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NEWEST RESIDENT AT LINCOLN CHILDREN’S ZOO

A DOG IS A BOBCAT’S BEST FRIEND

By Jessica Simpson

Tiny, six-pound Apollo looked more like a cuddly kitten than a bobcat when zookeeper Sara Reagan first met him, but his immediate confidence gave him away. There was no hint of fear or intimidation in his lively demeanor when he stepped out of his kennel and greeted Sara’s 12-pound dog Kato.

Although he was smaller and, at only three months old, younger than two-year-old Kato, he was ready to play with his newfound buddy.

“If he went straight to the zoo, he would have become too wild on us. Because we want him to be an education animal, we needed him to be more people-friendly and tactile,” Raegan said.

Normally young bobcats have siblings and their mother to interact with, but because Apollo was rescued and given to the Zoo, he needed some special care and attention. Zoo curator, Randy Scheer, decided it was in Apollo’s best interest to get some extra TLC and spend his first month in Lincoln with Reagan and her dog. The situation was certainly unique, but the animals’ health and well-being is always the Zoo’s first priority. Scheer knew little Apollo would thrive with Reagan and Kato.

It didn’t take long for Apollo to get used to his new routine: spending time playing with Reagan and Kato and getting comfortable with his new home at the Zoo. Spending days at the Zoo acclimated Apollo to new people and noises in the keepers’ office. This activity helped socialize and prepare him for what he’ll experience when Zoo is buzzing with visitors. In the evening, he’d continue socializing with Reagan and Kato, often going for walks around the Zoo.

Kato turned out to be the perfect new friend for the rambunctious baby bobcat. “Kato was very graceful and submissive,” Reagan described. “He never got cranky, and he let Apollo assert his dominance, which was good for Apollo. He needed to be able to do that.”

Kato’s easygoing attitude also balanced their relationship, because in a real fight, Apollo probably would have come out ahead. His sharp teeth and claws gave him an advantage, and, even though he was living the
life of a housecat, his wild instincts couldn’t be suppressed. Instead of antagonizing Apollo and giving in to his constant yearning to play and pounce, Kato let Apollo do all of the instigating.

One energetic animal was enough for Reagan to handle anyway. “Apollo jumped on everything possible. We have plants, and he ate them like it was nothing,” said Reagan. “He had to be watched all the time.”

Even under constant vigilance, Apollo still managed to get into mischief. He chewed through the cord of Reagan’s headphones in a matter of seconds.

“He seems so cute and friendly, but you have to remember he’s still a wild animal with little chompers and daggers on his toes,” Reagan said. “Just like kittens get in trouble, he’s like that times a thousand, because he’s a bobcat. We have to wait until he grows out of that before he’ll be completely ready to be an education animal.”

To help exercise some of Apollo’s energy out, Reagan would leash Kato and Apollo and take them outside for playtime in the Zoo. Unlike a cat, a dog’s instincts are to sniff around and follow their noses. Bobcats tend to survey their surroundings first, which is just what Apollo did until he spotted Kato ahead.

“We would bait Apollo with Kato, and then Apollo would rush to catch up to his buddy,” said Reagan. “If he didn’t get enough exercise, he was hard to settle down.”

Over the course of four weeks with Reagan and Kato, Apollo adjusted smoothly. He learned to play and interact with people and with Kato. He was also growing and was no longer the tiny kitten-like animal he was when he arrived.

“It was time for him to say goodbye to Kato,” said Reagan. “He’s not like a cat or dog. There are no limits for Apollo.”
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Two Fennec foxes, the world’s smallest fox, will make their debut at the Zoo this year. Brothers Bolt and Jet, not even one-year-old, will only weigh about 3 to 3.5 pounds when they’re full-grown.

Fennec foxes are nocturnal animals found in the Sahara desert of North Africa. To battle the hot, dry temperatures of the Sahara, they sleep during the day and awaken at night to hunt and interact.

Zookeeper Sarah Jurgens says she can tell Bolt and Jet are active at night, because when she arrives at the Zoo in the morning, their area looks nothing like it did when she left. “We’ll come in and their area is a disaster,” she laughed. “Their crates are on the opposite end of the room and sand is everywhere.”

Another distinctive feature of this small fox species is the size of their ears. In stark contrast to their tiny bodies, their ears can measure up to six inches long. These bat-like ears radiate body heat to help cool their bodies during the day. Fennec foxes also have thick insulating fur to protect them from the sun and keep them warm when temperatures drop at night. The Fennec fox’s feet are another unusual but helpful adaptation. Their feet are not only hairy on top, but also on the soles to save them from hot sand and help them dig and burrow.

In their natural habitat, Fennec foxes are omnivores. At the Zoo, Bolt and Jet eat plants, rodents, eggs and insects. Fennec foxes are opportunistic eaters, meaning they eat what they can find in the wild. Their diet may consist of fruit, berries, lizards and snails. Bolt and Jet particularly like bananas and apples, and they also go nuts over mice, Jurgens said. The brothers receive crickets and mealworms for some added protein.

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APRIL

Wed 9
OPENING DAY
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Lincoln Children’s Zoo

Sat 19
BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY NEW!
8 - 10 a.m. | Lincoln Children’s Zoo
Join the Easter Bunny for breakfast at the Zoo. This pancake buffet includes an Easter egg hunt, 5 X 7 photo with the Easter Bunny, activities and special animal meet and greets. All proceeds from this event help care for the Zoo’s animals. Advance tickets required, visit LincolnZoo.org for ticket information.

MAY

Sun 11
MOTHER’S DAY
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Lincoln Children’s Zoo
Moms receive free admission or one free train ticket.

Sat 17
ZOO FUN RUN
10 a.m. | Lincoln Children’s Zoo
This is the wildest kids race in town! The one-mile race starts at 10 a.m. and all runners get a free train ride. Have lunch at Safari Café and stay to see how a real fire truck works, go inside a police car, plus other great surprises. You can sign your child up in advance by visiting Lincoln Fire and Rescue or come early on Saturday to sign up. This race is organized by Lincoln Fire and Rescue.

Mon 26
MEMORIAL DAY OPEN!
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Lincoln Children’s Zoo

Sat 31
RUNZA READING DAY
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Lincoln Children’s Zoo
Your favorite children’s books will come to life at the Zoo this weekend. Stop by and listen to stories read by local heroes and celebrities. Get an activity bag for kids, free train rides for the first 350 children and other fun activities. After listening to stories, explore the Zoo to interact with over 300 animals.

JUNE

Fri 6
GARDEN PARTY
6 p.m. | Lincoln Children’s Zoo | Zoo closes at 3 p.m.

Sat 7
SUMMER KICK-OFF NEW!
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Lincoln Children’s Zoo
Start your summer at the Zoo! Featuring special animal demonstrations throughout the day, face painting for children, live entertainment and fun food specials at the Safari Café.

Sat 14
TRAIN BIRTHDAY PARTY NEW!
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Lincoln Children’s Zoo
Celebrate the 51st birthday of Z.O.&O with discounted train rides, conductor of the day contest and fun train activities!
This year a new experience, Animal Encounter Stage is coming to Lincoln Children’s Zoo. This new stage will offer a one of a kind opportunity where guests can meet their favorite animals and talk with real zookeepers. “We are bringing our animals out to our guests so they can get an up-close experience with them,” Zoo president and CEO John Chapo said.

The Animal Encounter Stage will be located near Critter Outpost and will have a capacity of 75 to 100 guests. Multiple animal shows and zookeeper talks will be held each day at the stage. “You will see some new, exciting animals as well as some of your favorites,” Chapo said. The new shows will be scheduled to allow guests to enjoy the existing penguin show.

“When a guest enters the Zoo, they will have an opportunity to talk with a zookeeper and interact with an animal nearly every hour we are open,” Chapo said. The Hive and Critter Outpost are two other areas where Zoo guests can get up close to animals and ask questions.

Zookeepers are working with a variety of animals to showcase at the stage. The list includes a bobcat, porcupine, armadillo, owl, macaws, foxes, snakes, lizards and a few others. The Zoo is hoping to add additional animals in the future. The stage will also contain screens where guests can see behind-the-scenes footage and photos of Zoo animals as well as watch Zoofari with Larry the Cable Guy videos.

The Animal Encounter Stage is possible through a generous gift from the Abel Foundation and sponsorship provided by Union Bank & Trust.
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GARDEN PARTY
Lincoln Children's ZOO

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When Arnott Folsom opened Lincoln Children’s Zoo nearly 50 years ago, he hoped it would be a place for children to experience nature up close and gain an appreciation of animals and science. Through the years, the Zoo has had millions of children enter through the gates and get face to face with endangered species, ride a horse and touch a variety of animals. Many of those children participated in camps, volunteered with Zoo Crew and some even went on to work at the Zoo. Dominic Dongilli is one of those children who grew up at the Zoo, transforming his life and future.

As a child Dongilli attended summer camps at the Zoo. He enjoyed the experience of getting a behind-the-scenes look at the animals. He remembers seeing Nancy the sloth and realizing how amazing she was and the purpose she serves. As he got older, his parents, who believed in the importance of volunteering, encouraged him to get involved in community. He chose to participate in Zoo Crew, the Zoo’s youth volunteer program. He chose Zoo Crew because of a friend who had signed up for the program. “At first I wasn’t that excited to be working with the animals,” Dongilli remembered. However, it didn’t take him long to fall in love with them. It was at this time he started thinking this might be something he wanted to do in the future.

After a few years volunteering with Zoo Crew, Dongilli made the move to working at the Zoo. His various roles included Zoo Crew manager, camps assistant, butterfly pavilion host and the Zoo to You program coordinator. “These different roles showed me how much I love teaching and connecting people with animals,” Dongilli said.

Upon graduating from Lincoln Pius X, Dongilli took the next step for his future and chose to major in biology at Creighton University. After his first year of college he continued working for the Zoo over the summer. He then received an internship working at Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo.

Dongilli is currently completing his junior year at Creighton. This year he was hired as a residence assistant (RA) at his dormitory. His experience in Zoo Crew and working various roles at Lincoln Children’s Zoo have helped him as an RA. “I had many great mentors at the Zoo who taught me so much and it has helped me gain the skills to mentor students on my floor,” Dongilli said.

Once he graduates from Creighton, Dongilli plans on a career working at a zoo. “I want to take animal education and interaction with people to the next level,” Dongilli said.

Dominic Dongilli is the child Arnott Folsom had in mind when he opened the Zoo in 1965. A young boy who realized the importance of interacting with nature and living things—now grown up and doing his part to inspire and educate the next generation of children entering the gates of Lincoln Children’s Zoo.
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