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Jelani Back On Exhibit

Jelani the gorilla's surgery was a success and he is back on exhibit. See more on page 7.





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10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (exit by 5 p.m.)

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Admission

General admission tickets and memberships can
be purchased at the Zoo or in advance at louisvillezoo.org.

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A photograph of Director Dan Maloney, a middle-aged man with short brown hair, smiling and wearing a bright blue button-down shirt with 'theZOO' and 'LOUISVILLE ZOO' printed on it. He is holding a small piece of food in his hand, offering it to a sloth. The sloth, named Sunni, is hanging from a wooden branch and reaching out with its long, curved claws towards the food. The background is a green wall and a window showing some foliage.

Director Dan Maloney with Sunni the
Linnaeus's two-toed sloth

GREETINGS

As your Louisville Zoo approaches the conclusion of 2022, I am filled with gratitude for the support of our wonderful community, generous donors, amazing volunteers, incredibly dedicated Foundation and Friends of the Zoo boards and our awesome Zoo members. It is through your unwavering patronage that we can deliver on our mission to “better the bond between people and our planet,” every day.

I am so proud of our exceptional Zoo professionals who work diligently every day to provide outstanding care for our guests, our grounds and our extraordinary, ever-engaging Zoo animals. In addition to our terrific staff, I am extremely humbled by and appreciative for our many medical friends and partners who donate their services so that our non-human family members stay happy and healthy.

As we enter this season of connection and reflection, I'm hoping you are fondly recalling all the amazing memories you have made with us over this past year and are anticipating even more delightful experiences in 2023! I'm hoping everyone takes advantage of enjoying your Zoo during the cooler winter season when the animals are often more active, and the Zoo is both more accessible and intimate.

Every visit, membership, plush toy and clothing item you give as a gift improves your Zoo and helps support our mission. For unique and great gift ideas that show your love for the Zoo, please turn to page 13.

Thank you again for your support and making my first year as your director so remarkable. We look to make the new year even more outstanding as we create incredible, extra-special memories together.

I'll see you soon at the Zoo!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Maloney'.

Director Dan Maloney



MEMBERSHIP

We Don't Hibernate

The Louisville Zoo is open daily year-round — come out and embark on a fun winter adventure! Your Zoo has several indoor areas to explore with many exhibits in the HerpAquarium, Islands and Gorilla Forest. Or bundle up and walk the Zoo while our outdoor animals enjoy the cool weather. After curing your cabin fever, stop by the Main Plaza Gift Shop and use your member discount (**10% off**) to grab some cozy Zoo gear, a cup of hot chocolate and more!

On the Prowl for the Perfect Present?

An e-gift card in the amount of any membership level makes the perfect gift for anyone. Purchase a Louisville Zoo membership and provide your loved ones with a full year of exciting and memorable experiences. Plus, now through Dec. 31, if you purchase an e-gift card online for someone else, you'll receive a **\$5.00 discount**.

Your gift recipients will receive a **FREE** plush toy when they redeem their e-gift card online or in person (*first 1,000*). The best part of all: they get to pick the date their membership starts! E-gift cards become active memberships on the day they are redeemed. Visit louisvillezoo.org/HOL22 for more details and instructions on how to order.

Want to Treat Yourself to Another Special Year?

We love having you as a valued member and hope you want to help us continue our mission while creating lasting memories with us all year long. If you are a current or expired member looking to renew your membership, go online, call or stop by any ticketing window and receive a **\$5.00 discount** and a **FREE** plush toy when you use promo code **HOL22**. Visit louisvillezoo.org/HOL22 for details and ordering instructions.

Membership Cards

Help us reduce our impact on the environment by using a virtual membership card — and never misplace your card again! Download the Louisville Zoo's **FREE** virtual card app today. After your initial setup, you'll need to contact the Zoo to get a 6-digit verification code. Visit any ticketing window, stop by the membership office or call us at (502) 459-2287 to get your code. Prefer to carry a physical card? Get your membership card at the Zoo's front ticket windows on your next visit.

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From Left to Right: Lily Hotkewitz, Dan Maloney
Kathy Nuss and Diane Taylor



Boo at the Zoo Recap

Thank you to all the individuals and groups for contributing your time and talent during this record-breaking Boo at the Zoo presented by Meijer. A total of 832 volunteers contributed 5,070 hours saving the Zoo \$76,810.50! You made it possible to accommodate 100,065 pirates, princesses and more during our 18-night party plus an additional night hosting Kosair Charities! Special thanks to UPS for their help with setup and breakdown.



Every year, the Louisville Zoo honors the incredible work of our dedicated volunteers and we award those volunteers who deserve special acknowledgement.


Diane Taylor Spirit Award

Kathy Nuss has amassed over 15,500 volunteer hours as an Emeritus Docent. The commissary staff said, "Kathy always comes in with a big smile on her face and is always eager to help with whatever duties we assign. She's a fast learner and isn't afraid to ask questions. She is a big help and a joy to have in the commissary; she makes our days better with her joyful personality."

Jonathon Michael Heaton Award

Alexis Dufilho Williamson, a keeper in Gorilla Forest, had this to say about Lily Hotkewitz: "Lily has gone above and beyond in her volunteer duties. Never needing to be guided, she always finds things to do until staff assigns her another task. She started as a teen volunteer in the summer of 2017 but chose to continue volunteering on the weekends once school went back into session. She has been an invaluable asset as a volunteer and as a member of the Louisville Zoo Youth Board."

To view additional awards and photos, visit louisvillezoo.org/volunteer



If you've visited our animal ambassadors in Gorilla Forest, you may have met or even taken photos with a celebrity! Jelani, one of the Zoo's male western lowland gorillas, is known worldwide for his interactions with guests and their smartphones.

At the age of 25, Jelani has been featured on numerous news broadcasts including Good Morning America, People, Time, Newsweek, and USA Today.

Jelani, Back on Exhibit!

By Janae Rangel, Marketing Seasonal

The Louisville Zoo cares for and is dedicated to maintaining the wellness and well-being of over 1,100 special animal ambassadors. On August 13 of this year, Jelani started to present symptoms of lethargy, decreased eating habits and weakness when climbing, his keeper care team responded quickly!

It isn't uncommon for gorillas to have heart or dental diseases, but during Jelani's initial examination both issues were ruled out. Instead, an abdominal mass was discovered. ACT scan suggested that Jelani had a perforated intestine and localized infection — another condition that has been reported in gorillas in managed care. It can happen in humans as well.

Primate and human anatomy are very similar. Our Animal Health Care team lead by Senior Veterinarian Zoli Gyimesi, DVM and Associate Veterinarian Erica Lipanovich, DVM conferred with Baptist Health Louisville General Surgeon Richard Pokorny, MD to perform the surgery to remove Jelani's abdominal mass. Upon removal, they found that the mass was actually attached to the appendix.

The discovery meant the abdominal surgery would now become an appendectomy. This meant a less intrusive procedure and an easier recovery for Jelani. Luckily for our famous friend, gorillas, like humans, are able to live without an appendix



and do not need to change their lifestyle, diet or activity level.

The surgery was a success and Jelani healed well! You can now see your favorite superstar gorilla eating, moving around, and visiting with his best friend, Bengati, on rotation in the Gorilla Forest sanctuary. Don't forget the Zoo is open year-round except on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. We hope you'll come see him soon.



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Learn as you explore the Zoo! Get up close with small animal ambassadors, participate in games and activities, and engage with Zoo staff! More info at louisvillezoo.org/edu.

Single Day Camps

On Sale December 15, 2022

Just in time to make the holidays extra special, give the gift of nature and future fun to your little ones. These camps are designed to give your campers all the joy of the Zoo packaged into a single fun-filled day! Upcoming dates in 2023 include February 20, February 21, March 31, May 5 and May 16!

Spring & Summer Camps

On Sale February 14, 2023

Send your young explorers on a wild adventure this school break with Spring and Summer day camps at the Zoo! All Safari Day Camps include Zoo walks, animal presentations, attractions and up-close encounters with Zoo ambassador animals! More details including topics will be released February 14 and in the Spring issue of Trunkline. Be sure to mark your calendars as these camps fill up fast!



Exploration Stations

Coming in early 2023, the Zoo will be offering Exploration Stations! These stations will be located near the MetaZoo Discovery Center and other select areas, allowing visitors of all ages to experience the Zoo at a deeper level. Guests will explore natural science topics, participate in creative activities, inspect biofacts and speak to docents to learn more about wildlife. Check our website and social channels in January 2023 for more information about station times, dates and themes!

Family Programs

Living with a young naturalist? Bring them out to explore the Zoo this Spring! Our popular Sippy Cup Strolls and Breakfast with the Beasts series will return in March 2023. Check our website for more details as they become available!



Macaws Get a Lift

Our macaw exhibit in the Americas portion of the Zoo got a facelift! Stop by in late 2022 to see a whole new exhibit space for macaws Newman and Roxanne across from the jaguar exhibit. Macaw Sapphira will remain on exhibit in the indoor Islands Bird Trail.

Meerkats Take Shelter

Recently, the Zoo replaced the roof on the meerkat and molarat exhibits. Their exhibits were closed to the public for about a month, but the meerkats are now once again viewable in their outdoor space (weather permitting). While the indoor viewing tunnel is currently closed, guests can look forward to watching the meerkats and molarats explore their enclosed habitats again in December.

ZOO NEWS

Tribute to Helen

Saying goodbye to one of our animal ambassadors is never easy, and it was with heavy hearts we announced the passing of female western lowland gorilla Helen on October 14, 2022.

Affectionately called the “Grand Dame” of the gorilla world, Helen was much celebrated at 64 years old as the world’s second-oldest gorilla in managed care. When Helen entered our care, she was already older than most! She became a resident of the Louisville Zoo’s Gorilla Forest back in 2002 and inspired us every day since with her big personality and longevity. The typical median life expectancy for female gorillas in managed environments is about 39 years.

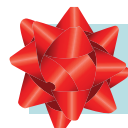
Besides the Zoo’s staff that cared for her daily, she had her own dentist, cardiologist, gynecologist, neurologist, and orthopedist/pain manager. Helen taught us much about gorillas and geriatric gorilla care.

Helen was one of our most beloved ambassadors. Her fascination with human babies delighted families for decades. Mother to three, grandmother to 17, great-grandmother to 21, great-great-grandmother to 8 and great-great-great-grandmother to 1. She was a legend. The “Grand Dame” of the gorilla world lives on in all our hearts.



Fixer UPPER Project!

The giraffe yard is undergoing a little bit of a fixer upper! One goal of this project is to install new enrichment “swing-arms.” This new feature will allow keepers to load the arms with food, treats and enriching toys which can then be deployed for the enjoyment of our giraffes. Along with our inner yard project, there is work being done to update the exhibit perimeter fence as well as the giraffe feeding area. Guests can look forward to the return of giraffe feedings in Spring of 2023! Construction is moving along smoothly and is anticipated to finish by the end of the year. Until the project is completed, you can visit giraffes Baridi and Kianga inside the temperature-controlled Giraffe House!



DON'T FORGET! Experience level members receive two FREE giraffe feedings per year!



PHILANTHROPY

Happy Holidays! As we approach the end of another year, we'd like to take a moment to thank you for your commitment, advocacy and passion for wildlife. Together, you help the Zoo feed and care for over 1,100 precious animal ambassadors. It takes a lot to care for these beautiful, special beings year-round and we greatly appreciate your investment in their lives.

Philanthropic gifts of all levels help to provide for the animals' well-being as well as the overall growth and maintenance of your Louisville Zoo — a treasure to all who visit.

We're fortunate to be a trusted gathering place for families, students and anyone wishing to connect with each other, animals and nature. These meaningful connections can be measured simply by the total number of guests that walk through our gates each year but also through the smiles and squeals of excited

school children who make observations, play, and learn about science and nature with teachers and Zoo staff. Guests connect through moments of laughter with friends and loved ones at Zoo events or quiet, personal moments during Zoo walks and "talks" with animals. Occasionally, the Zoo also supports those going through difficult times by serving as part of their personal support system — helping them overcome challenges, tough moments or even times of grief.

We are all interconnected, and the Zoo serves as a nexus within our community and region. It's a place of fun, excitement, tranquility, learning and healing — a place where humans and nature come together in harmony. This holiday season, we ask you to consider a gift to the Louisville Zoo Fund to ensure animals continue to thrive under the care of our dedicated keeper team and that the Zoo remains a valued, trusted resource for all who need it.

Ways to Make an Impact:

- Join the Louisville Zoo Sustainer Society.
- Set up a monthly/recurring gift to the Louisville Zoo Fund.
- Contribute appreciated stock (security account #78973274, DTC #0547).
- Direct your 401K or IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) to the Zoo.
- Round up your next Zoo membership renewal in support of the Louisville Zoo Fund.
- Upgrade to a Zoo license plate next time you renew your car tags.
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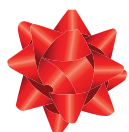


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To learn about the other ways you can make an impact at the Zoo, contact Kelly Grether at 502-238-5615 or kelly.grether@louisvilleky.gov.



HOLIDAY GIVING



Wintertime brings a season of caring and connection to our community. Connect with your loved ones this holiday while celebrating and protecting wildlife. Your support through purchases at your Zoo bring to life our mission to “better the bond between people and our planet!”

Create Future Adventures

A Zoo Membership or e-gift card is a perfect way to guarantee shared adventures together. Learn more about our special holiday offer of **\$5.00 OFF**, valid through Dec. 31, 2022 on page 4.

Special Moments Together

Create opportunities for special moments together with the Zoo's first-ever children's book “The Truth About Zoos: Annie's Awesome Adventures.” Your little readers will fall in love with Annie, a sleuth for the truth, and her down-to-earth friend Marcus, as they investigate your very own Zoo and learn what the animals and caretakers do every day. Pick one up at the Main Plaza Gift Shop.

Extra, Extra Special Gifts

Celebrate a friend, family member, special customer or client with their names engraved on a brick in the Etscorn Garden, a specially commissioned Louisville Stoneware plaque in Irvin and Alice's Garden, or with a time-honored bench on Zoo grounds! Visit louisvillezoo.org/support for more information.

A Gift for the Animals

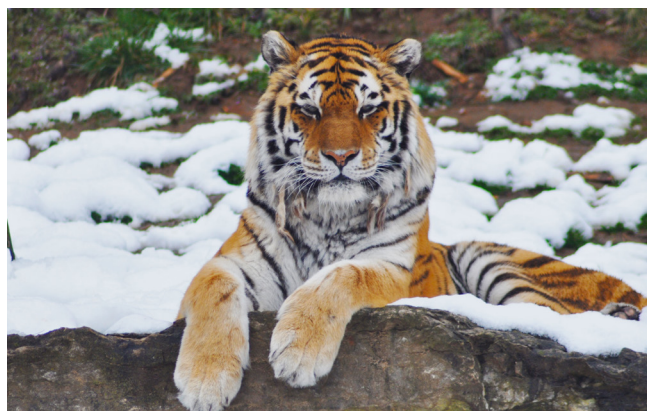
Help your favorite Zoo animals get new enrichment items! These enrichment items increase behavioral choices, provide engagement and stimulation, and draw out species-appropriate behaviors and abilities to enhance animal well-being. Check out our online wishlist and give a gift to the animals this season at louisvillezoo.org/wishlist.

Unique & Memorable Goodies

Find one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your list in the Gift Shop. Enjoy a variety of handmade and eco-friendly items, wild Louisville Zoo apparel and an amazing variety of animal plushies. Zoo members receive **10% off** select items. The Main Plaza Gift Shop is open daily, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day). Admission to the Zoo is not required to shop. Can't make it to the Zoo? Shop online for Zoo favorites at shop.louisvillezoo.org.

ADOPT Your Favorite Animal

Become a symbolic parent to your favorite Zoo animal or adopt one for your friends and family! Our Standard, Plush and Premium ADOPTS packages are delivered directly to you or your recipient, so be sure to buy before Dec. 12 to guarantee delivery. It's never too late though; you can purchase a digital package and print off a certificate and fact sheet at home — it's the perfect last minute gift.



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Every day, the Louisville Zoo welcomes visitors, supports conservation projects, creates once-in-a-lifetime memories and cares for endangered wildlife. Just like our animals, corporate partnerships with the Zoo come in many shapes and sizes. Your business or organization can partner with the Zoo through many different opportunities, including event or program sponsorships, group events and more! With attendance of over 857,000 this past year, your brand has the potential to reach a significant number of families in the region.

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