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Dear Animal Enthusiasts and Supporters of Monterey Zoological Society,

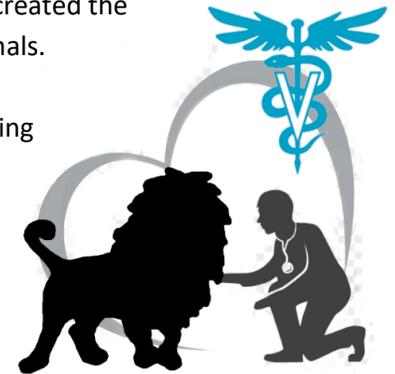
Our 2022 update is no different than previous years as 2022 has proven to be as challenging, exciting ~ rewarding and punishing as previous years, but as cliché as it may sound, it hasn't killed us so we must be getting stronger! We continue to thank all who have believed in and supported our efforts along the way as we continue to bring Monterey County its first, world-class, zoological experience. In our 2021 newsletter, we announced the closure of Oxtan Kennels, the pet boarding facility on our property, which created the necessary space for a much needed veterinary clinic for our animals.

With the VERY generous donation from one we refer to as our "Anonymous Donor Angel", Charlie went right to work, completing



our veterinary clinic in record time!!! Complete with pharmacy, veterinary office, surgical suite, X-ray, necropsy, exam and surgical prep areas, scales, sterilization and lab equipment, ultra-sound and MUCH more,

our animals are now receiving the ultimate veterinary care in the comfort of their own home. We could not be more proud of this new facility and are happy to share it with all who ask to see it.



Although we wish we had better news regarding the ~~PETA~~ saga, we have little as our case still awaits a date to be heard by the Calif. Appellate Court. But giving this unjust battle the attention it deserves, we'll say no more about it for now.

Newcomers to Monterey Zoo...

Our newcomers for 2022 is a bitter sweet story as we report on the status of our one remaining elephant. Having received all our elephants at older ages and with inherent medical conditions from their previous homes and life-styles, time and age eventually took some of them from us, reducing our herd to one final animal. In an effort to do our very best for our animals and in keeping with modern zoological standards, Monterey Zoo decided to relocate our one remaining African elephant, Butch, to another accredited zoological facility nearby where he would once again have the company of his own kind. Although we have no plans to bring elephants back to Monterey Zoo, our hearts and facility remain open to them should a zoological need arise.

All that said, and with much excitement, we could not be happier to announce the creation of our “INSERT RHINO” Program that broke ground in Sept. of 2021, remodeling our existing elephant habitat into a world-class mixed species African Savannah habitat that could house rhinos. This, as always, took a great deal of help from those in the community that have always been there to help us build our zoo,,,



The bottom line is this project could not have been built or accomplished without the help of these folks, folks who simply felt the children of our community needed and deserved a zoological and conservation minded education. The one other ingredient was Monterey Zoo board member, Cheryl Marquez (rt), who contributed the very much needed funding to bringing in our first two very special new family members, our African Southern White Rhinos, “Buddy” and “Billy-Ray”. The zoological community is working diligently to perfect the captive breeding program for Southern White Rhinos however more males are being born than preferred, creating a bachelor herd in need of homes. Monterey Zoo has agreed to assist in providing just that to some of that Bachelor herd. Although we can house up to five rhinos, the plan is not to exceed three as the zoo community watches and studies how are three bachelors get along in our environment, hopefully learning what ingredients will enable other zoos to do the same.



Both Buddy and Billy-Ray came to us from a conservation breeding facility in Texas and after a very carefully orchestrated introduction, they remain inseparable today as they share their habitat with our three zebras and two water buffalo.



Private tours are now available for Visitors to meet our rhinos, “hands-on”! That’s correct, you can pet a rhino in the hopes that you will embrace their magic and agree that they are very

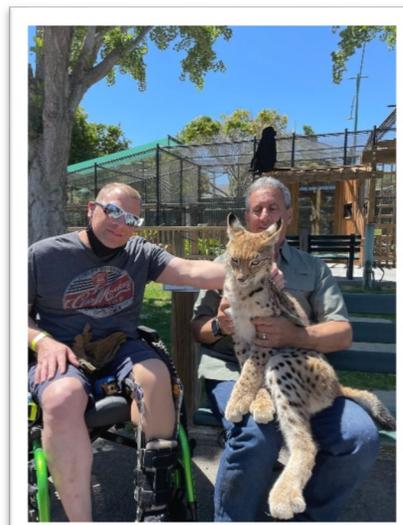


worthy of our love, respect and support. In support of our new found flagship species, Monterey Zoo has partnered with the **International Rhino Assoc.** to support their efforts to save rhinos world-wide. You’ll learn much more in the near future about how you can help us accomplish just that!



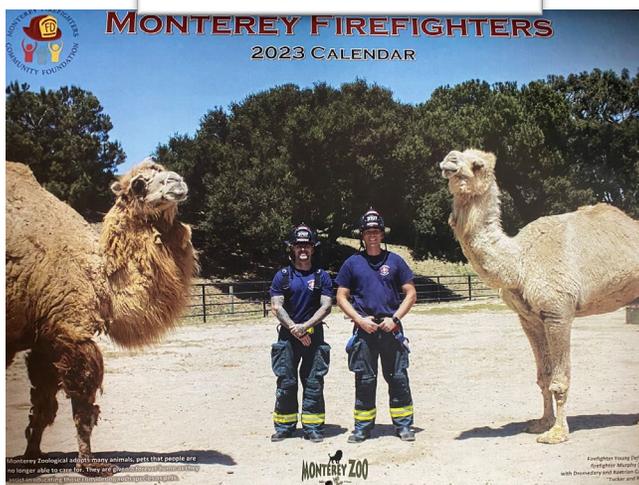
Sharing with those who do so much for us...

As we strive to share and allow the animals of Monterey Zoo to help other non-profits in our community, we continue to work with the Our Hero's Dreams Foundation to assist disabled veterans with their challenges in life. We encourage you to visit www.ourherosdreams.org to learn much more about this special program.



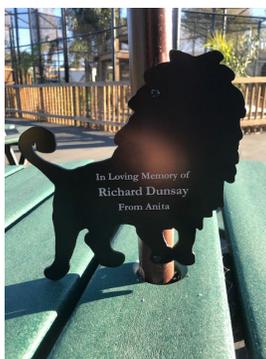
We also recently embarked upon a project with the Monterey Firefighters Assoc. who asked if we could consider allowing our animals to participate in their annual Firefighters Calendar to benefit their Foundation. Monterey Zoo not only considered it, we considered it an honor.

It was a fun and very worth-while project that we hope all will support by swinging by the Zoo Gift-Shop to purchase a calendar.



Your help and support is so very much needed, now, more than ever...

As we continue to allow our zoo to evolve into a more user friendly and educational experience for ALL, we continue to offer the opportunity for you to help. Benches, tables and glass-viewing windows (to enable the disabled to see our animals more clearly) are all still avail for sponsorship. These sponsorships are perpetual and ideal to commemorate a loved one, pet, your business in the community and more.



We're hoping you'll help us achieve this goal. For a \$750 donation, the OHD veterans along with zoo staff will volunteer their time to install one (or more) of these 38"x 84" tempered ½" window barriers. And for doing so, we'll install a forever plaque with your family's or company's name on the window to commemorate your effort to help our zoo and our community. **For more information, simply visit www.montereyzoo.org/donate/** and go to our Donate page where you can download a PDF with all the information you'll need to get your glass panel on the way.

Our 2022 Annual ZOO Fundraising Gala...

Our Annual Fundraising Gala is scheduled for **September 24th, 2022**. The theme this year is **A Night ON THE BAYOU**, and if you've ever attended one of our galas before, you know, it will be just THAT!!!

Tickets sell out FAST and we HATE having to turn anyone away so if you're one of the many regulars that attend this very unique and worth while event, PLEASE contact our office soon to inquire about tickets.



www.montereyzoo.org/events/ to learn more about this event.

Might you have a service or item you could donate to our live or silent auction for this event? It doesn't have to be animal related. Sports tickets, a cool collectable, a musical instrument... Anything you feel someone might enjoy enough to make a donation to the zoo.

We very much THANK all those who have helped us achieve so much in such a short period of time. We thank those who continue to help us today as we strive to become the BEST "little" ZOO in the United States today. In fact, we're not feeling so "little" anymore...!!!

Best Wished,
Monterey Zoological Society
Board of Directors