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I thank you all for this wonderful opportunity I have had to lead The Maryland Zoo and for your steadfast support of our mission.

I have had the honor and pleasure of leading The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore for more than twelve years. I announced my decision to leave my position last year, and I am sad to note that I will be stepping down from my role as President & CEO at the end of June during these uncertain times.

The Maryland Zoo closed on March 16, 2020 and is still closed as I write this letter to you, our loyal Zoo members who have stuck with us during such uncertain times. I am ever thankful for your support, and I cannot overstate your importance to this organization.

The Zoo has been closed through spring as anticipated, and we do not have any indication as of yet when we might be able to reopen. Sadly, this closure has resulted in a loss of revenue of more than \$3,500,000 dollars from admission ticket sales, special springtime events, rentals, and other income that helps us ensure the high quality educational programs we offer both on and off-grounds, as well as fund our many conservation programs for both local and international species.

On a bright note, the Maryland Zoo of 2020 looks nothing like it did in 2008 when I arrived. There have been so many highlights including the birth of Samson, the first ever African elephant born at the Zoo, the opening of the Giraffe Feeding Station, Prairie Dog Town, Jones Falls Zephyr train, Panamanian golden frog and Hellbender exhibits, the addition of Lemur Lane, grizzly bears, the return of bobcats to the Zoo, Penguin Coast in 2014 and then last year's opening of the newly renovated and expanded lion, giraffe and elephant habitats, the most extensive renovation in the Zoo's history. **None of this would have been possible without you—the community of members, guests, and partners dedicated to supporting the Zoo and its programs.**

I am pleased to note that I leave the Zoo in good hands. This issue of *Zoogram* profiles the Maryland Zoo's incoming President & CEO Kirby Fowler. He has a true love for the Baltimore community, and a lifelong fascination with zoos. I am confident you will find him out on Zoo grounds welcoming visitors, talking to Volunteers and observing the animals in their habitats when the Zoo is once again able to open to the public.

I thank you all for this wonderful opportunity I have had to lead The Maryland Zoo and for your steadfast support of our mission. I hope to see you on my future Zoo visits.

Sincerely,

Don Hutchinson
President/CEO

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Three Trumpeter swan cygnets, hatched this spring, rest beside the pond in the Farmyard.

STUBBY MAKES A MOVE

When “Stubby” the rhino moves around the African Watering Hole, the zebras and ostriches get out of his way. He is 5,000 pounds of muscle and might. He stands six feet at the shoulder and his head alone, with its two very prominent horns, weighs about 2,000 pounds. He is a southern white rhino, the largest of all rhinos and the third largest land animal in the world, dwarfed only by African and Asian elephants.

Stubby has lived at the Maryland Zoo since he was three years old. Now 26, he is a fully mature bull. He may look like a prehistoric tank, but like all rhinos, he is intelligent and social. If he were roaming the grasslands of Africa, he would want to associate himself with a “crash”—a group of related female rhinos and their offspring. Under the right circumstances, he might also belong to a bachelor herd of male rhinos.

Here at the Zoo, Stubby has always had a rhino companion. For the past year, he has been on his own, but the Zoo has been coordinating carefully with the AZA's Species Survival Plan for Southern White Rhinos to ensure that he soon has new and appropriate companionship for a male rhino his age. The date is not yet certain, but the plan is now in place.

Stubby will be moving to a private wildlife conservancy in Florida that cares for a large herd of southern white rhinos. There, for the first time, he will have the opportunity to breed. This will be a significant and positive development not only in his bachelor life but also for his species. Southern white rhinos are classified as “near threatened” by the IUCN, the world's leading conservation organization. Their numbers have improved significantly since the early 20th century when they were thought to be extinct, but their future in the wild is far from guaranteed.

The Zoo will certainly miss Stubby, but he is moving on to an exciting next chapter in his life. Meanwhile, we will continue to care for this remarkable species. After Stubby leaves, two young males will arrive—not to take his place, but to make their own mark on the African Watering Hole.



Conservation Journal

Jennifer Sohl and Kaitlin Studer, two of the Zoo's registered veterinary technicians, traveled to South Africa in January of this year to volunteer at the South African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds (SANCCOB). A longtime conservation partner of the Zoo's, SANCCOB is the world's leading rescue and rehabilitation organization for sick and injured African penguins and other seabirds. For several years running, the Zoo has sent staff to SANCCOB to support its operations.

What was your strongest impression of SANCCOB?

JS: The dedication of the volunteers and interns. They work extremely hard and are very passionate about the work they do.

KS: To me, it was unbelievable to see how many birds came into the center, were rehabbed successfully, and then released.

How were you able to help?

JS: We were able to lend a reliable hand to Dr. Roberts, SANCCOB's veterinarian, and free him up to do other things.

KS: With our skills, we were able to assist right away with daily procedures, blood draws, treatments, and bandaging. This helped keep things efficient in the clinic, even on very busy days.

What was the most difficult aspect of your trip to SANCCOB?

JS: I was exhausted every day because the work was literally nonstop!

KS: Coming face to face with the reality of an endangered species was difficult, and so impactful for me. From working on Day 1 with an emaciated penguin that couldn't find enough food in the wild to helping the vets treat shark and seal bite wounds – the struggles of this species became so real.

What was the most rewarding aspect?

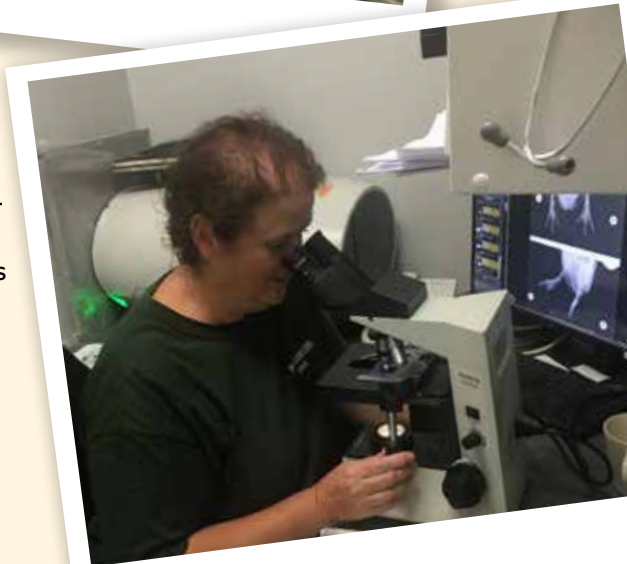
JS: To have worked with African penguins for almost 20 years and then be able to use all I knew to help wild ones was a life dream for me.

KS: The end result—Release Day. That feeling of knowing I played a very small part in an individual penguin getting a second chance back in its natural habitat— that was an experience of a lifetime.

Would you go back?

JS: In a heartbeat!

KS: Any time!



PLAN YOUR NEXT VISIT

The Zoo has been more quiet than usual recently, but we are ready for the sound of voices to return. Thank you for your support during our recent, unprecedented closure. While we were closed but still caring, we really enjoyed hearing from you. Now we can't wait to see you!

While planning your next visit, please check the Zoo's website – www.MarylandZoo.org – for timely updates on events, programs, exhibits, and improvements.

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Creature Encounters: Start your visit at the Zoo's outdoor education center, where you may encounter Animal Ambassadors.

Penguin Feedings: Twice a day, keepers feed the penguins while you enjoy an educational narration.

Education Stations, Keeper chats, Giraffe Feeding, goat grooming, carousel and train rides are all temporarily suspended as a safety precaution.

JULY

Breakfast with Chimps
Break bread with the troop.
July 11
8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
\$ R

Sofa Safari
For children entering grades 1 - 3
July 13 - 17
9 a.m. – 10 a.m. &
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
\$R

Yoga at the Zoo
Vinyasa, then visit.
July 18 & 25
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
\$ R

Breakfast with Lions
Start your day with coffee and a roar.
July 19
8:30a.m. – 10 a.m.
\$ R

Sofa Safari
For children entering grades 1 - 3
July 27- 31
9 a.m. - 10 a.m. &
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
\$R

AUGUST

Breakfast with Giraffes
Browse a delicious menu.
August 1
8:30a.m. – 10 a.m.
\$ R

Sofa Safari
For children entering grades 4 - 6
August 3 - 7
9 a.m. - 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. -
12 p.m.
\$R

Sofa Safari
For children entering grades 4 - 6
August 10 - 14
9 a.m. - 10 a.m. &
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
\$R

Breakfast in Africa
Graze with zebras and antelopes.
August 16
8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
\$ R

Sunrise Yoga at the Zoo
Strike a pose.
August 22
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
\$ R

Twilight Family Stroll
Bring your friends, family, and flashlight!
August 22
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
\$ R

Breakfast with Giraffes
Bring a big appetite.
August 23
8:30a.m. – 10 a.m.
\$ R

Zoo Snooze Family Overnight
Sleeping bags and S'mores
August 29
6 p.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Penguin Education Center
\$ R

Sunset Yoga at the Zoo
Can you say downward dog?
June 27
TBD
\$ R

SEPTEMBER

Zoo Bop*
Kid-friendly music festival
September 5
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Waterfowl Lake
\$ R
* Subject to change

Breakfasts with Elephants
Pancakes with pachyderms, perhaps?
September 6
8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
\$ R

Zoo Snooze SCOUT Overnight
A scouts-only campout!
September 12
6 p.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Penguin Education Center
\$ R

Breakfast with Bears
A polar and grizzly delight
September 12
8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
\$ R

Breakfast with Penguins
Sip your juice, sight a penguin.
September 26
8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
\$ R



Each Sofa Safari week will include a small group of participants to ensure a personal, interactive experience. Children will tour the Zoo from a whole new perspective—right from the comfort of your home!

Become wildlife researchers, looking for animal tracks and signs through participatory games and activities. You even have the opportunity to meet a variety of the Zoo's animal ambassadors!

Register for your week of fun at www.marylandzoo.org/sofa

MEMBER MORNINGS are back!

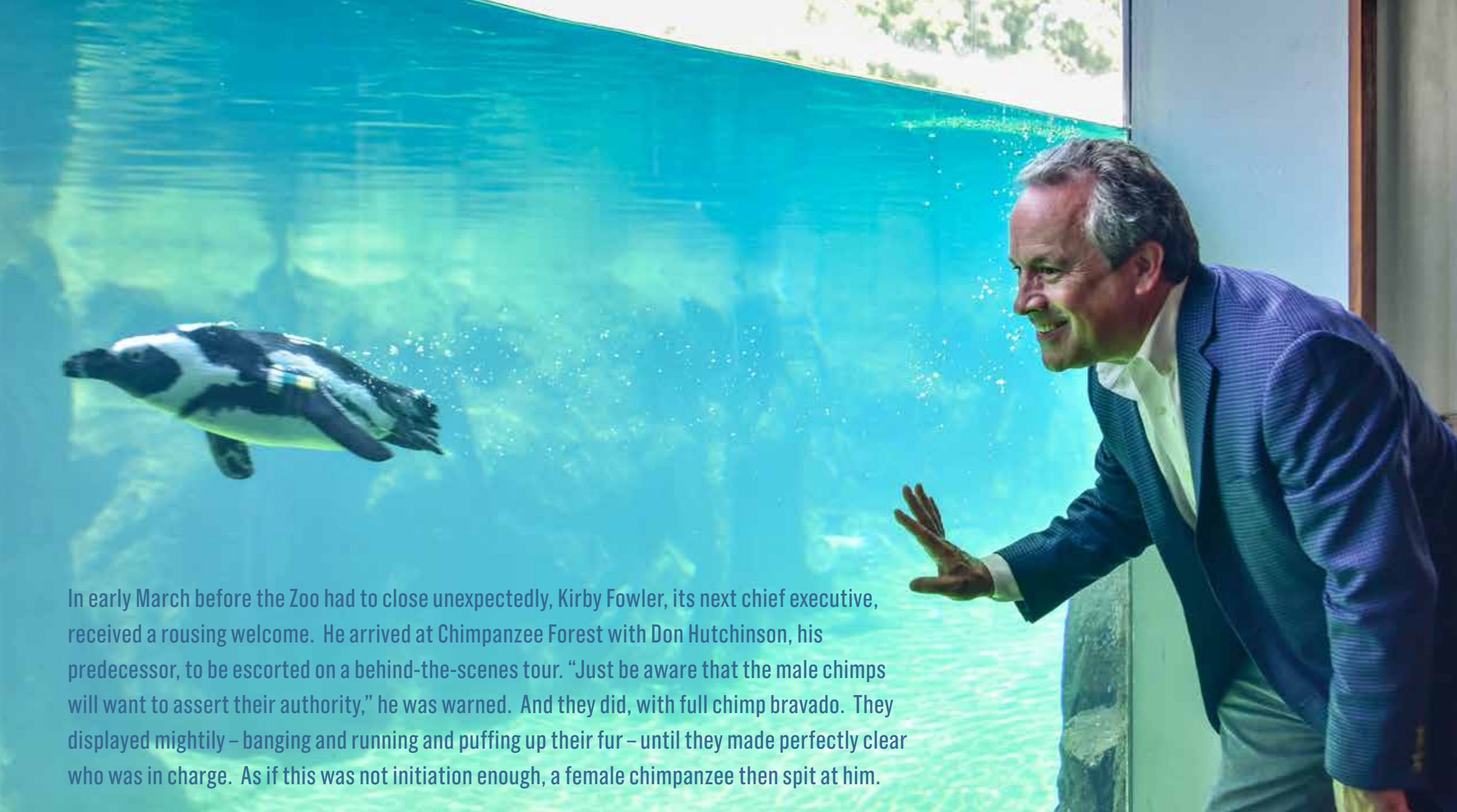
On the first weekend of every month, members can now register for a 9:30 a.m. time slot!

Train and carousel are temporarily suspended as a health and safety precaution.

LOOK TO THE FUTURE

By Sarah Evans





In early March before the Zoo had to close unexpectedly, Kirby Fowler, its next chief executive, received a rousing welcome. He arrived at Chimpanzee Forest with Don Hutchinson, his predecessor, to be escorted on a behind-the-scenes tour. “Just be aware that the male chimps will want to assert their authority,” he was warned. And they did, with full chimp bravado. They displayed mightily – banging and running and puffing up their fur – until they made perfectly clear who was in charge. As if this was not initiation enough, a female chimpanzee then spit at him.

Fowler took it in stride, which bodes extremely well for the future. “I guess I was looking away,” he says, “and apparently she wanted my attention. I’ll admit, it’s a good way to get attention.”

For the past 16 years, Fowler has been very good at getting attention for his adoptive city as president of the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore. He and his team oversaw the transformation of Downtown into the City’s fastest growing neighborhood, successfully advocated for adaptive reuse of more than 70 major properties, spearheaded the revitalization of parks and plazas, led the reinvention of the Pratt Street corridor, teamed with the City to launch the popular Charm City Circulator, and expanded homeless outreach services, among other initiatives. Fowler also led the creation of the Station North and Bromo Tower arts districts, launched Baltimore Restaurant Week, and oversaw the rebirth of the City’s public markets.

At the end of June, when Fowler takes the helm as the next president and CEO of the Maryland Zoo, his leadership experience will serve him well. Many of the skills and relationships that he has formed along the way will translate readily to his new job. He acknowledges that he has much to learn about animal management and zoo operations, but he is looking forward to the challenge.

“Globally speaking, my job at the Downtown Partnership was to attract people—residents and employers—to particular locations in Baltimore. And that’s very much what I will continue to do at the Zoo—attract people to this amazing place, to this amazing asset in the City—so there’s consistency there,” he says. “But I also learned long ago that you have to be humble going into any new organization, particularly one that has been working really well, like the Zoo. You have to sit and listen, and learn from the experts around you.”

FROM TURTLE BACK TO DRUID HILL

Fowler grew up going to the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange, New Jersey, about 45 minutes from his hometown of Flemington. A long, thick, gift shop pencil topped with a turtle became one of his prized possessions. “I had it for a very long time,” he admits. “I may still have it, in fact.” In middle school, he and a friend raised money for a local charity by creating their own backyard safari. They made cutouts of bobcats and snakes and then invited friends and neighbors over to enjoy the adventure for a small donation. Perhaps these were early glimmers of Fowler’s future as a zoo executive, but he didn’t know it at the time.

Entering college, his thoughts were on diplomacy. He majored in political science, mastered Russian, chose law school over the Foreign Service, and moved to Baltimore in 1991 to clerk for a federal judge. At the end of his clerkship, he moved away for a few months but soon came

rushing back. “I had fallen in love with Baltimore during those two years and hadn’t really realized it,” he admits. As it turns out, he had also fallen in love with his future wife, Carmina Perez. They married in 1996 and have raised their two daughters, Tory and Maya, here.

Before joining the Downtown Partnership in 2004, Fowler worked as an attorney and as a member of then Mayor Martin O’Malley’s economic development team. Over the past two decades, he has become eminently familiar with Baltimore’s cultural assets and attractions, and in his opinion, the Zoo sits high on that list. He credits Hutchinson and the Zoo’s Board of Trustees with dramatically improving



the Zoo’s campus over the past 12 years, expanding and supporting its wildlife conservation mission, and drawing increasingly positive attention to the Zoo.

A DOSE OF TLC

Fowler’s more personal interest in the Zoo was piqued by his eldest daughter, Tory. She signed on as a Zoo Teen in 2016 and, over the course of three years, gave 340 hours of volunteer service to the Zoo. She helped found the Teen Leadership Council, which engages teens in conservation projects at the Zoo and in the community. She was also the architect of “A Dose of TLC,” a quarterly newsletter written by and for Zoo Teens, and the game TabZoo.



“It’s our favorite game of all time,” says Volunteer Manager Emily Cross-Barnet. “It’s essentially the game Taboo, but with zoo-themed cards. We still play it at all gatherings and overnights, and it’s a great training tool for new volunteers.”

What impressed Fowler the most, though, was his daughter’s sudden affinity for horticulture. “She was all of a sudden pulling weeds at the Zoo,” he jokes, “and I thought, ‘It’s amazing that someone is finally getting her to do that!’” Tory shared her many positive experiences as a Zoo volunteer with her father and has gone on to major in environmental studies in college. “You can see directly how her experience at the Zoo led to her choosing a major that has these broad conservation and sustainability implications,” says Fowler. “It’s clear that zoos can have a profound impact in attracting more young people into these professions.”

During his many trips back and forth to pick Tory up, Fowler began thinking more and more about the Zoo and his own next career move. When he learned in the spring of 2019 that Hutchinson would be stepping down, he decided to submit his resume for consideration. Months later, after a rigorous vetting process, he received the



offer. “I was so impressed by the Board members I met through that process,” recalls Fowler. “It got me even more excited about the job. I don’t think I’ve met Board members as engaged and knowledgeable or as passionate about their service to an organization.”

PIVOT TO PENGUINS, PELICANS, PACHYDERMS AND MORE

The Board is equally enthusiastic about Fowler. “Kirby was chosen to lead The Maryland Zoo because of his depth and breadth of experience in non-profit leadership, his passion for the Zoo and our conservation mission, and his tremendous energy and enthusiasm for the City of Baltimore,” said Board Chair Jennifer

Lowry. “We have full confidence that he will uphold our position as an outstanding cultural, educational, and conservation organization, and provide strong, steady leadership through this exciting and pivotal period for the Zoo.”

Fowler has already started his listening tour, and it began with Don Hutchinson, whose knowledge and commitment to the Zoo are unmatched. Hutchinson has made clear that running a zoo is complex and challenging. “But Don also confirmed that this is likely going to be the best job that I have in my lifetime,” says Fowler. “And I believe it!”

BACKYARD DRAGONS

Summer is a great time to look for dragonflies. These insect acrobats come in all colors of the rainbow and can fly forwards, backwards, and even upside down! You’ll find them near water when it’s warm outside.

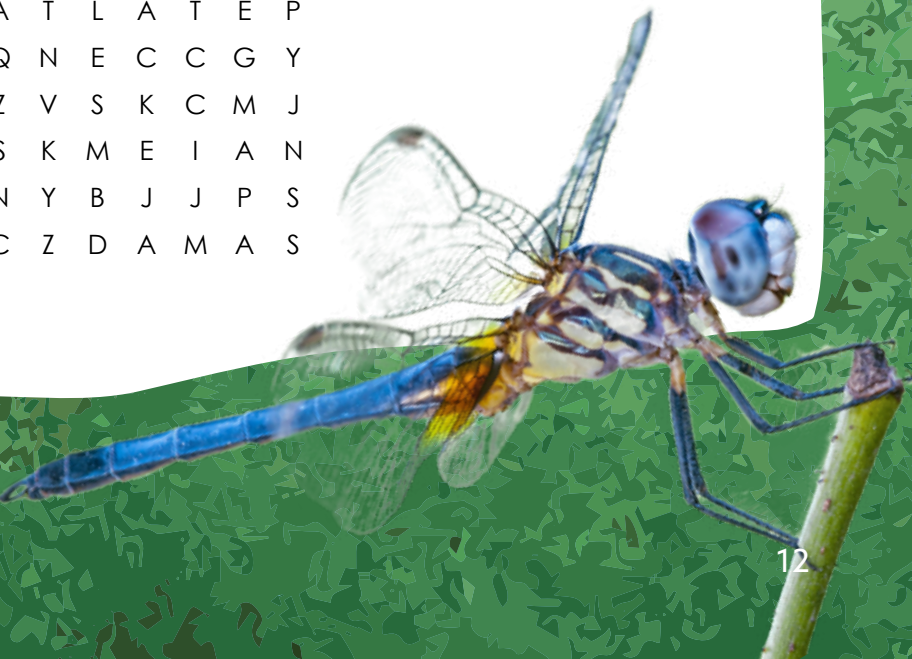
Think of dragonflies as the hawks or eagles of the insect world. They won’t sting or bite you, but they are super predators. They eat smaller flying insects, including pesky gnats and mosquitos, so they’re good to have around.

Before you go outside to search for backyard dragons, see if you can find the names of the seven main types found in Maryland.

MARYLAND DRAGONFLIES

F B Y I N M X B S D P A Q S W
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R A K Q J Z A D Q K E O W I H
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E F I G R S P O S B X D J B I
R H V E H Y L K L P J Q T U U
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R E V U S M C C A L M O M C E
U A G B M S L I A T L A T E P
I B Z E S N E E Q N E C C G Y
S I R D C S I Z Z V S K C M J
E S D A R N E R S K M E I A N
R Y N Y E H Y L N Y B J J P S
S A O O A Q L B C Z D A M A S

- Petaltails
- Darners
- Clubtails
- Spiketails
- River cruisers
- Emeralds
- Pond skimmers



EMERGENCY ZOO

By Sarah Evans

The Zoo is unlike any other institution in the City or the State in that it is an enormous and primarily outdoor sanctuary to more than 1,500 living creatures. We keep going no matter what, 365 days per year without fail.

These words were written about the Maryland Zoo more than a decade ago, in the wake of two epic back-to-back snowstorms in February 2010 that came to be known as “Snowmageddon.” The words are as true today as they were then. No matter what, your zoo finds a way to care for its animals. It is not by luck or on the fly that the Zoo continues to function in every emergency. It is because of careful, calculated planning; regular drills; and extraordinary collective experience when it comes to carrying on.

Snowmageddon is a case in point. The storm-turned-blizzard dropped more than three feet of snow on Baltimore over the span of five days, freezing the city in place. Zoo staff worked through the night for the duration, trying to stay ahead of the snowfall. Animal staff brought

in toothbrushes and sleeping bags, slept on the Mansion House porch, and woke each day to shovel their way around campus to care for animals. The challenges were immense, but everyone knew what to do and did it without complaint.

“We have established standard protocols for dealing with a number of emergencies,” notes Assistant General Curator Margaret Rose-Innes. “We know what needs to be in place in case of limited access, difficulty traveling, and what we need to think about in terms of animal needs and medical care.”

Zoo staff are seasoned weather warriors. Many have also participated in intensive animal cases that require unwavering attention and sometimes overnight care, potentially for

weeks or even months. Some staff have taken their skills beyond the borders of Druid Hill Park to help in emergency situations across the world. In 2018, Dr. Ellen Bronson, Senior Director of Animal Health, Conservation & Research, traveled to Bolivia to assist in a daring and difficult rescue of several endangered river dolphins. Just last year, Area Manager Jess Phillips traveled to South Africa to work round the clock for weeks on the rehabilitation of several hundred abandoned lesser flamingo chicks.

The Zoo is so experienced in crisis management that it has even counseled Maryland reservists with the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps. Drawing from personal experience, Karl Kranz, the Zoo’s Chief Operations Officer and Executive Vice President of Animal Programs, effectively described how to run an “emergency zoo” in a war zone, during a natural disaster, and through other extraordinary duress.

PLANNING FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

The Zoo, like the rest of the world, is now facing a crisis

of extraordinary magnitude. The novel coronavirus that triggered a global pandemic and brought most of the world to a desperate standstill reached the Zoo’s front gate on March 16. That is the day that the Zoo officially closed to the public, in adherence with social distancing guidance from local, state, and federal authorities.

Zoo staff began planning for the coronavirus crisis weeks earlier, though. Dr. Bronson first read about the virus in January on a medical listserv covering disease outbreaks around the world. The Commissary team, led by Andrew Young, began stocking extra food for the animals just in case. The Zoo now has a year’s supply of fish and meat on ice and procured grain to last several weeks as well as durable produce such as apples, sweet potatoes, and kale to get through any supply interruption. “We feel fairly confident that won’t happen, though,” said Bronson, “because the entire agricultural and animal feed sector has been designated essential by federal and state governments.”



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By mid-February, anticipating a possible shutdown due to local emergence of the virus, veterinary and animal care staff were working in earnest to adapt standard emergency protocols to the developing situation. They coordinated closely with Zoo President Don Hutchinson and his team of advisors, while also touching base with colleagues at zoos and aquariums around the country.

“We worked everything out and had the plan finalized before the Zoo closed to the public,” said Rose-Innes. “While our plan closely mirrors what a lot of other institutions are doing, it also reflects what we came up with internally, knowing our own circumstances and knowing what we needed to have in place.”

PRIORITIZING STAFF HEALTH

The principle tenets of the plan were to prioritize staff health, practice social distancing, and prepare for the eventuality of staff calling out sick from the virus. The

strategy was to minimize contact between departments and split staff within key departments—Animal, Veterinary Hospital, and Commissary—into separate teams that would work independently of each other on different days.

“Everything is about making sure that we can meet the animals’ needs. We needed to prioritize taking care of the staff so that we always had someone on grounds to care for the animals and to provide for their welfare,” explains Rose-Innes. “We also had to minimize interaction between staff as much as possible so that if someone did go out sick, exposure would be contained to just a few people and the rest of the staff could take up their load.”

Staff on grounds also intensified their already robust disinfection routines. At the beginning and end of every shift, in addition to normal disinfection practices in animal areas, they would sanitize all commonly touched items and surfaces such as radios, golf carts, doorknobs, and keys.

SIMPLIFYING AND PARING DOWN

Just as life for those stuck at home during the coronavirus crisis became at once simplified and more complicated, so too did life at the Zoo. In order to manage the daily workload with fewer hands on deck, animal care and veterinary staffs pared down their to-do lists. Veterinary staff still tended to sick animals and provided essential medical services, but rescheduled wellness exams for later.

“We’re trying to find creative ways to reduce contact between teams and between staff members and to save personal protective equipment like gloves and masks for the healthcare field,” said Bronson, “but some things can’t wait. We’re in the middle of vaccinations for all the birds for West Nile virus, and that needs to happen because the mosquitoes are going to come no matter what.”

Meanwhile, animal care staff worked longer days throughout the crisis in order to continue doing what they always do for the animals. They could manage daily routines with greater flexibility while the Zoo was closed to the public, but still had to accommodate new emergency protocols. Other essential staff also reported to work to maintain the Zoo’s campus but minimized contact with those caring for animals.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

The most trying part of this particular crisis—as just about everyone now knows—was having to stay socially isolated from friends and co-workers. Even while working in the same area of the Zoo, staff interacted with each other as little as possible. This meant sticking to assigned tasks, eating lunch alone, and socially distancing when off duty, too.

“Everyone on the veterinary staff is used to being flexible and used to unpredictability because that’s how we always work,” said Bronson. “But it has been a little lonely. We’re a really close-knit team and we thrive on that camaraderie and pulling together when times get tough. That’s exactly what we can’t do right now, and it’s hard.”

Rose-Innes completely agreed. “When a situation like this arises, though, I never fail to be impressed by the response of the staff,” she added. “In all the conversations we’ve had with them, what comes to the front of their minds is animal care and being able to continue the animal care. They are all passionate and devoted to what they do, and they understand how critical they are to the wellbeing of our animals. It just reminds me how extraordinary they all are.”

LIFE CARRIES ON

Beyond staff commitment, if there could be a silver lining to this crisis, it came from the animals themselves. Shortly before leaving the Zoo to start working from home, I took an afternoon walk on grounds. A groundhog stood sentinel outside the Maryland Building, which houses the Zoo’s Education Department. White-tailed deer fed quietly on the hillside. Squirrels chased each other down the African Journey boardwalk while the flamingos kept up their raucous chatter. Dozens of African penguins, hungry for fish, surrounded three keepers on their island. And the roar of the male lion still carried across the park. The animals calmly carried on with their lives, imparting a sense of better times to come.

From Left: (1) Penguin keepers feed our colony of African penguins. (2) Commissary staff adorning PPE prepares diets for animals. (3) Lion Keeper leads husbandry training with female lioness, Zuri. (4) Masks created by volunteer staff are given to the Zoo’s hospital team.



It's been a long time since we saw you, and we can't wait to welcome you back to the Zoo.



We are grateful for your tremendous support during these unprecedented times. Even while closed to the public, we continued to care for all of the animals at the Zoo, and we could not have done it without you!

Thank you for your patience and consideration, for your kind and encouraging words, for staying connected, and for your generous support – which is now more important than ever.

Together, let's share some joy and spread some joy! Make tracks to the Zoo as soon as you're able, and encourage a friend to become a Zoo member. The benefits are still as awesome as ever, including:

- **FREE and unlimited year-round visits**
- **25% off all guest passes**
- **Exclusive savings on Penguin Encounters and other Zoo activities**
- **Discounts on special events, including Breakfasts and Brew at the Zoo**
- **Discounted admission to more than 150 other zoos and aquariums**



FROM OUR TRUNKS TO YOURS

After canceling the Maryland Zoo's largest fundraiser, we wanted to create a new opportunity to celebrate the spirit of Brew at the Zoo with new health and social distancing guidelines in mind. This fundraiser is a unique opportunity to drive your vehicle through the Zoo after hours, see some animals, and take home a package of brew goods.

BUY TICKETS: WWW.MARYLANDZOO.ORG/BREWTHRU

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