

Names, Sex, Birth Dates, Status, Anecdotes

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African Rift Valley

African Lion: ICUN - Vulnerable

Lomela F 11 July 07, **Abuto** M 28 July 11, **Boma** M 25 June 15, **Aslan** M 25 June 15, **Elsa** F 25 June 15

Lion anecdotes:

- treats include Little Friskies cat food and whip cream from a can
- Elsa plays "attack the buffalo" on cue. She is the "feistiest" of the siblings even though she is the smallest at 340 pounds. Lives with Abuto and Lomela.
- Abuto is the dominate male, 540 pounds. Abuto means hidden. When he was born, keepers were unaware of him for several weeks because he was hidden in the enclosure. He has kidney issues and is under vet care. Does voluntary blood draws.
- Male lions, Boma and Aslan, will "spoon" at night. One of them "cleans up" his area at night by putting all their enrichment items back where they "belong"
- Boma is the largest sibling but not the bravest - he lets his brother check out things first; darker, freckles on nose. He will head rub on the fence of his enclosure for his favorite keepers. Quick learner. Favorite game: "where's your toy?" - he "finds toys" slowly. Abuto does same behavior "with gusto"
- Lomela is the pride mother: Boma, Aslan and Elsa are littermates born at CMZ - parents are Abuto and Lomela. Angie and Elson (for patrons who have been following our pride for a long time...) were their grandparents and the last wild born lions CMZ has had - from S. Africa
- Our lions are currently well represented genetically in the SSP program and are therefore on birth control
- Boma (470 pounds) and Aslan (440 pounds) are young males and cannot be in the same area as Abuto - we therefore have 2 mini-prides

- Aslan has a crinkly right ear, mellow personality, more vocal. Does voluntary blood draws. Favorite toy = 55 gallon drums, he drags them to den area
- Lions don't typically love water... the keepers discovered that they do, however enjoy bubble baths!!
- heated rocks available in their enclosure help to keep them warm during cool days and simulate rocky outcroppings in their native environment
- When training Abuto one day the keepers asked him to "get a toy" - he bopped Zwena on her butt with his nose... she wasn't amused! The keepers didn't reward him for thinking Zwena was a "toy"

African Spurred Tortoise/Sulcata Tortoise: IUCN - Vulnerable

Chobe M 1 July 99 and **Chupi M**- siblings but don't live together - they burrow and knock over rocks in their enclosure

- Chobe was stepped on by a giraffe and has a rebuilt shell which was glued and clamped in place. It needs to be refitted regularly.

Rock Hyrax: IUCN - Least Concern

most active in the late afternoon, very agile

Reticulated Giraffes: IUCN - Endangered

Muziki F 03 Apr 98 -- very calm, very "clean" bright white between spots, has had 4 calves, name means music, center of chest has a "shield" or "harp" shape spot, born at CMZ

Amani F 13 Dec 99 -- darker, wider in stature, dark almost black bushy ossicones, one of the largest females, huge rectangular spot on chest, enlarged front knee, name means peaceful, born at CMZ

Lakeisha F 09 Mar 00 -- ossicones are close together, sometimes takes bananas as rewards, has large white lines between molasses-colored spots, butterfly or bow shaped spot on chest, beauty spot on left side of nose, born at CMZ

Twiga F 10 Dec 00 -- thin ossicones/left one is gray, she does hoof paintings, has honeycomb pattern on

chest, name means giraffe in Swahili, born at CMZ

Msichana F 21 Sept 02 -- large upper lip she often plays with, her one calf is at Columbus Zoo, name means girl, tallest female, oval on chest, has beauty marks/white bumps on each cheek, born at CMZ

Mahali M 10 May 03 -- oldest male, neutered, responds well to training with keepers, tall and light coloration, dealing with foot disease, 2000 pounds, on pain/anti-inflammatory meds and laser therapy. Over 18 yrs. old - typical life expectancy is 14.7 years

Laikipia F 20 June 07 -- calm, does well with foot training and is used to train keepers to do footwork, named after her father, has slit on left nostril, thick white stripes between brown spots, dark face and ossicones, born at CMZ

Azmera F 24 July 07 -- she has 2 triangles on her chest, ossicones close together and touch like the shape of the letter "A", has significantly shorter tongue, name means harvest, born at CMZ

Khalid Kodjo M 03 May 08 -- breeding bull has had 5 calves, tallest - about 18 feet - with bumps on his face, has 4 dots in the shape of a square on his chest, usually in the north yard, came from Oakland Zoo when he was very young. When he first arrived needed a step ladder to reach the girls! His neck was injured when transported to CMZ - he has been trained to do "yoga" stretches, also receives massage therapy and is doing much better

Msitu F 05 Feb 09 -- cinnamon color, blood bank donor, most recent mom - Viv is her 3rd calf, looks like she has on eye liner - "Egyptian eyes", bongo drum or "y" shape spot on chest below base of neck, born at CMZ, name means forest

Mashama M 23 Mar 10 -- neutered male, no hair on tail, has foot disease, had a custom shoe to stabilize foot fracture which will likely not heal, has had stem cell therapy several times voluntarily - only know AZA giraffe to do this voluntarily, enjoys bananas, rye crackers and green beans, face is extremely white, one of the tallest, name means surprise, born at CMZ

Tumbili M 24 Mar 10 -- neutered male, typically seen together with Mashama, treats are bananas and bread, has disjuncted hourglass on his chest, tall with ossicones that are far apart, born at CMZ

Bailey F 16 Mar 12 -- smaller, very confident, enjoys learning new behaviors, easily reinforced

Panya F 13 Aug 17 -- arrived on an SSP breeding recommendation. She won't be bred until she is a little older. She is a smaller giraffe. Her name means "little mouse" which reflects her small stature, likes to hang out with the older giraffes, great with health care, getting used to being around new people

Ohe M 22 July 18 -- shy, will stand in the waterhole but is afraid of puddles, learning hoof care, BFF = Panya

Viv F 6 July 19 -- born at CMZ - Msitu's 3rd calf, nicknamed the firecracker, is good at getting treats while training by playfully challenging the keepers (will put her foot up for hoof training, get the treat and take

her foot away too quickly), can get to all the trees in the enclosure

BB F 22 July 20 -- born at CMZ - Bailey's recent calf, hangs out near the keepers door to get extra treats, BFF = Ohe

Giraffe anecdotes

- Viv, Ohe, BB and Panya are 4 giraffes under 4 years old. We have 17 giraffes in our herd, 11 were born at CMZ
- Giraffes are part of Quarters for Conservation program
- our herd knows a variety of behaviors -- touch, back up, foot up, blood draw and more
- most enjoy romaine - other treats include rye crackers, bananas, green beans, bread. CMZ is working towards being able to grow our own lettuce hydroponically thereby becoming much more sustainable in the future
- Giraffes occasionally "steal" things from guests/docents. One stole a docent's straw hat and a jacket which had been taken off and put aside within their reach. They chewed on the items and tossed them about!
- CMZ is very involved in giraffe conservation, leader in foot health research, keepers have traveled to several countries in Africa to learn about and work with giraffe conservation
- when training there is a 2-way communication between giraffe and trainer - they observe the giraffe's body language to assess their mood. Tail swishing tells a lot about how the giraffe is feeling. Rye crackers wo/salt are training treats
- they built a cardboard replica of the ultrasound machine to acclimate the giraffes, a sponge on a stick simulates the ultrasound with gel
- a firehose barrier is used when the gate is open, it's more of a psychological barrier

Red River Hog: IUCN - Least Concern

Hubert/Huey M 30 July 07, **Zena Warrior Pigcess** F 24 Mar 14, **Pinto** 24 April 2021

- While digging - a natural behavior - they once dug up their water system which then had

to be repaired. Favorite enrichment is wallowing

- Pinto loves kale - other hogs leave the greens for last
- Huey has been great at parenting

Colobus Monkey: IUCN - Least Concern

Dezi F 22 Oct 01, **Tisa** F 09 Nov 02, **Sudi** F 18 Sept 03, **Rudi** M 23 July 06

Colobus Monkey Anecdotes:

- Rudi has 2 bumps/humps on his head and is larger
- Tisa, Dezi and Sudi were all born at CMZ
- in the wild the male would be dominant - here Dezi is most dominant
- like onions, peanut butter is their favorite treat - keepers cover popcorn with peanut butter
- some guests think they look unhappy - their natural expression includes a somewhat downturned mouth and they lay around a lot. In nature they lay around a lot to digest their food which is very tough and difficult to digest.
- they are very "gassy" because of their diet and digestive system

Grants Zebra: not listed

Mugambi M 25 Aug 04, **Wembe** M 2 May 06

Grants Zebra Anecdotes:

- brothers, came from the same zoo in Indiana
- Wembe has a small stripe on his hind end, Mugambi has a wider stripe on his hind end and a white tip on his ear
- closely related to donkeys - typically not easy to train, but ours seem to enjoy their training and have received voluntary vet care - vaccinations/blood draws, present

mouth and hooves for inspection/care

Cape Griffon Vulture: IUCN - Endangered - (white bird)

Hedwig F 24 Jan 06, **Godric** M 26 Feb 14 - typically sunbathe on perch - sunbathing is a natural way for them to disinfect their feathers, water bathing would lead to being vulnerable when their feathers are wet and heavy

Eurasian Griffon Vulture: IUCN - Least Concern (brown bird)

Nesher F 01 May 91 - sunbathes on the ground, guests report her as dead, but its typical behavior and she is just fine! She's missing one wing

Vulture anecdotes:

- In Aug 2019 the vultures flew off. One landed in the parking lot, one in a tree! Keepers were called and got them back

Okapi: IUCN - Endangered

Bahati M 06 Jan 13

Okapi anecdotes:

- being scratched/petted is a better reward than food treats - especially on the ears - almost goes into a relaxed trance during ear rubs
- coat is extremely soft - you can write your name in his coat!
- Okapi have only been documented since 1901, 10,000 left in the wild - habitat destruction, civil war, poaching, known as the "unicorn of the forest"

Other birds -

Petrie M 31 Mar 02 - **Abyssinian Ground Hornbill:** Least Concern -- drops meatballs and/or insects on guests/keepers' feet as a sign of endearment

Hasira F 24 apr 02, Shetani 22 Apr 02 - Southern Ground Hornbill: Vulnerable -- not on exhibit but you can see them under the giraffe area by the lettuce hut. They share rocks, sunbathe, and sing duets - each with their own song part

Karl M 24 May 13 - Vonder Decken's Hornbill - Least Concern

Helmeted Guinea Fowl: call to each other, not just because they are agitated but to look for each other or to share something exciting. Females are darker in color/males lighter

Raider M 01 Feb 93 - African Grey Parrot: Vulnerable -- 26 yrs old (in 2019), knows about 20 words, understands that the clicking sound is for positive reinforcement/training and will make that sound to "reinforce" keeper's behavior he enjoys like letting him out of his enclosure. His clicking sometimes confuses other animals during their training

Cattle Egrets: favorite food is crickets, stay by the water hole because there are more insects there, make nests but have not bred

Inzi and Tagi - Grey Crowned Cranes: 21 yrs old (in 2021) Born at the same zoo and have grown up together but are not siblings. Purr when content.