

AUSTIN ZOO

AUSTIN ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Dear Friend of Austin Zoo,

You make a difference!

It's true; you *do* make a difference, a big difference! You contribute to the care and well-being of so many animals in need who have found refuge at Austin Zoo. The Board of Directors and staff are extremely grateful for your support and we would like to share some of the considerable accomplishments of the past year thanks to you.

Animal Updates:

We were able to welcome 26 new residents to Austin Zoo. These rescued/relinquished animals include a Silver Fox, a Tiger, a Dumpy Tree Frog, Visayan Warty Pigs, Prairie Dogs, Golden-Handed Tamarins, Coatimundis, Ring-Tailed Lemurs, Patas Monkeys as well as our first venomous reptiles - Gila Monsters.

Project Updates:

- Completed the potable water system, including replacing 3,300 ft. of 3/4" and 1" interior water lines with 4" lines
- Constructed a boardwalk on the bird path in the lower Zoo
- Constructed a new Bobcat habitat in Memory of Ellen Proctor, former Director of Animal Care, who lost her battle with cancer
- Constructed Capybara, Prairie Dog and Warty Pig habitats
- Expanded Galapagos and Sulcata Tortoise habitats
- Submitted our application for Austin Zoo to become accredited by the Zoological Association of America (ZAA)
- Significantly expanded our educational offerings with a new Homeschool Nature Series, Winter Workshops, and an additional age group class in our half-day Summer Programming

Austin Zoo Revue:

We celebrated our most successful Austin Zoo Revue, raising over \$80,000 this year!

Boo at the Zoo:

Thanks to the enthusiasm and support of ghosts and goblins of all ages (and favorable weather conditions), we had the best Boo at the Zoo ever!

Hurricane Harvey:

Unfortunately, Hurricane Harvey ravaged the Texas Zoo in Victoria with flooding and wind damage. We reached out to them immediately and sent staff to deliver numerous animal crates in various sizes, food, supplies and water. We then transported several of their animals to Austin Zoo so they can be in a less stressful environment while their facilities are being repaired. We are providing temporary housing for two African Lionesses, six Golden-Handed Tamarins, and one Bengal Tiger.

Personnel Updates:

- We added a new management position - Manager, Compliance and Animal Husbandry
- We added 2 staff members to our Facilities Department
- We added a full-time instructor to our Education Department
- We have a new Development volunteer (a former Board member and volunteer)
- Executive Director Patti Clark celebrates her 10-year anniversary of leadership at Austin Zoo

Zoo Expansion:

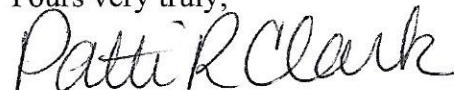
Your continued support has enabled Austin Zoo to expand and flourish. We have begun to outgrow our administrative offices currently located in our Gift Shop and Education Building. Late in 2017, an ideal opportunity presented itself that will give us the means to expand. We were able to purchase an additional five acres within a minute's drive from the Zoo Gift Shop, and the property includes a home perfectly suited for administrative offices and meetings.

Planned Projects for 2018:

- Begin expansion of young North American Black Bears' habitat
- Relocate administrative offices to the house on the new 5-acre property
- Achieve Zoological Association of America accreditation
- Continue expanding our Summer Camp and Outreach programs

We very much appreciate your support and hope you will want to continue to make a difference. Your partnership will help us provide the care our animal residents need and deserve. Any size donation is greatly appreciated and tax-deductible. You may donate in person, on our website, by phone (512-288-1490) or by mail.

Yours very truly,



Patti R. Clark

President/Executive Director

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