



# What's New At Noah's Ark?

### Fall'ing in Love with Pumpkin Enrichment

It's pumpkin season, and everyone here is head over paws for some pumpkin-tastic fun! Fall is in the air and everyone is enjoying the cool weather and beautiful blue skies. Just like we care for our animals physically, their mental happiness and stimulation is just as important. Exploring new scents and sparking curiosity helps stimulate a wide range of natural behaviors. We never know what our animal friends might do with a new toy - like a pumpkin?!



A delectable Autumn treat was prepared for our residents. . .Pumpkin Enrichment!! Chicken legs have been coated with vitamin and joint supplement powder, making it an even healthier treat.



Gabby, one of our Bengal tigers enjoying some chicken tucked into her pumpkin.



We are on a mission to "squash" boredom and keep our furry friends entertained with these orange beauties. Baloo dug deep into his pumpkin to find juicy orange slices at the bottom. He chews with his mouth open, but please don't think he is rude.



Libby loving her pumpkin enrichment in so many ways!

Libby tore into her pumpkin to devour its contents, then used it as a ball, rolling it down the hill with her paws and into the creek with a splash! What fun exercise.

#### **OUR VET VISITS THE AVIARIES**



On September 17th the nation celebrated National Pet Bird Day to educate current and potential bird owners about the responsibilities and commitments that come with having a companion bird and to unite bird lovers.

Birds make up the largest group of animals who live here at Noah's Ark and many of them did indeed begin their lives as pets in homes.

We celebrated National Pet Bird Day by having our attending vet and a team of avian experts come out to do some regular maintenance and wellness check-ups for our feathered residents.

Over 10 species of birds enrich our daily lives here including 4 colors of macaws, 5 types of conures, 2 types of cockatoos, love birds, parakeets, cockatiels, and budgerigars.

They had a full day of getting pampered and fluffed. Each bird was carefully caught, weighed, and given a physical including a pedi/beaki (the bird version of a mani/pedi).

Their beaks were gently shaved down to a rounded tip and their sharp talons were filed to prevent any accidental scratching.



Each macaw is weighed, given a body condition exam, and a pedi/beaki. She didn't want to leave the scale!



Even with lots of chew toys in their habitats, routine beak and nail trims are necessary to maintain a healthy flock.

A few of our birds stood out during the process. One elderly scarlet macaw observed all the proceedings. He sat on a perch above the vet table and closely watched their interactions with his peers.

Another scarlet macaw enjoyed the attention so much that she had to be "encouraged" to leave the scale. She took full advantage of her time in the spotlight, turning this way and that way tomshow off her beautiful plumage. And a bonded pair of military macaws stole all our hearts with their strong connection.

As each half of the duo were examined, the other sat close by, unwilling to be separated even for a short time.

Our feathered friends were weighed, trimmed, and clipped. It was a wonderful day of feathered fun, and part of what we do each and everyday to carefully monitor our animal residents and ensure their long-term health and happiness.

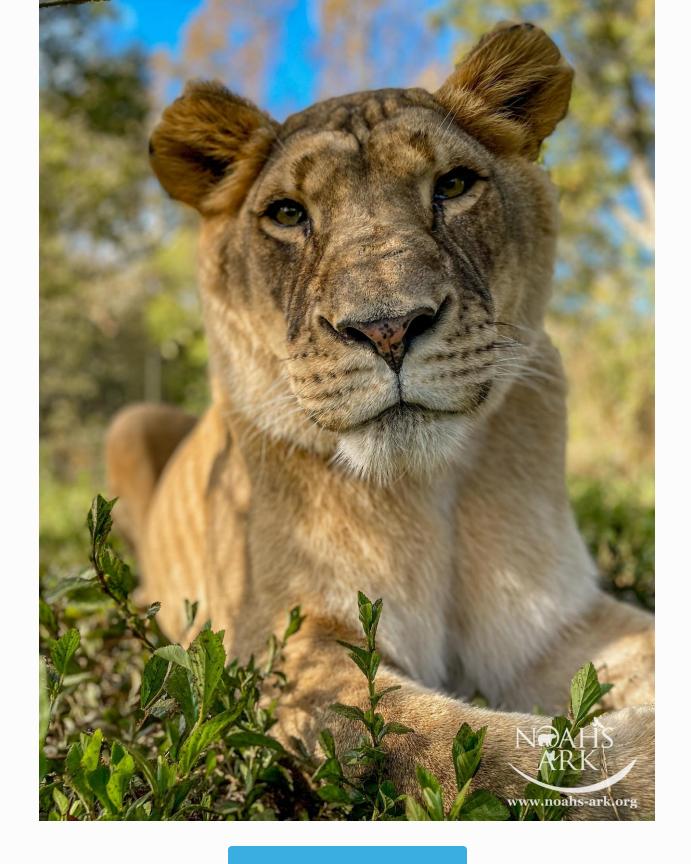


A bonded pair keeps a watchful eye on each other. Due to their protective nature, one parrot must be crated while its partner receives their well-check.

# Support Noah's Ark

Please consider being a part of our preventative medical program by donating to our vet care fund to help pay veterinary costs for all the animals of Noah's Ark.

#### **FIELD TRIPS NOW OPEN!**



**GET MORE INFO** 

Don't Forget to Sign Up for Our Walk on the Wildside Tours!



**BOOK A WOW TOUR** 

## **CURRENT NEEDS**





IN NEED OF

#### UTV\*

\*In Good Working Condition

Our keeper staff need utility task vehicles (UTV) in good working condition to aid in feeding our animals and transporting supplies from our holding sheds.

Our faithful companions, a 15-year-old golf cart and a worn-out 15-year-old Ford Focus station wagon, have served us well but are in desperate need of retirement.



Our hard working Patti-Wagon, a 15 year-old Fort Focus, has been a treasured member of the team, even when sticks are used o prop up her ailing parts.

### Give the Gift of Love



We are incredibly thankful to our donors who have purchased supplies, toys, food and more from our AMAZON Wishlist. These donations are critical to our daily operations, and make a big difference in offsetting our cash costs. Thank you!

#### **CHECK OUT OUR WISHLISTS**

#### Fun Facts About Noah's Ark

Our residents consume 75-100 lbs of produce EVERY WEEK!

Our carnivores consume over 300lbs of meat EVERY WEEK!

Our energy bill is around \$7k EVERY MONTH!

#### Are you following our new Facebook Page?

Baloo And Friends will keep you up to date on what's going on at Noah's Ark. Our last page was pirated sadly, so we are beginning a new journey and would love for you to help us grow.

Love watching animals having fun?

We post new videos often!

**Check out our <u>Youtube Channel</u>** 

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#### 3 YEARS IN A ROW

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