



### **Every Day is Earth Day At Noah's Ark**

Next week on April 22 citizens from around the world will celebrate Earth Day, a special day of the year dedicated to the preservation, protection, and enjoyment of our precious planet.

Here at Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary, each and every day is Earth Day. We celebrate our land, our plants and animals, and each other every day. On behalf of all the rescued animals that call Noah's Ark their forever home, we are thankful for the thousands of visitors who come here each year to find peace, discover nature, love and laugh. Our 250 acres are an oasis and provide an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city and a respite from technology. Scientists have proven that time spent outdoors is healing, relieves stress and is therapeutic. In fact, doctors are writing "Nature RX" prescriptions for patients to get outside.

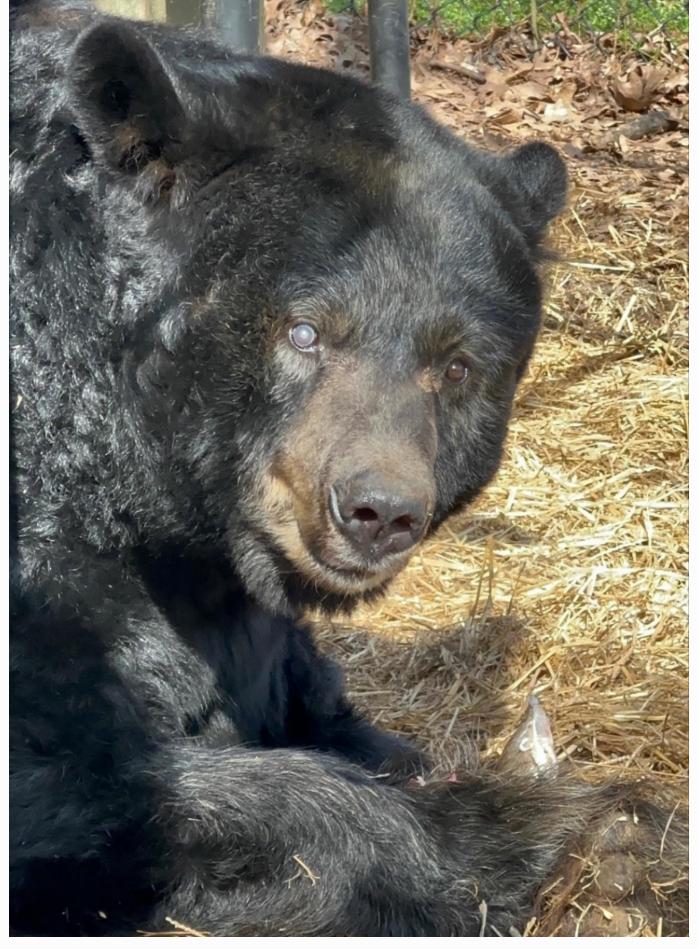
Take a moment for yourself each day to step outside. Take a break from the noise of the everyday and listen to nature. Feel the warm sunshine on your face, or smell the spring rain. Take a deep breath, close your eyes, and be grateful for the moment.

#### Every day is Earth Day!

Take the time to let nature be a part of your day and you will be rewarded with the healing powers of our beloved plants and animals. Thank you again for being a part of the Noah's Ark family, and for celebrating our beautiful mother EARTH.

Come and visit us if you can – you will be rewarded with love from our animal residents.

### Meet Tuffy, Our 27 Year-Old Black Bear



Tuffy enjoying his 'Fresh Fish Friday' special.

Meet Tuffy, our 27-year-old American black bear. Born in 1997, Tuffy's journey to us was one paved with hardship.

For the majority of his early life, he endured the confines of captivity and poor living conditions as a privately owned pet. It wasn't until 2014, after being confiscated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and a six-month legal battle, that Tuffy found sanctuary with us.

Due to the trauma and neglect of his prolonged confinement, Tuffy exhibited severe stereotypical behaviors when he came to us such as constantly pacing in circles—a poignant reminder of his years of stress and isolation. Over the years with adequate space, enrichment, and the tender care of our devoted team, we've witnessed a remarkable transformation in Tuffy.

His days are filled with gentle exploration, basking in the warmth of the sun, and reveling in the simple pleasures of his surroundings. He no longer paces as much, has become much more social, and has found relief through his anti-anxiety medication which is closely monitored by his vet. There's a particular joy in watching Tuffy roll and frolic in fresh piles of woodchips—a simple pleasure that belies his years and brings warmth to our hearts.

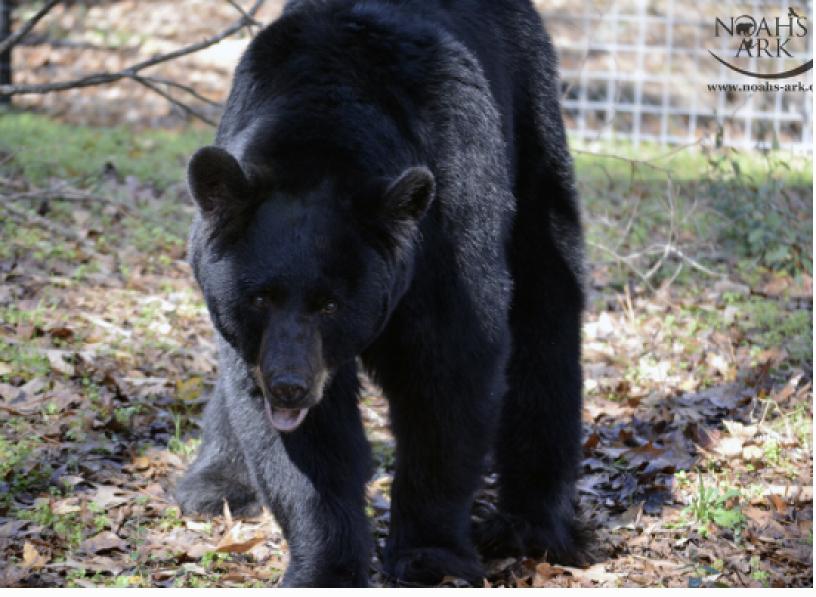






As Tuffy journeys into his golden years, blind in one eye due to cataracts and contending with arthritis, his needs have evolved. We are currently working to relocate him from his sloping habitat to a flatter area, tailored to accommodate his arthritis and ensure his continued comfort and safety.

Please join us in ensuring Tuffy's story continues to be one of hope, transformation, and the enduring joy of second chances by donating to his medical costs and habitat renovation. Your generosity will help illuminate the path forward for Tuffy and our many senior residents, allowing them to live out their days with dignity and love.



Tuffy in his younger days—he has always been a handsome bear.

# Golden Years' Fund

## **Birthday Corner**



Little Anna (Black Bear) 13th Birthday



Oscar (Silver Fox) 10th Gotcha Anniversary



Baby (Brown Lemur) 24th Birthday

Supporting Noah's Ark allows our staff to provide the daily care our residents need, with some extra flair for those special days.

Support Noah's Ark

# SAVE THE DATE

Grand Re-Opening
Saturday, May 4th
10am-3pm

#### Counting down to our Grand Re-Opening!

With less than 4 weeks to go until the big day, excitement is in the air. As we gear up for this momentous occasion, we're reaching out to our community for support. Volunteers are crucial to getting our sanctuary ready for the big day and ensuring our daily visitors receive a warm welcome.

ATTENTION VENDORS: For those interested in showcasing their products or services, we still have vendor spots available for a small fee of \$25. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with the community and be part of a day that promises to be full of joy and celebration. To secure your spot, please get in touch with Selena at <a href="mailto:SELENA@noahs-ark.org">SELENA@noahs-ark.org</a> by the 20th.

We also invite everyone to come and visit us on the day of the re-opening. It's an opportunity to witness the joy and wonder of Noah's Ark as we embark on a new chapter. Make sure to sign up and mark your calendars for a day filled with fun, community spirit, and a shared love for our animal residents.

We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming you back and sharing this special day with all of you.



# **Current Needs**



Our greatest need is a **commercial grade mower** to keep the habitat areas maintained and our grounds looking nice for our visitors. Please contact us noahs@noahs-ark.org if you would like more information.

We have also done some Spring cleaning to our wishlist and have updated it with items that we are in the greatest need for.

**CHECK OUT OUR WISHLISTS** 

#### **Have Fun & Spend Time With Animals**



Looking for a unique volunteer opportunity for your church, school, or corporate work group? Noah's Ark welcomes groups of all kinds for volunteer opportunities with cleaning, landscaping and general maintenance. We are also looking for animal lovers to be Habitat Ambassadors and greet guests as they tour Noah's Ark. If you are looking for a fun and rewarding way to donate your time and talent to help care for our beloved animals, please call or email

Danielle here at the Ark: 770-957-0888 extension 204 or dsizemore@noahs-ark.org

## **WOW TOURS Now On Goupon!**

Wow Tours are now available on our website and **Groupon**.

Want to book a field trip or summer camp outing? Make it a wild adventure with Noah's Ark.

Click on the button below for more information.

**BOOK A TOUR** 

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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4 YEARS IN A ROW

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