

MEMO

To: Professor Arduser
From: Margaret Schwartz
Date: April 21, 2011
Subject: Zoo Babies Article

Enclosed you will find the article “What’s New at the Cincinnati Zoo?” addressing the newest additions to the oldest zoo in America. This article is strictly promotional for the purpose of the encouraging visitors to come and see the newest additions.

In terms of newest additions the article expresses the excitement of the newest zoo babies large and small to even animal transfers. This article presents not just updated presences within the Cincinnati Zoo, but also gives a historical sense to how we got where we are in regards to what we have.

The article also references the news on exhibits within the zoo. Old habitats being renovated or taken down, as well as the excitement of brand new ones.

What's New at the Cincinnati Zoo?

By: Megan Schwartz

It's that time again. Zoo Babies is a celebrated event where all of us anticipate the habitual birth of so many babies born directly within the midst of spring.

Population voted Zuri!

What sorts of new adventures can be produced within the walls of the great old Cincinnati Zoo? I've got two words for you. Zoo Babies. That's right, after *15 long months*, a whopping *120 pounds*, and a length of *6 feet*; on April 2, 2011 Zuri the baby giraffe was born. This little girl brings a whole new light of life to the giraffe exhibit where everyone is welcome to see for themselves this coming May!

The Cincinnati Zoo conducted a survey on Facebook allowing anyone to vote on a good name for the new giraffe. After just a few days and thousands of votes, people from all around voted on the name Zuri. The name evidently means 'beautiful' in Swahili.



Before Zuri, a giraffe at the Cincinnati Zoo has not given birth since 1985. This is not a scary feat for a place such as the Cincinnati Zoo because they're pros at this point. In 1889 the Cincinnati Zoo became the first zoo in the western hemisphere to birth a

giraffe inside their walls. The zoo has been known for more notorious things, one being the first zoo in America!



What else can we look forward to you ask? Born on the tenth in January Boomer and Oreo are now the proud penguin-parents of a healthy baby girl, now known as Hershey. Hershey lives happily with her parents and the other penguins in the 'Penguin Walkaround' habitat located just within the Children's Zoo.

Exhibits New and Old

Last year was the year of the dragon at the Cincinnati Zoo as they celebrated the incoming of several new komodo dragons and a variety of monitor lizards from around the world. What makes this exciting is the renewal of these creatures because we only had them once and they were relocated to another zoo and now we have them once again.

At this very moment the zoo is building a brand new exhibit called 'Night Hunters'. This exhibit will be a great compliment to the zoos already exceptional nocturnal house. Unfortunately because of this exhibits new construction, the famous cat house will be closed down for the summer. The 'Night Hunters' will be an exhibit focused on predatory nocturnal animals including some of the cats from the cat house as well as a variety of species of owls.



The reptile house is now being renovated after over a hundred years of needing no major repairs which is quite an accomplishment considering it is the oldest zoological structure in the United States. It will be receiving a beautiful new roof, as well as undergoing some minor interior changes. Fortunately this renovation is not going to stop guests from visiting the amphibians and reptiles.

Save the population Butch!

The Cincinnati Zoo decided after getting a recommendation from the Species Survival Plan that we trade our male orangutan, Butch for the El Paso Zoo's big guy Henry. Our lady orangutan Lana is too old to have babies as is Henry. These two will retire their days lounging at the Cincinnati Zoo as our loved Butch travels to El Paso for bigger and better things. It seems the orangutans are within the endangered species list, so sending Butch off to save the population seems like a pretty good idea to both the zoos.



Meghan,
I'm glad you switched your topic. This came out well!

Grade: A