





JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2017





Series: Sex and the City Zoo

In celebration of the L.A. Zoo's 50th anniversary, a new dining series kicks off with our ever-popular Sex and the City Zoo event. The evening includes a wine reception with animal walkabouts followed by a provocative presentation by an animal expert offering insights on animal mating, dating, and cohabitating. New this year, we will offer a five-course dinner created exclusively by the Zoo's own executive chef, Brad Robertson. Each course will be paired with a selection from Foxen, a winery located in Santa Maria Valley that shares the Zoo's dedication to sustainability. Tickets for reception, lecture, and five-course dinner with wine pairing are \$130 for members/\$140 for nonmembers. Tickets for the reception and lecture only are \$30 member/\$40 nonmember.

February 11 (Saturday) **Reception:** 5-6 p.m. Lecture: 6-7 p.m. Witherbee **Auditorium**



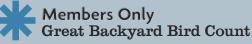


LOS ANGELES ZOO **50** YEARS

Make It a Date

The Los Angeles Zoo is 50 years old! Our yearlong celebration continues. Much has changed at the Los Angeles Zoo in our first half century, but many things have remained the same: our focus on education and conservation, our unwavering dedication to animal care and welfare, our drive to continually improve and innovate, and our commitment to the Los Angeles community. Go to ZooLAbrate50.org to learn about the many ways we're commemorating our birthday and how you can join in. Let's ZooLAbrate. Together.





Enjoy a morning bird walk on Zoo grounds and take part in the national Great Backyard Bird Count, sponsored each year by the Cornell University Ornithology Lab. Join teams of watchers counting birds all over the country during the Presidents' Day weekend! Cornell uses the data to track trends in bird populations. To register for this event, please see "Special Tours" on page 4 of this issue.

February 18 (Saturday)

8-10 a.m.

Western scrub jay



A new year has arrived, and the Los Angeles Zoo's 50th anniversary celebration is unfolding with nostalgic trips down memory lane even as we look forward to a new phase of Master Plan improvements. This is a time to celebrate our Zoo and the achievements made possible thanks to the support of members, donors, the Los Angeles community

that we serve, and our passionate, dedicated staff. Indeed, with the firm foundation of these first five decades, it is now time to go forward to the future. And in this celebratory year, we make note of some remarkable new achievements that signal the direction in which the Zoo is headed.

During the 2016 Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) annual conference held in San Diego, the Los Angeles Zoo was one of nine AZAaccredited zoos that received this year's International Conservation Award for their collaborative work with the Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education (GRACE) Center in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) benefiting Grauer's gorillas. This national honor recognizes exceptional efforts

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ZOO!

On November 28, the Zoo marked its 50th birthday with a truly special event. A sea of ZooLAbrate T-shirts lined the pathway for the "Walk with the Animals"—a parade of animal keepers and docents accompanying sheep, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs, lanner falcon, and blue-and-gold macaw—because the animals always come first at the Zoo.

Festivities included party favors and birthday cake courtesy of Delicious Arts in West L.A., and the Zoo's Enrichment staff made special cakes for some of the animal residents. Adding to the revelry were Mudbug Brass Band and performers from the Stilt Circus. The program culminated with comments from Zoo Director John Lewis and GLAZA President Connie Morgan as well as Los Angeles Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero. Even if you missed the birthday party, you can still ZooLAbrate by visiting ZooLAbrate50.org to learn about all the ways we're commemorating our anniversary in the next year and how you can join in. There, you'll be asked to share your memories, photos, and even memorabilia to help us tell the rich, wonderful, diverse, fascinating, touching, inspiring, and sometimes funny story of the Zoo. It's a story that you make possible every day!





Want to experience the Zoo on a whole new level? GLAZA's Safari Society offers you a deeper connection to the Zoo and its work through a number of special benefits including docent-led cart tours, behind-the-scenes opportunities, VIP events, and insider information. With gift levels starting at \$1,500, Safari Society donors help advance the education and conservation mission of the Zoo, providing funds to help maintain various programs across the park and beyond. Consider joining today and come closer to Zoo life through fun and inspiring experiences. Phone the Development division at 323/644-6035 or e-mail pnoland@lazoo.org for more information.

monkey TALES By Megan Holmstedt



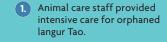
As Animal Keeper Ginger Paschall gently lifts a plush toy from the nursery's incubator, a tiny hand clutches at the stuffed animal. It's been two hours since the baby's last bottle, and the infant is on a strict feeding schedule.

Brandon, as the baby colobus monkey came to be called, was born on April 6, 2016. His mother, sensing something was wrong with him, rejected her baby, as sometimes happens in the wild. (To us, this may seem harsh, but this makes it possible for animal mothers to conserve resources for offspring with the best chances for survival.) In addition to an unusually shaped head, Brandon's coloration was odd; he should have been snowy white, but instead had dark splotches on his face and hands. Fortunately for him, the Zoo has the resources to give such babies a

second chance, and Brandon was brought to the nursery.

"To our knowledge, there were only five colobus babies that had been successfully hand raised in the world," reports Nursery Keeper Nancy Thomas. The team did not initially have a protocol for this task, but they did have previous experiences to tap for ideas. Because colobus monkeys are in the same sub-family as langurs (Colobinae, the leaf-eating monkeys), the keepers decided to model their care plan after that of Tao, the baby langur they had successfully raised eight months earlier.

As with Tao, to keep him warm and comfortable, little Brandon was placed in an incubator and surrounded with plush animals to cling to. Keepers put him on a similar diet and feeding schedule. "Initially, we fed Brandon the formula that had worked well for Tao, but when he spit up a lot and we found blood in his feces, we knew we had to try something different," Animal Keeper Nicole Piepers explains. "Tao was different from the beginning because he was orphaned because his mom had died, not because she had rejected him. So he was healthy and pretty easy to manage, as far as diet goes. But when we had problems with Brandon, we wondered if it was because he wasn't healthy to begin with. It was heart-wrenching."



Nursery staff solved the mystery of baby colobus monkey Brandon's dietary needs.

Orphaned baby François langur Tao and surrogate mother Mei-Chi.

With a little encouragement from animal care staff, Brandon was accepted by the colobus

monkey troop.





It was a busy autumn at the Zoo with numerous babies arriving. Hatchings inlcuded one east African gray-crowned crane, three Chilean flamingos, seven Baja rat snakes, a batch of variable poison frogs, one Australian red-eyed tree frog, and a **knob-tailed gecko**. Pit vipers including rattlesnakes generally bear live young, and births included five black-tailed pit vipers and three speckled rattlesnakes. Other births: one black duiker, two black howler monkeys, three Chacoan peccaries, one Chinese goral, one Prevost's squirrel, two koalas, a chevrotain, and a gerenuk.

A Congo peacock, a red-and-yellow barbet, and a North American porcupine arrived from other zoos. Eleven California condors arrived in need of medical care and six were returned to the wild in the same two-month period.

Among the other departures were 18 Australian red-eyed tree frogs, four Baja rat snakes, a Gray's monitor/butaan, 12 black-headed weavers, two blue-billed curassows, two colobus monkeys, a chevrotain, a Masai giraffe, a Bornean orangutan, a Verreaux's sifaka, two Visayan warty pigs, and two peninsular pronghorn. Baja rat snake

toward regional habitat preservation, species restoration, and support of

Chief Veterinarian Dr. Lisa Naples was recently awarded the American College of Zoological Medicine (ACZM) diplomate status. In order to become an ACZM diplomate, one must have several years of professional experience in zoological medicine, be the primary

author on at least five peer-reviewed publications, and successfully complete and pass a two-day examination. ACZM diplomates serve in responsible positions as clinical veterinarians, teachers, researchers, government officials, and administrators of other relevant programs fostering high quality medical care for non-domestic animals and are actively involved in

the discovery of new knowledge in the knowledge to the veterinary profession and public.

In this golden anniversary year, we are looking to the future with a new strategic plan that will guide the next phase of improvements to your Zoo. Throughout the remainder of this anniversary year, the celebration will

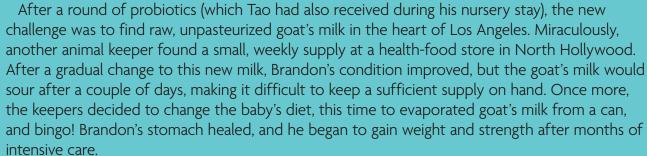
continue, and I hope you will join us for special activities culminating in an extraordinary Beastly Ball. And don't forget to share your memories through our microsite, www. ZooLAbrate50.org!



Brandon was given sucralfate, a medicine to coat his stomach. His keepers thought he might be allergic to dairy, so they switched to a soy-based formula. There were minor improvements, but his digestive issues persisted. It was then that the team obtained some much-appreciated information from Africa.

"Staff from Colobus Conservation Limited in Kenya told us that they had tried to raise colobus babies on infant formula, but they developed stomach ulcers and didn't survive," Nancy relates. "So they decided to try raw, unpasteurized goat's milk because there was a herd nearby, and the babies seemed to do better. So from that, we thought that some of the issues were caused by a lack of

bacteria in the infants' stomachs, which they need to start digesting food."



While Tao was in the nursery for just shy of one month, Brandon's stay stretched to four, and his keepers were nervous about his transfer back to the troop. Tao had been easily adopted by Mei-Chi, an adult female langur who was a proven mother, but Brandon had been away for so



long, caretakers wondered whether a member of the colobus troop would accept him. Thankfully, colobus monkeys are very communal, and it is common to see members of the troop other than the infant's mother care for a baby. With patience and a slow introduction, several of the younger adult colobuses showed interest in Brandon, and a couple of weeks later, Brandon successfully integrated into the troop—though he still required a bottle of that hard-found evaporated goat's milk, several times daily.

Animal keepers wear many hats, assisting veterinarians, trimming trees to provide browse for the animals in their care, acting as sous chefs to prepare daily diets, and sometimes playing the part of detective to solve the mysteries of caring for orphaned animals.



Bon Voyage, Berani!

On October 12, female Bornean orangutan Bosco Berani Orangina, accompanied by Curator of Mammals Candace Sclimenti and Animal Keeper Megan Fox, was transferred to Little Rock Zoo in Arkansas where she will be paired with a male for breeding as recommended by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Species Survival Plan for Bornean orangutans. The trip went smoothly; she arrived safely and is settling in just fine. She will eventually be matched up with Bandar, a male who, after living alone for over one year, was transferred to Little Rock to join Berani.

Berani's birth in 2005 was much anticipated as she was the first orangutan born at the Los Angeles Zoo in many years. In addition, her father, Minyak, had overcome some serious medical issues. Minyak's

subsequent successful introduction to Berani's mother Kalim was a testament to all of the hard work and devotion on the part of Zoo staff. Berani, which means "strength and courage" in Bahasa Indonesian, was named in honor of Minyak and his story by past GLAZA trustee Angela Janklow.

"Watching Berani grow up and develop into a strong, beautiful, and highly intelligent young orangutan has been a privilege and an honor," Fox commented. "She will be missed by her keepers, Zoo staff, volunteers, visitors, and orangutans alike. We are excited that she is off on a new adventure and that in just a couple years she will be having babies of her own."

GREEN **GRAPES**

As part of the Los Angeles Zoo's 50th anniversary, the Special Events staff has joined forces with the catering crew, Taste of the Wild, to celebrate our continued commitment to conservation with a new event: Sustainable Wine Dinners. This series offers guests a unique opportunity to learn more about the Zoo's important conservation work while enjoying a seasonally inspired, five-course farm-to-table dinner. Each course will feature a wine pairing from a local winery and vineyard that shares the Zoo's commitment to sustainable living.

Limited to 50 guests per dinner, the intimate evenings will include a wine reception with one of our favorite animal residents, a brief discussion with a curator or animal keeper involved in a special conservation project, a five-course dinner created by the Zoo's executive chef, Brad Robertson, and an introduction of the wines by a representative of the winery. Pricing ranges from \$130-\$140

The Sustainable Wine Dinners series debuts this year with a revamped version of Sex and the City Zoo, the Los Angeles Zoo's perennially popular Valentine's Day event. (For more information, see page 1.) The featured winery is Foxen Winery & Vineyard at the historic Rancho Tinaquaic in Northern Santa Barbara

"This is a chance to showcase wines and foods from fantastic local producers in a date night environment that's unique—and a lot of fun," Robertson comments. "It's a way to share the many occasions when the missions of the chefs, Zoo educators, and now winemakers converge in a truly remarkable evening."



As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Zoo do not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon reasonable advance notice, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices. or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability, you are advised to make your request with reasonable advance notice prior to the event or activity you wish to attend. For further information, please contact: 323/644-4200 (voice/TTY).



Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association Annual Memberships Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association Annual memberships Individual \$55, Individual Plus \$75, Family \$126, Family Deluxe \$165, Contributing Associate \$250, Wildlife Associate \$500, Conservation Associate \$1,000. Each membership category includes unlimited admission to the Los Angeles Zoo for one year, one-year subscriptions to Zoo View and Zooscape, 10-percent discount at Zoo restaurants and shops, and invitations to special events. Students and seniors receive \$10 off an annual membership

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is located in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and the Golden State (I-5) freeways. We are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except

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MEMBERS ONLY

Docent-led tours are available to GLAZA members only and are free for everyone eligible on your membership. No confirmations will be mailed. Please make reservations at least two weeks in advance by phoning 323/644-4244. (Please meet at the waterfall across from Reggie's Bistro at 10:30 a.m.)

New at the Zoo

Happy New Year! Meet our newest residents and learn more about them. January 7 (Saturday) January 8 (Sunday)

Zoo-pid Cupid

Strong, healthy male seeks attractive, young female. Live out of state? No problem! How do zoo animals find the perfect mate? Learn how match making works in the zoo world. February 4 (Saturday) February 12 (Sunday)

Amazing Adaptations

March 12 (Sunday)

Did you ever wish you had a third hand to help you carry things? Or yearn to swim without a wetsuit year round? Find out how animals can do these things—and more! March 4 (Saturday)

Members Appreciation Morning Early morning is the ideal time to see many of the Zoo's residents at their best, and GLAZA offers three opportunities a year for our members

at all levels to explore the Zoo before it opens to the public. RSVP for this event by phoning 323/644-4770. March 4 (Saturday) 8:30-10 a.m.

Breakfast with a Keeper GLAZA members at the Wildlife Circle

and Conservation Circle levels are invited to enjoy a special morning and

SPECIAL TOURS

These tours are free to GLAZA

members, but space is limited. To

register, e-mail docents@lazoo.

org or telephone 323/644-4702.

membership number, telephone

Please provide first and last name,

a delicious breakfast with an animal keeper. After breakfast, you will visit with some of our animal residents and learn how Zoo staff keep them active and healthy by providing enrichment that encourages natural behaviors. Wildlife and Conservation Circle members, watch your mailbox for an invitation with more details. To

upgrade your membership support

and attend this special event, phone

Winter Wonders Garden Tour

succulents are in bloom. Join us for

desert plant collection and other

an exploration of the Zoo's dramatic

In the heart of winter, many

early blooming plants.

January 28 (Saturday)

8-10 a.m.

323/644-4244. March 25 (Saturday) 8:30-10 a.m.

SAFARI SOCIETY ONLY Safari Society—GLAZA's upper-level,

annual giving program—offers donors a range of exclusive events and unique opportunities to explore the Zoo. To join Safari Society, phone the Development office at 323/644-6035 or visit www.lazoo.org/support/ safarisociety. Conscientious corporate leaders support the Zoo through Business Partners. For details about this program, contact Jan Frazier at 323/644-4722.

Zoo Director's Series

This presentation includes wine and hors d'oeuvres. Safari Society donors, watch the mail for your invitation. March 12 (Sunday)

Searching Safari

This annual celebration begins with a continental breakfast and animal walkabouts, followed by a scavenger hunt. We'll wrap up with an animal enrichment experience and a keeper talk. Details will be mailed to Safari Society homes, so be on the lookout for that special envelope! If you'd like to join the fun, visit www.lazoo.org/ support/safarisociety. February 25 (Saturday)

Final Days!

L.A. ZOO LIGHTS

This year's holiday celebration is brighter than ever with more nights and lights, new 3-D projections, and a new water show! Enjoy extraordinary light installations, festive sounds, and holiday treats throughout the Zoo at L.A.'s merriest event. For details and tickets, go to LAZooLights.org.

Through January 8 (Sunday) 6-10 p.m.

REINDEER ROMP

Don't miss the live reindeertwo adults and two adorable youngsters. Visit www.lazoo.org/ reindeer for all the details. Through January 8 (Sunday) 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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children attending.

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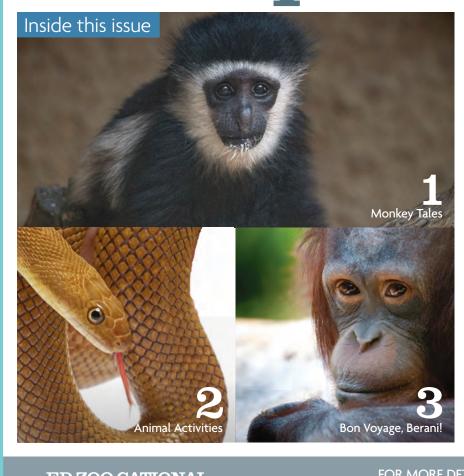
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TODDLER TOTES

Age 24-35 months

Members: \$18 per child/adult pair Nonmembers: \$20 per child/adult pair Class Times: 9 a.m. (Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays) and 11 a.m. (Fridays and Saturdays) E-ticket required for class admission. Toddler Totes classes are educational adventures for your child and you. Learn about adaptations as you investigate the Zoo's animal collection and discover the ways animals use different parts of their bodies. Each 75-minute class includes a variety of fun, age-appropriate, hands-on activities such as storytelling, live animal encounters, and explorations on Zoo grounds.

The Nose Knows February 1 (Wednesday), 3 (Friday), and 4 (Saturday)

Eyes on the Side March 1 (Wednesday), 3 (Friday), and 4 (Saturday)



CRITTERS 'N' KIDS

Members: \$24 per child/adult pair Nonmembers: \$27 per child/adult pair Class Time: 9 a.m. (Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays) E-ticket required for class admission.

Critters 'n' Kids classes take your child and you on an exploration of the Zoo's animal collections, from cool cats and exciting elephants to slithering snakes and fabulous flamingos. Each 90-minute class includes a variety of fun, age-appropriate, hands-on activities such as storytelling, art, games, and adventures on Zoo grounds.

Fabulous Flamingos February 8 (Wednesday), 10 (Friday), and 11 (Saturday)

Exciting Elephants March 8 (Wednesday), 10 (Friday), and 11 (Saturday)

ZOO EXPLORERS

Age 5-6 years Members: \$30 per child Nonmembers: \$35 per child Class Time: 9 a.m.

E-ticket required for class admission. Grab your backpack and explore the Zoo to learn about biomes around the world. from deserts to mountains. grasslands to rainforests. Trek over the rivers and through the woods to seek out cool and amazing animals that call these unique habitats home. This drop-off class is designed for children independent of their parents. All children must bring water and a snack for this three-hour class.

Tropical Treasures February 25 (Saturday)

FAMILY CLASSES

All Ages Members: \$10 per person/children

under 2 are free Nonmembers: \$20 per adult/\$15 per child (ages 2–12)/children under 2 are free Class Time: 9:30 a.m. (Sundays)

SLEEPOVERS

Zoopendous Nights

Bring your pack or troop to the Zoo for an indoor all-night, interactive experience. Tour the Zoo after dark, enjoy a pizza/salad feast, participate in hands-on animal activities, and fall asleep to beastly bedtime stories. In the morning, enjoy a continental breakfast while meeting some of the Zoo's animal ambassadors. This event is designed for children, ages seven through twelve. Cost is \$55 per person. Schedule for the 2016–2017 school year can be found at www.lazoo.org/ education. For more information or to be placed on the wait list, please contact Sean den Bok at 323/644-4212 for assistance.

Bring your family to the Zoo and join 90-minute classes offer a unique opportunity for families to come together and share in an adventure

while learning about amazing animals. **Home Sweet Home**

ZOO CAMP

Welcome the season with us during spring break! Children ages four through nine will have a blast turning over a new leaf during Spring Zoo Camp. Registration fee for each day of animal exploration is \$60 for members and \$65 for nonmembers. Registration is now open. For details, visit www. lazoo.org. Extended care is available for an additional fee. Registration begins February 7 at 10 a.m. April 10 (Monday)-14 (Friday)

YOGA IN THE ZOO

Connect with your child through a morning yoga adventure in the Zoo. We will visit with those masters of breathing, the seals, discover inspiring poses with flamingos, and enjoy some fitness moves with the giant river otters. No yoga experience, no mat—no problem. This yoga class is designed for beginners, and mats will be provided. Join us for a wild morning of wellness with the animals!

January 7 (Saturday) March 25 (Saturday) 9 a.m.

Cancellation Policy: The Zoo must receive at least two weeks (14 days) advance notice by phone (323/644-4211) or fax (323/644-4299) in order to issue a full refund. No refunds will be issued after this period. No refunds or transfers will be honored for no-shows. Prices and program dates are subject to change without notice. For more details about cancellation, transfer, refund, and booking policies, visit www.lazoo.org.