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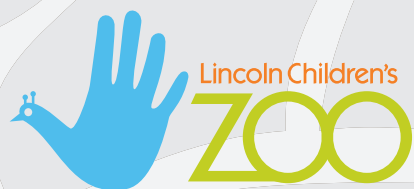


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Lincoln Children's Zoo officially broke ground on the planned expansion that will bring giraffes, tigers and spider monkeys to Lincoln in 2019. On stage with Zoo President & CEO John Chapo were over 20 supporters and over 40 children from Christ Kids preschool. Nearly 350 guests watched as the preschoolers joined Governor Pete Ricketts, John Chapo and others break

ground on the site that will soon become the Zoo's new entrance.

"This is a historic day for our Zoo, our community and for future generations that will pass through our gates," President & CEO John Chapo said. Governor Ricketts, Wendy Birdsall of Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, James Anderson of Lincoln Children's Zoo board of directors

and Don Mayhew of the Lincoln Board of Education all spoke about the importance of the Zoo's expansion and its benefit to the growing and thriving city of Lincoln.

As the children dug into the dirt with their shovels, Chapo proclaimed, "This is the future of Lincoln Children's Zoo and our community." The scene

THE ZOO BREAKS GROUND



created a photo frenzy from the guests in attendance. “What a memory this will be someday!” one of the children’s moms said as she looked back on the photo she took.

Groundbreaking participants included:

Governor Pete Ricketts
Jim and Mary Abel
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FROM 200 TO 2,000

THE STORY OF SAVING THE GOLDEN LION TAMARIN FROM EXTINCTION

In 1984, 43 institutions partnered together with one goal — save the critically endangered golden lion tamarin from extinction. At the time, fewer than 200 of these small, brightly colored monkeys were estimated to remain in the wild. One of those organizations tasked with saving the golden lion tamarin from extinction was Lincoln Children's Zoo.

Conservation experts began to realize the future of the golden lion tamarin was in peril as early as 1969. By 1975, they were nearly extinct. Their decreasing numbers were a result of habitat loss. Found in a small part of southeastern Brazil, the land area in which the golden lion tamarin is located is less than 62,000 acres, about the size of the city of Lincoln. This small area meant any disruption or loss of habitat would be detrimental to their survival.

It was in the early 1980s that zoos and research centers across the world began to formulate a plan. The plan called for zoos and research centers that were home to golden lion tamarins to create a system in which tamarins born in captivity would be slowly introduced to the wild. To do this would take time and careful planning. Most animals born in captivity

are not conditioned to live in the wild. It would be a long process to slowly acclimate them to a life without the aid of zookeepers, veterinarians and fully controlled habitats.

The institutions selected to take part in the plan were located around the globe. Zoos from Germany, Brazil, France and the United States were on the list. Most of these zoos were larger and known worldwide and had names like Smithsonian National Zoo, Zoo Frankfurt, Chicago Brookfield Zoo and Los Angeles Zoo. One of the smaller zoos to take part in this monumental effort was Lincoln Children's Zoo.

At the time the program started, Lincoln Children's Zoo was home to six golden lion tamarins. Only 6 of the 43 zoos and research centers had more golden lion tamarins. This meant Lincoln Children's Zoo was critical to the success of the reintroduction program. The Zoo started first by feeding the tamarins food they would be able to find in the wild. They learned to unpeel and eat bananas and other fruit. Zookeepers also introduced tree branches for them to climb that were similar to ones found in the forests of Brazil.

Once the golden lion tamarins at Lincoln Children's Zoo completed their reintroduction training they were moved to Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington D.C. and other zoos in Brazil. At these two locations, they were introduced to other golden lion tamarins and closely observed to evaluate their readiness for release into the wild. Their final home would be a 12,000-acre nature preserve in Brazil.

From 1984 to 2001, 146 golden lion tamarins were released into the wild. Although their population in the wild remains low they are no longer considered critically endangered. Today, their wild population is believed to exceed 2,000. Conservation groups with golden lion tamarins living in captivity saved this species from extinction. Most of the golden lion tamarins living in the wild today are directly related to those released from Lincoln Children's Zoo and other zoos. Six of the 146 golden lion tamarins release came from a small zoo in Nebraska. That small zoo made a world of difference in saving an amazing rare species.

MEET OUR PENGUINS

SAY HELLO TO THE ZOO'S 12 HUMBOLDT PENGUINS



NEW! Fred

3 years-old. Fred helps scientists at the University of Washington study how the color of a penguin's feet change as they age!



Hugo

15 years-old. One of the most curious penguins, Hugo loves any excuse to hop on, over or off anything!



Lannie

9 years-old. Likes to "borrow" zookeeper keys and hats to build his nest!



Avery

8 years-old. Avery's favorite way to eat fish is to steal it from others!



Topper

15 years-old. The most outgoing of all the penguins, Topper likes to follow zookeepers around!



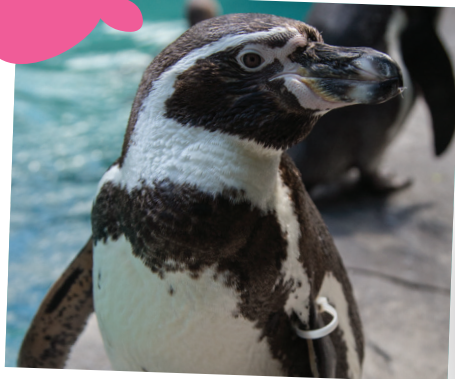
Lillian

20 years-old. She prefers fish that fly – straight into her mouth!



NEW! Purple

6 years-old. Voluntarily weighs herself for zookeepers! Keep an eye out for her new name!



Kit

8 years-old. Came to us from Philadelphia Zoo!



NEW! Blue

3 years-old. Has the most freckles on her chest! Keep an eye out for her new name!



Soren

15 years-old. Holds the record for most fish eaten in one day - 66 capelin!



NEW! Pink

4 years-old. Thinks all love songs are about Purple. Keep an eye out for his new name!



Pengee

15 years-old. Pengee is more shy than the rest of the birds and likes to hang out towards the back of the habitat.



SAVING A SPECIES

The Humboldt penguin habitat is one of the most popular stops for guests to the Zoo. It's interactive and educational but it is also much more than that. It is a place that showcases the Zoo's conservation efforts to help save endangered animals.

In January, four new penguins made their way to Lincoln. These penguins call the Zoo home for an important reason. Along with the eight who already call the Zoo home, they are all part of the Species Survival Plan (SSP). SSP is a program the Zoo participates in with the goal of saving endangered animals and enhancing conservation efforts in the wild.

Less than 12,000 Humboldt penguins are estimated to live in the wild. Some experts say that there may be even as little as 3,000. Zoos like Lincoln Children's Zoo are tasked with

managing a diverse population of Humboldt penguins in captivity. All the Zoo's penguins, including the four new ones, were hatched at a zoo.

As in the wild, penguins will leave their parents to find a mate. Once old enough, they will move to a new zoo to be matched with another penguin. Selecting a zoo for the penguin to move to is a critical step. It is important they are paired with a mate that expands the genetic pool of penguins and is not closely related.

The four new penguins that came to Lincoln are from Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo. Once the penguins arrived at the Zoo in January of this year, they were introduced to the other penguins. Since Humboldt penguins are warm weather birds, they were introduced to each other inside their winter

pool. While they were getting to know each other, work was being done to their outside habitat to create an area that is more conducive to breeding. This area includes rockwork with openings for the penguins to nest. In the wild, penguins will burrow in rocks and other areas to create a place to lay their eggs. These inside "nesting areas" are similar to what is found in their natural habitat.

"The goal of this complex process is simple; we are part of a larger effort to save Humboldt penguins," President & CEO John Chapo said. "If the number of Humboldt penguins in the wild reaches critically low numbers, we will then have the opportunity to introduce penguins, such as the ones here at our Zoo, to the wild and possibly save this animal from extinction."

MEET CROSBY AND CHEWEY

The Zoo's Animal Kingdom is home to an amazing animal that spends most of its day hanging upside down, can vary its body temperature up to 11 degrees during the day, blends in with trees to become nearly invisible, only goes the bathroom once a week and rarely moves. This fascinating animal is none other than the two-toed sloth!

The sloth habitat at the Zoo is home to Crosby and Chewey. Crosby, a male, was born at Lincoln Children's Zoo on the afternoon of September 5, 1999. Their habitat has windows for

Zoo guests, and on this special day a handful of them witnessed his birth. Later in Crosby's life he moved to Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, Kansas. After about five years in Kansas he made his way back to Lincoln. Between the two sloths, Crosby is the one that enjoys "hanging" with his zookeepers.

Chewey, a female, was born July 5, 1987. She is nearly 30 years old, which is twice the average sloth lifespan in the wild. Chewey, as you may have guessed, was named after the popular Star Wars character,

Chewbacca. She is smaller than Crosby and has slightly more blond fur. She was born and lived at Sedgwick County Zoo before moving to Lincoln.

Sloths are one of six different species in the megalonychiade family. The two-toed sloth is native to Central and South America where they are typically found in tropical rainforests. In the wild they eat leaves, fruit and flowers. At the Zoo they eat a variety of lettuce, fruit and vegetables and particularly enjoy boiled and scrambled eggs and papaya.



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Train Birthday Party

June 10 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Celebrate the 54th Birthday of ZO&O Railroad. Each hour we will randomly select a child to be our kid conductor on the train. Train rides will be \$2 all day! Plus, see model trains provided by the Lincoln Area Railway Historical Society.

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Brews at the Zoo (21+ event)

June 17 | 6 – 11 p.m.

It's time for adults 21 and over to enjoy some tasty craft beers and amazing music at the Zoo! This year's event features live music by The Brad Ramp Band and craft beers from Zipline Brewery, Emphyrean Ales, Thunderhead Brewing, Lucky Bucket Brewing and more! Beer brats and burgers will be available for purchase during the event.

Purchase tickets at LincolnZoo.org

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Father's Day Celebration

June 18 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

This Father's Day at the Zoo all dads receive one free train ride or free admission! Bring dad out for a fun day at the Lincoln Children's Zoo!

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JULY



Red, White & Zoo!

July 1 – 4 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Active and retired military get free admission* all weekend and the entire family can explore the Zoo and learn about animals that are native to America. Plus, the first 100 children entering the Zoo each day will receive a FREE 4" x 6" American flag!

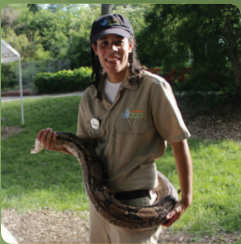
*Free admission applies to Active and Retired military only. ID required.



National Zookeeper Week

July 17 – 23 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

All of the Zookeepers at the Zoo spend countless hours giving our animals the best care. Next time you see one of them, be sure to tell them thanks and stop by The Hive to write them a letter!



AUGUST



Red Panda Run

August 26 | Race begins at 8 a.m.

The Red Panda Run is a family fun run that starts at 8 a.m. and is great for any age! After you cross the finish line inside the Zoo, you can explore and meet over 400 animals that live there! Participants will receive a Red Panda Run t-shirt, medal and admission to the Zoo for the day.

Register at LincolnZoo.org.

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