



Dear Zoo Supporter,

At the end of each year we like to touch base with our loyal supporters with highlights of the year - and this year, there have been many! We also ask that you consider making a year-end, tax-deductible donation. Your contribution lets us know that you want to support continued improvements to the overall zoo experience and that you understand we can't succeed without your generosity.

A few 2015 highlights from the Pueblo Zoo:

- **Breeding Success** - The Pueblo Zoo has been very successful in breeding efforts - including with our penguin captive breeding program - 58 chicks have hatched here over 23 years. Swift fox and African crested porcupines continue to exceed breeding expectations and our program is studied by other zoos. We were selected to participate in national research efforts to improve breeding success in endangered Pallas cats using artificial insemination.
- **And more breeding success** - We had a bumper crop of new babies just this year: goats (6) 2 sets of twins, Takin, African crested porcupine, swift fox (8), North American bison, kangaroo, lemur, meerkat, and a dik dik.
- **World Record!** Your beloved Tess, who passed away this year, held the world record for oldest living female African penguin in captivity. Excellent care from keeper staff contributed to her longevity and she died peacefully at the age of 40.
- **New Exhibit!** Thanks to generous donors, we completed Phase One of our capital campaign and brought African painted dogs to Pueblo to much fanfare and excitement.
- **Award winning exhibits** - Our North American river otter exhibit is recognized as being one of the best in the nation. The habitat contributed to the youngest female ever to successfully breed. Hopefully we'll see more of that in the future. We are also lucky to have two males and two females that get along in the same exhibit - it is extremely rare for otters to get along outside of breeding season.
- **New Animals** - To celebrate the arrival of the African dogs we bumped up the number of African species - Grevy's zebras (2), African watusi steer, Speke's gazelle (2), and Nubian goats (2 - who then had babies!). Non-African species include Bactrian camel, Eurasian eagle owl, great horned owl, black vulture, North American porcupine, guinea hogs (2), red panda, and a bush baby!
- **New Leadership** - In November, after a nationwide search, the Board elected to hire from within and move Abbie Krause from her position as Director of Marketing and Communications to the Executive Director position to continue to build on the momentum the staff and board has created.

We know you have favorites that you want to continue supporting, but if not, consider making a donation this year just because you are PROUD of YOUR PUEBLO ZOO! Show you appreciate the contributions that the Zoo adds to our quality of life here in Pueblo and all can benefit from your generosity!

Sincerely,

Abigail J. Krause

Executive Director

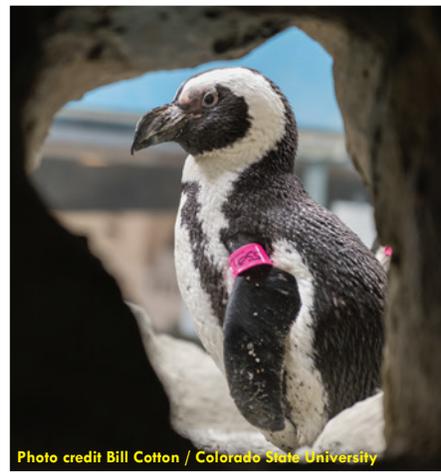


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Help us Feed the Pride of Pueblo

Penguins

\$500 Feed the penguins for a month



North American river otters

\$250 Feed the otters for a month



African painted dogs

\$160 Feed the dogs for a month



African lions

\$100 Feed the lions for two weeks
The true pride of Pueblo



Red pandas

\$50 Feed the red pandas for a month



This symbol indicates the animals that were chosen to launch our Conservation program.

Our goal is to raise \$20,000

- 2 months of animal food - through our annual appeal.

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