

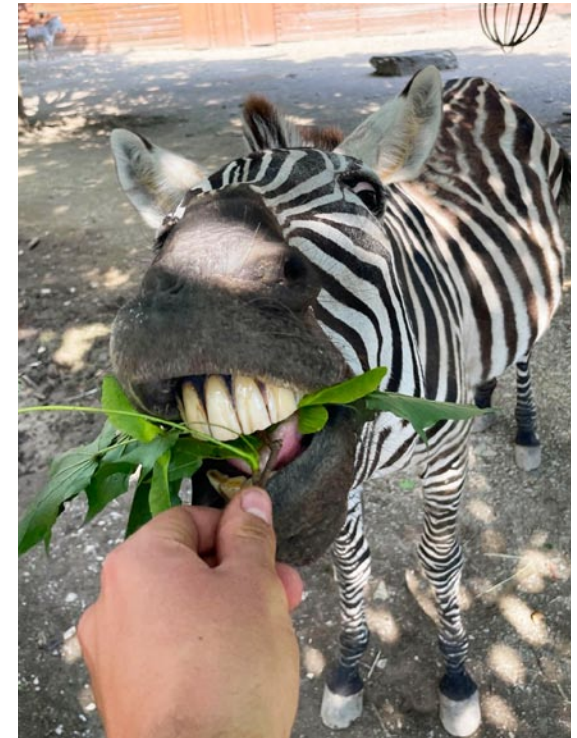
LV Zoo Welcomes A New Eland, While Mourning The Loss Of One Of Its Oldest Residents

Lehigh Valley Health Network is the Official Motherhood Partner of the LV Zoo

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SCHNECKSVILLE, PA. — Lehigh Valley Zoo in conjunction with Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), is thrilled to announce the birth of a male Common Eland born to mother Alexis and father Code. The Zoo is also excited to announce his name is Stacks, named by a Zoo donor. Stacks was born on Thanksgiving, Nov. 27.

This birth brings the eland herd up to five members. Just last January, another male calf, David, was born to mother Moira and father Code. Eland social structure maintains a hierarchy of males, and the highest-ranking male is the



main breeder.


Eland pregnancies last between eight and nine months, which gave the Animal Care and Veterinary staff time to be prepared for his arrival. The calf and its mother were kept in a separate space to allow the two to bond and to also give the calf time to nurse, grow and strengthen before being introduced to the rest of the herd. The calf has since had an examination by LV Zoo's Veterinary team and was found to be a healthy male, weighing 75 pounds. As the second largest antelope species, a full grown male common eland can weigh over two tons.

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Unfortunately, shortly after the eland birth, the zoo experienced the loss of one of its oldest residents, Plains Zebra, Glenda, who was approximately 26 years old when she passed on Dec. 2. Born in Texas, Glenda moved to the LV Zoo in 2007. Throughout her time in Schnecksville, Animal Care staff found that she was always very sassy and spirited. Glenda lived with the Zoo's ostrich, Bane, and her zebra herd-mate, Rylea. They spent their days grazing together and were known to spend a lot of time right in front of the habitat at the guest viewing area. While zebra can be a difficult animal to train, Glenda was an eager participant. She was known to run to the fence to meet her keeper for a session.

Staff and guests have had the pleasure of visiting with Glenda for over 18 years, and she will definitely be missed.

Guests can visit whole eland herd, along with the other Zoo residents, during its daytime hours of Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. LV Zoo will be closed Dec. 24-25, as well as Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Tickets can be purchased at lvzoo.org.



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