

ZOO – December, 2024

Highlights/Animal Care/Maintenance:

- ❖ Re-opened the zoo and park to the public on 12/17/24. The pond continues to be inaccessible due to flood damage.
- ❖ Routine upkeep done on all animal enclosures, the park, and non-animal areas.
- ❖ Routine animal care, including feeding, cleaning, medical care, and enrichment. Mini horse vaccines and dewormer were administered, llama hooves were trimmed, and our beaver's teeth were trimmed. Our foxes were all given topical dewormer as a preventative and groomed. Sami and Roxy, our older foxes, were given librela injections for pain management due to arthritis.
- ❖ Our red tail boa, Scarlett, had her enclosure refurbished, including new substrate and logs.
- ❖ Continued interviewing for grounds lead position. Started interviewing for vacant zookeeper positions (2).
- ❖ Training has continued for new hire.
- ❖ Grounds team has continued with leaf clean up and staining picket fencing.
- ❖ Grounds team worked on a water line repair in the longhorn enclosure.
- ❖ The older play structure is under evaluation for safety due to damage, due to age, and the flood. So, it's currently blocked off.
- ❖ The veterinarian came for a walkaround to evaluate all animals. Overall, the animals here are doing well, especially considering the advancing ages of most of our residents.



*Red tail boa, Scarlett, exploring her new enclosure.



*The vet team doing a teeth trim & getting blood draw on our beaver, Busy.





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All animals received Christmas treats, some including presents to unwrap!



*Bret



*Shirley



*Bayou



*Charlotte



*Kevin



*Busy



Left: Water line break in the longhorn enclosure. Dug up and repaired by the zoo grounds team and the parks department irrigation team.



Right: The older play structure is under evaluation for safety due to damage due to age and the flood, so it's currently blocked off.

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