truly stop this slaughter is by ending consumer demand for ivory.

Crush Partners

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is grateful to the following organizing partners in the Ivory Crush at Times Square: Wildlife Conservation Society, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Senator Brad Hoylman, and Powerscreen; and to our other partners in the Crush and the effort to end wildlife trafficking: African Wildlife Foundation, The Humane Society of the United States, International Fund for Animal Welfare, Natural Resources Defense Council, and World Wildlife Fund.

Article sourced from: <http://www.fws.gov/le/elephant-ivory-crush.html>

Other Recent News from the World Wildlife Federation (WWF)

President Obama announced long-awaited draft ivory regulations on Saturday [July

25th]. The draft ivory regulations, which will now be open to a public comment period, come at a time when the slaughter of wild elephants continues unabated. Tanzania recently announced a drastic 60 percent drop in its elephant populations in the past five years due to poaching for ivory trade.

WWF welcomes the strong and pragmatic proposal put forward by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, which represents a significant advance in US ivory policy.

Specifically, shifting the burden to the seller to prove that a piece of ivory is legal could be a significant game changer in enforcement efforts. But the regulations would still allow some sale of ivory. WWF believes the response must match the scale of the crisis, and we advocate for an end to commercial elephant ivory sales in the US as the most effective and efficient solution.

Strong US ivory regulations will do more than save wild elephants; they will play a vital role in ensuring US consumers are not unknowingly complicit in the slaughter of these magnificent animals and continue to build global momentum and international action to stop wildlife crime. But to be truly effective, the new regulations must be backed by robust enforcement and funding.



Animal Collection Report: July 2015, by Carmen Murach



Edmund, the Canadian lynx kitten born in early May, has been spending time on exhibit for regularly scheduled public viewing. His mother Lucy has allowed Zookeepers to “borrow” him for an hour each day. During this time, the Zookeepers are working on forming a bond with the kitten and are also talking with visitors about the species and the role of the NEW Zoo in the Species Survival Program for lynx. Before long, we expect Edmond will be able to follow his mother around the exhibit and will no longer require babysitters.

Four Alpacas were donated to the zoo by Kele Alpaca – a local alpaca farm. The 3 females and 1 male will spend a month off exhibit in our quarantine space before joining the other domestic animals in the Children’s Zoo.

A four-year old endangered Black-footed Ferret has also been added to the collection during July. The USFWS Black-footed Ferret Conservation Center asks that facilities displaying animals retired from the breeding program (the young are released into the wild), keep at least 2 animals for educational display. This ferret, like several others before her, was transported via Lighthawk – an organization that donates flights for conservation (see more at <http://www.lighthawk.org/>). We have timed BF Ferret transports to coincide with EAA on several occasions. The volunteer pilot was flying from California to Oshkosh and was kind enough to stop in Colorado to pick up the hitchhiking

ferret.

The NEW Zoo supports conservation in many ways, including participating in SSP captive breeding programs, funding field conservation projects and sending staff to help with conservation work in the field. In July, I spent a week assisting the Great Lakes Piping Plover Recovery Effort. Zoo professionals with hand-rearing expertise are recruited from throughout the country to the University of Michigan Biological Station to incubate eggs and rear chicks from nests that were damaged or abandoned in the wild. The Detroit Zoo spearheads the egg rescue and rearing portion of the project in partnership with UM, USFWS, DNR and many other organizations. I was also able to help with monitoring wild nests and banding birds on Lake Superior and Lake Michigan beaches (see photo below). At one time, only 12 breeding pairs remained of this endangered population of shorebird. This season, 73 pairs of the birds were located – a record since the population was listed as endangered in 1986!

Zookeeper Katie Ferris attended the AZA Felid Husbandry course hosted by the Pittsburgh Zoo this year. The course provides further training to Zookeepers who work with cats and focuses on safety and animal welfare. The experience also offers networking opportunities for Zookeepers.

Zookeeper Jessica Hutjens and I attended the Red Wolf SSP meeting at the Endangered Wolf Center in St. Louis recently. This SSP works closely with the USFWS Red Wolf Recovery Effort. The wild recovery program is currently under review and the future of the species in the wild is uncertain. The SSP is working to encourage and facilitate continuation and expansion of the wild red wolf population.

Zookeeper Katie Ferris organized and, with the help of volunteers and keepers, staffed a Zookeeper Week event during which children could experience aspects of the career and earned a “Junior Zookeeper” certificate. Donations collected will be used to purchase enrichment for the animals.



N.E.W. Zoological Society News



Cornerstone Animal Hospital Update



What a difference a year makes! On July 7, 2014 we broke ground for our new Cornerstone Animal Hospital and Recovery Center on the north end of the NEW Zoo. Now one year later, we are prepared to move into our new facility.

The N.E.W. Zoological Society, Inc. has been successful in raising over half of the \$1.3 million dollar capital campaign for the Animal Hospital and Recovery Center. Our new facility will allow us to provide for the current and future needs of preventative, medical and surgical animal care to over 200 animals in 62 different exhibits at our accredited zoo.

Our old Animal Hospital was only 3000 square feet and our new facility covers over 7450 square feet of space. Zoo Director, Neil Anderson, and his staff plan to occupy the building this month. The first animals that will go into the new facility will be the ones that need climate controlled environments, such as birds, small caged animals and reptiles.

We will also be able to use the new facility for animals that require quarantine. Once our medical equipment is in place, we will be able to utilize the new Animal Hospital for all necessary medical functions.

The old Animal Hospital is being remodeled to utilize as a Diet Kitchen. An observation window will allow guests to view the food preparation for our animals.

Please help us raise the funds to finish this project! Call the Society at 920-434-6814 to make a donation or go to the website link below to make a donation to the Animal Hospital on-line:

<http://newzoo.org/zoological-society/>

On behalf of the N.E.W. Zoological Society, Inc., the 501 (c) 3 fundraising arm of the NEW Zoo, and the 241,000 guests that visited the Zoo last year, **we thank you for your support!**

Congratulations to the 2015 Volunteer of the Year

The NEW Zoo & Adventure Park was pleased to host our annual Volunteer Appreciation Event in May. This time, we did things a little differently, opening the zoo two hours early for our volunteers, at 7am, and providing them with an all-you-can-eat breakfast, instead of an evening event with dinner, as we have done in the past. The main reason why we wanted to try out a morning event was that we wanted to give our hard-working volunteers a chance to experience the Zip Line, if they wanted!

We had great weather and a great turn-out for the event, and we also had several volunteers take advantage of the Zip Lining, so all-in-all, the event was a success!

During the Appreciation Event, we were also pleased to announce this year's recipient of the Mary Matzke Volunteer of the Year Award: Kathy Anderson. Kathy has been a dedicated volunteer for many years, and we are so lucky to have her as a part of our volunteer family. We're pleased to share with you some information from Kathy, explaining why she is a volunteer here at the zoo:

"Most of my friends know that I consider the zoo "my happy place." There is just something about coming out to the zoo that no matter what is going on in life, I always find myself smiling. Sometimes it might be just a favorite animal in a perfect pose like the lions sleeping peacefully on their favorite large rock, or maybe it's a young snow monkey happily swinging from rope to rope. Other times it might be the sight of just a grandmother enjoying time with grandchildren and or a young parent introduc-

ing his/her young child to the wonder of nature and zoo animals.

My husband Lee & I started volunteering a number of years ago and this year I was greatly honored to receive the annual Mary Matzke Volunteer of the Year award. While Lee still helps behind the scenes with some engineering work, I can be found almost weekly at the giraffe stand with Hodari & Zuri. All of our children & grandchildren live out of state, and so I am lucky to be able to share the wonder of other people enjoying all the zoo has to offer. My husband & I are also proud to purchase a zoo pass annually to help support our zoo, and fyi, zoo passes make great annual gifts for friends and family too!

Over the years, I have visited many other zoos both in the U.S. & also in Europe, and I am very proud of our whole giraffe volunteer group when I say this is the only zoo that I've come across that you can feed and visit the giraffes 365 days a year. I was surprised at larger zoos that only offer this opportunity on weekends, or in the summer months.

Besides being a weekly giraffe volunteer, I've also had many fun times helping with zoo camps offered in summer, have slept a night or two on the floor for some of the zoo snooze groups, worked many a night in the "haunted forest " for zoo boo, love running the carousel as well, have had the privilege of assisting our wonderful zookeepers with needed care for a few animals over the years, have provided music for our



annual holiday event in December where I've met great zoo regulars that attend, and also love being part of tours for various groups. One of the most rewarding tours was in October of 2014 where we hosted over 100 volunteers from AZA zoos throughout the United States.

In closing, just want to encourage anyone interested to check out the opportunities that volunteering has to offer. I've made some great friends and am proud to be a member of our zoo family. Don't forget that our Green Bay zoo is open year round and the zoo is a great place any season. We can use the help any time of year. The colors in fall are beautiful, and even though I am not a huge fan of winter I can tell you that there is no prettier place than walking around the zoo after a winter snow fall. And when spring comes, you can watch the scenery change week after week."

Thank you so much, Kathy, for doing what you do, and for being a member of our Volunteer Family!

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Upcoming Events & Things to Remember...

August 3rd

Feast with the Beasts. 6pm to 8pm. Tickets \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door (if not sold out!) The NEW Zoo will be closed from 5pm to 6pm this day due to event preparations.

August 11th

Broadway Automotive Day—first 1,000 visitors to the NEW Zoo receive FREE admission, courtesy of Broadway Automotive.

August 15th

Final day for Summer Exhibit Chats. Chat schedule is posted online and at the zoo.

September 1st

Fall Hours Start. The Zoo will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Giraffe Feeding Experience will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

September 4th

Senior Citizen Day. Seniors age 62+ receive free admission from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.