

# Names, Sex, Birth Dates, Status, Anecdotes

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## Rocky Mountain Wild

### Grizzly Bear: IUCN - Least Concern

Digger M 1 Jan 05, Emmett M 1 Jan 05

### Grizzly anecdotes:

- Digger or Emmett get enrichment treats of banana wrapped in meat. One of them dislikes banana... therefore unwraps the meat and throws away the banana. They don't like broccoli!
- Emmett and Digger both enjoy peanuts but they eat them differently! Emmett will eat the entire peanut - shell and all; Digger will shell the nuts with his paw
- Emmett has longer nails. He's the best "student" and does his training well
- Digger has shorter nails and is the "class clown". He likes to sit by the window and wait for a crowd - then he jumps on the glass and seems to be very pleased with himself if the crowd screams!!
- both are "left pawed". They primarily use their left paws to splash, crack nuts, flip sticks, pick their teeth and to pick marrow out of bones
- They are not related. They came from Bozeman, MT - they were "nuisance bears" saved from euthanasia by coming to CMZ!
- They don't eat the fish in their exhibit because bears don't like to swim and get their ears wet. They have occasionally snagged an unwary fish at the edge of the rock shelf. The wildlife division restocked our fish in the summer of 2019 and most were, unfortunately for the fish, preyed upon!!
- Emmett and Digger both do "yoga bear" stretches. This is a natural behavior that the keepers have reinforced so that they will do it when asked.

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## River Otter: IUCN - Least Concern

**Enapay** M 02 Mar 10, **Pivane** M 02 Mar 10

### River Otter anecdotes:

- Enapay and Pivane are brothers
- no breeding recommendations at this time
- Pivane often makes himself sneeze. Keepers aren't sure why he does this
- Both are playful in snow!! Sometimes when keepers know there will be overnight snow, they keep the otters inside. Then in the morning when the doors are opened and the otters see the snow, it's like a winter holiday - they sled/slide in the snow
- Do voluntary blood draws by sticking a paw through a wire screen. Keepers draw blood from the inner side of the arm
- Their favorite food is trout, which is a fatty fish. They also like kaplin which is like a sardine. They get some feline diet meat and in the winter vegetables such as carrots, bell peppers and squash. Cucumbers are the favorite vegetable
- Spend about 60% of their time on land. They are an indicator species so they tell us when a water system is polluted. They recently have been spotted north of Boulder in high mountains - showing that their population is growing
- About 6-8 years ago they escaped within the zoo. Keepers found them fishing up by the grizzlies. One was not found... (we usually don't share this with guests unless specifically asked)

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## Canada Lynx: IUCN - Least Concern

**Kajika** M 5 May 07, **Migina** F 13 May 07, **Adelaide** F 06 May 17, **Aspen** F 06 May 17

### Lynx anecdotes:

- favorite enrichment scents are: ginger root and Ben Gay
- The lynx are neutered as their genes are fully represented within the SSP program

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## **Beaver: Least concern**

**Ginger** - F 5/11/2009

### **Beaver anecdotes:**

- Ginger came to CMZ from the Pittsburgh Zoo. Her parents were named Pumpkin and Patch. Ginger and her siblings were all named after pumpkin pie spices: Ginger, Nutmeg... etc!
- Ginger is allergic to some types of wood. She takes medicine to keep her allergies in check and can tolerate 3 types of wood
- Ginger goes on walkabouts with keepers. They keep her away from Moose lake but otherwise let her go where she wants. She sometimes chews down a small tree and brings it back to her yard!!

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## **Rocky Mountain Goats: Least Concern**

**Twinkie** F 8 Jun 05, **Yazhi** F 14 May 10, **Albert** M 14 May 14, **Lena** F 26 May 19

### **RM Goat anecdotes:**

- Albert sometimes calls out. Lena loves snow and does "zoomies"
- Albert is the largest, Lena is currently the smallest, Yahzi and Twinkie are of similar size - Yahzi's horns are slightly farther apart than Twinkie's. Yahzi has "yoda ears" - they stick out sideways.
- they have 2 yards with lots of climbing rocks. They are very agile and can turn around on a space the size of a sheet of paper.

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## **Mountain Lion: IUCN - Least Concern**

**Adira** F 17 Apr 19, **Sitka** M 17 Apr 19, **Koda** M July 2020

## Mountain Lion anecdotes:

- often seen watching the wolves in the neighboring exhibit
- Adira and Sitka are siblings and were orphaned in WA, Koda also found orphaned in WA
- Adira has a dark nose, Sitka is slightly larger and has a rounder face, Koda is growing but is still the smallest
- all 3 living together. Since Koda was found so young and alone, he needed to learn "to be a mtn. lion" at first. Keepers gave them "things to do" ie., tearing up boxes so they could do an activity together instead of chasing each other around.
- they spend a lot of time grooming each other - a bonding activity
- they will not be bred and are therefore all neutered/spayed. This also minimizes the attention of local wild mtn lions

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## Porcupine: IUCN - Least Concern

**Kale** F 08 May 13, **Quillam** M 01 Jun 15

## Porcupine anecdotes:

- favorite treats include: peanuts (his absolute fave), banana and banana chips, various fruits/veggies. They like almonds and coconut as treats. They get browse in the form of branches as a natural part of their diet and to help them to keep their teeth from overgrowing. Also, "rodent biscuit".
- Quilliam will hopefully sire porcupettes with Kale. Quilliam likes to spin around.

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## Mexican Wolf: IUCN - Least Concern

**Navarro** M 10 May 16, **Luna** F 06 Apr 08, **Phoenix** M 08 May 18, **Bluestem** F 08 May 18, **Shadow** F 08 May 18, **Hope** F 08 May 18, **Uno** F 19 May 19

## Mexican Wolf anecdotes:

- Luna and Navarro are a mated pair, 4 pups born May 8th/9th 2018 - approx 18 hrs of

labor. One pup, Uno, April 19, 2019. Pups remain in/near dens for 4-8 wks. Prior to this the last time pups were born at CMZ was 20 years ago!

- Luna is the caretaker, hunter/protector and leader of the pack. Currently, she is taking a step back as leader due to her age - 2 years older than life expectancy.
- Our wolves do not take part in husbandry training to keep them as wild as possible
- all Mexican wolves have descended from SEVEN left in the wild - Fish and Wildlife took control of the species, including genetics
- about 300 in human care, 186 in the wild - only 30 in Mexico, the rest are in N. Mexico and AZ. 14% increase in wild population in the last 5 years due to work from SSP partners
- When 4 pups were born, Navarro entered the den - Luna grabbed his muzzle and gently led his nose to the pups. Navarro is much younger than Luna, she was teaching him what to do
- bones are fed one day a wk - usually Mondays
- we have no breeding recommendation for 2021 therefore the males and females are currently separated through breeding season. They can still interact through the fences

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## **Moose: IUCN - Least concern**

**Atka M 21 May 20**

### **Moose anecdotes:**

- Atka was orphaned in Alaska after a human/moose conflict, he was too young to be left on his own or returned to the wild.
- 90 pounds when he arrived at CMZ. Hand fed 3 bottles/day, loves bananas. Bottles helped him to bond with keepers. now 380 pounds - could grow to 1600!!
- Hormones will likely lead to sparring behaviors - barrels are good for this, also to rub his antlers against
- introducing him to the pond, moose swim/dive to eat vegetation

- Currently experiencing his first rut. Has grown his first antlers, one is broken

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## **Bald Eagle: IUCN - Least Concern**

**Ouray F 1991**

### **Bald Eagle anecdotes:**

- Ouray typically lays an egg or two each spring, they are not viable but keepers allow her to "incubate" them until she stops incubation behavior
- Ouray is a rescue bird and is missing a part of her wing
- She enjoys getting a shower and will make a lot of noise when keepers are cleaning her area until she gets her shower
- We have a new eagle. He/she was injured in the wild and is being introduced to zoo life slowly. Not on exhibit at this time