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## Media Release

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### Eastern bongo calf safe after briefly getting loose from enclosure



Sunday afternoon at approximately 3:30 p.m. the Sacramento Zoo's one-year-old female Eastern bongo, Taylor Swift, breached her exhibit space that she was sharing with her mom, Penny.

Staff responded rapidly enacting the zoo's emergency response protocol and securing the front gate and escorting guests to the front of the zoo. No staff or visitors were harmed during the incident.

In less than 15 minutes, zoo staff was able to gently guide the bongo calf to her off-exhibit enclosure where she is being monitored. After an initial assessment, the zoo's associate veterinarian, Dr. Jenessa Gjeltema determined that the young bongo sustained minor abrasions during the incident but is otherwise unharmed and appears healthy.

At this time, it is not clear exactly how (or why) the calf was able to breach her exhibit.

The Sacramento Zoo works to increase awareness of conservation issues that affect eastern bongos and other large animals in African habitats. For more than 20 years the Sacramento Zoo has actively participated in Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Eastern Bongo Species Survival Plan® to cooperatively manage this Critically Endangered species.



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Open since 1927, the Sacramento Zoo is home to more than 500 native, rare and endangered animals and is one of more than 200 accredited institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park, the zoo is wholly managed by the non-profit Sacramento Zoological Society. This Sacramento treasure inspires conservation awareness through education and recreation. Daily admission is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., zoo grounds are open until 5 p.m. General admission is \$14.95; children ages 2-11 are \$9.95 and one and under are admitted free. Parking is free throughout the park or ride Regional Transit bus #6. For information, call 916-808-5888 or visit [saczoo.org](http://saczoo.org).