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Cheetah Brothers, Rowdy & Zig Zag, Arrive at Sacramento Zoo

(Sacramento, CA – April 21, 2021) -- The Sacramento Zoo is thrilled to welcome almost four-year-old cheetah brothers, Rowdy and Zig Zag, who will be on exhibit at the zoo beginning on Friday, April 23.



“The boys” arrived from Wildlife Safari in Winston, Oregon, on Sunday April 11 accompanied by a team of Sac Zoo staff. After their arrival, the brothers were given nearly a week to settle in to their new surroundings off exhibit and allow time for the zoo's animal care and health staff to begin working on a cheetah husbandry and welfare program. Rowdy and Zig Zag were allowed access to their new exhibit this week, without public access of the viewing areas, allowing the brothers a few days to settle into their newly renovated exhibit. Public viewing of these beautiful cats begins on Friday, April 23.

The cheetah habitat is the zoo's former Australia habitat that received some nice upgrades prior to the cheetahs' arrival including lovely green grass, heating elements under their arched shade structures/shelters, a glass panel for up-close viewing, a behind-the-scenes area that will ultimately take guests on specially designed tours to learn more about the cheetahs. These, and other various upgrades were all made possible thanks to wonderful supporters.

The cheetahs' former home, Wildlife Safari, has the most successful cheetah breeding program of any AZA-accredited facility in the nation. We are excited to join our partners across AZA in working with cheetahs, sharing these amazing animals with the public and joining in the care and conservation efforts of this special species for years to come





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Cheetahs inhabit the African savanna but are vulnerable to extinction due to loss of habitat and numerous other human related activities. The cheetah's slender body is built for speed. Accelerating from zero to 45 in just 2.5 seconds, it is the fastest land mammal and can reach top speeds of 60 to 70 mph. Cheetahs can be a very vocal cat. If you listen closely, this bonded pair of brothers can be heard chirping, purring and making many other vocalizations.

Plan a visit to the Sac Zoo to welcome Rowdy and Zig Zag! Make sure to visit "the boys" at their new habitat at the back of the zoo on your next visit! All admission tickets must be reserved in advance online through the zoo's website. No tickets are sold at the door and weekends are selling out.

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Open since 1927, the Sacramento Zoo is home to nearly 500 native, rare and endangered animals and is one of more than 200 accredited institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The Sacramento Zoo, managed by the nonprofit Sacramento Zoological Society, inspires conservation awareness and action through education and recreation. Daily admission is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; zoo grounds are open until 5 p.m. General admission is \$19, children ages 2- 11 are \$14 and children one and under are admitted free. Currently, all tickets must be reserved and purchased online at www.saczoo.org. For information, call 916-808-5888 or visit saczoo.org.

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