



# Zoo Line

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary

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## President's Message – Nancy Hochman

Greetings Docents,

For some of you it is welcome back after a summer of relaxation. However, for many it is the start of another busy time at the Zoo. Docents have been incredibly active this summer spending enormous amounts of time talking to guests at our carts and sharing stories about our animals. Soon we will have the "Edge" to add to our list of areas. A biofact setup will be forthcoming.

The ZOOM docents under Jeanie Baratono have been working nonstop this summer. They have manned the Loft, and also staffed outreach programs both off and on Zoo grounds all summer long. Big Back Yard has been successfully managed daily thanks the work of Cris Stoddard. Standing in the hot sun helping with chickens is a true sign of dedication. Thank you all.

There were many special days at the zoo this summer. World Lion Day, Global Tiger Day, Member Enrichment Nights, Missy's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, World Giraffe Day, Groovin' 4 Gibbons, Teddy Bear Day, just to name a few. Sue Mayher worked hard to staff them and create a fun atmosphere. The popcorn brigade of the Enrichment committee – Mack Silvertooth, Marie Poyzer, Glenna French and Eileen Derry – have filled big bags with popcorn every month all summer. The Enrichment Committee, under Andrew Witherow and Kathy O'Donnell, and their workers have provided the keepers with other enrichment treats for the animals.

The Education Committee headed by Cate Kelly is also off and running. Presenters are in place and the schedule is a work in progress. The class will be full thanks to the work of Marcia Morris, Carol Royse and Cate Kelly and the many hours they spent interviewing possible candidates.

SignUpGenius is functioning better and better thanks to the efforts of Sue Sallee and all those working with her. We will be more efficient for their efforts. Your Board (too many to list) has spent the summer working endless hours to get the directory in shape, figure out how all the tour and safari scheduling can run smoothly, keeping the DRC in order, scheduling future field trips, tallying service hours, planning CECs, fixing up the biofact carts and the list goes on. There is a lot of behind the scenes work.

Last, but far from least, Glenna French and her committee (not going to name names because I will forget someone) have been hard at work smoothing out the plans for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party. I hope everyone has gotten the invitation to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon and will be attending. Please remember to wear dressy attire. It is going to be a wonderful event!

Summer is now over, but the pace will continue with tours and safaris just around the corner. So, once again, welcome back and for those of you familiar with Maurice Sendak's book *Where the Wild Things Are*, "...let the wild rumpus start!"

*Nancy*

## DATES TO KNOW

*Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.*

Sept 4..... Board Meeting....Safari Lodge  
Sept 11... **TE Meeting\*\*** ...Safari Lodge  
Sept 14... IE Meeting .....Safari Lodge  
Sept 21... 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
10:30-2:30 Lodge at Moose Lake (LML)  
Sept 25... Education Mtg....Safari Lodge  
Sept 25-28 – AZADV Conference in  
Greenville, SC

Oct 2..... Board Meeting....Safari Lodge  
Oct 9..... TE Meeting ..... LML  
Oct 12.... IE Meeting .....Safari Lodge  
Oct 23.... Education Mtg....Safari Lodge

Nov 6..... Board Meeting....Safari Lodge  
Nov 9..... IE Meeting .....Safari Lodge  
Nov 13... TE Meeting and Staff Lunch  
Lodge at Moose Lake  
Nov 20... Education Mtg... Safari Cabin

December.....No Meetings  
Dec 7 .... Holiday Party @ Marie Poyzer's

**\*\*Mandatory Meeting: Let the President or President Elect know if you cannot attend**

## CECs and TRAINING

*CECs start at 9:30 a.m. unless noted*

Oct 16 & 19 ..... CEC.....Safari Lodge  
Nov 20 & 23 ..... CEC.....Safari Lodge

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## Monthly Program Information

### Mandatory TE Meeting on September 11 – 9:30

The program will feature new procedures for tours and safaris. Also, anyone who supports CMZA when shopping at King Soopers is encouraged to download the app to their smartphone. Andrew will conduct a short training on how to use the King Soopers app.



The October TE meeting will be in the Lodge at Moose Lake & feature a presentation on bees.

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### IE Meeting on September 14 – 9:30

Basia Dann, Animal Keeper for RMH will be discussing the cats – she will have some new and exciting information to share.

Andrew will also be training on the King Soopers app at this meeting, so get it downloaded before you come.

On Wednesday, September 18 the RMH keepers have graciously offered to lead two groups of docents on a behind the scene walkabout. There is a waitlist at this writing. Over 60 docents requested one of these tours, so thank you for the interest.

At the October 12<sup>th</sup> IE meeting we are thrilled to have Cassie English from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department as our guest speaker.

Thank you to the docents who provide the “goodies” for these meetings. Appreciate the support!

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## Financial Report

The July 31 balance in the Restricted Account is \$29,500.06. Revenue in this account is mostly generated by the King Soopers and Safeway community rewards programs, which are open to anyone, not just docents. See info on how to enroll in King Soopers on page 4.

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## Tours Information

Fall tours are being booked. An all-school tour is scheduled for Friday, September 27 – many tour docents will be needed that day. The online “Docent Tours and Classroom Safaris” teacher’s guide has been updated.

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## TB Tests for Everyone

Starting in April 2020, all docents will need to get a TB test. This aligns CMZA with Zoo policy for other volunteers and simplifies activity scheduling.

If you choose to get an outside test at your doctor’s office, you will need to give the results to Joan Adkins. She is our liaison to the Zoo for TB testing, and will make sure Edventure, our Registrar and Zoo HR all get the proper notification.

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## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!

A day to remember; a day to learn. On Saturday, September 21st, we will be celebrating the auxiliary’s 50th Anniversary. Wow! 50 years.

For many docents this day will be a walk down memory lane; for others, it will be a time to learn how a group of determined women started this organization and how continued hard work and dedication by so many has made us what we are today.

It will be a fun day so please make sure to RSVP to Nona Hentschel no later than September 4th.

*Glenna French*

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## What’s New with Biofacts

Glenn Carson and Nancy Hochman went through our collection of biofacts and those items are once again, at least for the moment, organized. The up-to-date biofact notebook is in the DRC.

Please be sure to sign the biofacts out and in and, *most importantly*, put them back where you found them.

Remember tour season is starting, so please do not take any biofact out of any safari kit or the ARV tour kits.

We have plenty of wonderful biofacts for house talks without disturbing the kits.

Some biofacts have been moved. The python skull and sheddings are now in the Australia Box, as Scutes is the home of our Burmese python. Binoculars are now in the RMW/Asian Highlands cart as well as the Grizzly Bear cart. Binoculars will make it easier for guests to spot our animals.

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## Reminders

- Docents may only use the new center lane to bypass traffic on the road to the Zoo if dressed in full uniform and on the way to scheduled volunteer work for the Zoo. This is a privilege which can be revoked if we misuse it.
- Using E-cigarettes (vaping) is considered the same as smoking a regular cigarette or other tobacco product; they should only be used in the designated smoking areas. Please point guests toward those designated areas as needed.
- 2019-2020 Directories will be available at the September TE and IE meetings. Please pick yours up at the meeting if at all possible. Through the year, please send any updates (address, phone, e-mail, certifications, etc.) to Marie Poyzer. She will get them to the appropriate Board members, and also issue monthly notifications through e-mail so everyone can update their personal directory.

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## Fall CEC Information

Every docent must complete 2 CEC credits each year to stay in good standing. Fall Recall is at the end of this issue – completing it will earn 1 CEC credit.

There will also be CEC classes on October 16/19 and November 20/23. The Oct. CEC is on Storytelling and Nov. is Advanced Mammal Tour Refresher/Certification

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## Amendment to Rules and Policies Definitions

At the August Auxiliary Board meeting an Amendment to Rules and Policies was passed. This amendment corrected an error regarding Annual Reporting Period

The current definition should read as follows:

**Definitions [1] Annual Reporting Period** – The annual reporting period for purposes of the financial proceedings and budget of the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary shall coincide with the CMZ Fiscal Year (currently May 1 to April 30.). The annual reporting period for the purpose of recording service program hours shall be from June 1 to May 31.

Lovice Riffe, By-laws Chair

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## New Safari Kit Checkout Process

The checkout process for safari kits has changed. We will no longer be using separate sheets in each kit for sign out/sign in. We have a spreadsheet on Google Drive for all kit sign outs. There are two columns with check boxes for docents to use, one for checking out a kit and one for checking it back in (**Kit Out** and **Kit In**).

The Sign Out Sheet can be accessed two ways:

- The computer in the DRC. There will be an icon on the desktop. Open the spreadsheet via the icon.
- Remotely – via a link that the Safari Coordinator will be emailing to all safari docents.

The good news is that the spreadsheet will automatically calculate individual safari hours earned, as well as a cumulative total of all safari hours for the calendar year for each docent.

Watch your e-mail for notices about training sessions. Also, once you receive the link to the Sign Out Sheet in an e-mail from the Safari Coordinator, you can review the process by looking at instructions and information on the first tab in that spreadsheet. If you have questions at any time, you can e-mail Gayle Irani, this year's Safari Coordinator.

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## CMZA Zoo Line Information

Please send all submissions – information, articles, pictures, etc. – to [cmza.zooline@yahoo.com](mailto:cmza.zooline@yahoo.com). The deadline for the October issue is **Friday, September 20**.

Thank you - Linnea McDonald & Joelle Shreves, Editors

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## Articles and Information of Interest

- *Straw Poll: Which Ones are Eco-Friendly to Use?* How to choose a non-paper straw, in the “Embark” section near the front of the July issue of *National Geographic*
- Article in the *New York Times*, March 10, 2014 *Is the Wolf a Real American Hero?* by Arthur Middleton. Online version available: <https://www.nytimes.com/2014/03/10/opinion/is-the-wolf-a-real-american-hero.html>
- A companion online article to the wolf article above, with thoughtful questions for consideration: <https://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/03/12/text-to-text-is-the-wolf-a-real-american-hero-and-hunting-habits-of-wolves-change-ecological-balance-in-yellowstone/>
- *Lion Country: Part 2*, an online article from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, with information about mountain lions in the state: <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlifeLion2.aspx>
- An article about wolverines, *The Survivors*, page 114 in the August issue of *National Geographic*.

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## News to Note

- Director of Edventure Programs, Stacey Graham, delivered a healthy baby boy in July and will be out on maternity leave until October. While she is on leave her Office Administrator, Brittinie Ontiveros, will be covering.
- The Education Committee has decided to limit the 2020 class of new docents to 12 members, with the option to add 2 more people.
- Scavenge for Vultures will return at the February 2020 joint docent meeting! Save all your animal-related items to price and bring in so that others may buy. Proceeds go to help fund International Vulture Awareness activities.
- Merrill Boruchin-Spielman is looking for a co-chair; please let her know if you are willing to help with this fun event.
- Judy Sondermann announced that a special CMZA logo water bottle will be arriving soon for all docents, via an anonymous donation.
- Nona Hentschel is working on some interesting field trips for 2019 and 2020. More information will be available at the September TE/IE meetings.
- The staffing of the Big Backyard chicken area has been outstanding all summer thanks to Cris Stoddard's idea of drawing monthly for a Loft experience if all shifts are filled.



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## Linking Your King Soopers Card

In order for the Auxiliary to receive the rewards from your purchases at King Soopers, your card has to be linked to the Auxiliary's community rewards program. This change does not affect your gas card points.

### If you already have a King Soopers account:

- Go to the King Soopers official site [www.kingsoopers.com](http://www.kingsoopers.com)
- Click on My Account
- Put in your password
- On the left side of the screen, click **Community Rewards**
- Search for Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary or our organization number which is: **BC371** (either of these will work)
- When search comes up, click **Enroll** (if you don't go down and click on enroll it won't link your account to the Auxiliary's rewards)

### If you don't already have a King Soopers' account but have a loyalty card, these are the instructions to create an account:

- Go to the King Soopers' official site [www.kingsoopers.com](http://www.kingsoopers.com)
- Click on Welcome/Sign-in pull-down
- Click Sign in
- At the bottom of the page on the left, click **Create an Account**. You will need an email address to create an account.
- Create a password for this account
- Enter the number of your loyalty card found on the reverse side of the card or if you have your phone number as an alternate ID you may use that number instead of the loyalty card number.
- Don't forget to go all the way to the bottom and click "**Create an Account**" located on the left side.
- Once that account has been created, then click on **Community Rewards** on the left side of the page
- In the search box put in Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary or our organization number **BC371** (either will work)
- When search comes up, click **Enroll** (if you don't go down and click on enroll it won't link your account to the Auxiliary's rewards)

If anyone needs some assistance, Nancy Hochman, Marcia Morris, Marie Poyzer, Susie Gross or Glenna French will be happy to help.

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## Pictures

*Elephant Birthday and Lion Day pictures courtesy of Jeanie Baratono  
Bobcat picture taken by Lovice Riffe in her yard*





## FALL RECALL – 2019

This quiz is about felines. All answers can be found in the Manual. A review of Section Q will help you breeze through it and also help to refresh your knowledge for tours, cart talks, special events etc.

**I prefer that you send me (Charlotte Greene) your completed quiz by email, that's the most conservative method.** It helps save trees and if you saw the recent news story, the Amazon Rainforest is being depleted rapidly and might just be at a point of no return. Let's hope not!

You can download then fill in the Word document and return it to me **OR simply supply me with a list of numbered answers.** If you do need to print a copy, I most certainly will accept that form. When I started as a docent 6 years ago, we still handed out printed copies. We are making progress in our conservation efforts.

1. Felines are in the Order \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A shared characteristic of these mammals is the four \_\_\_\_\_.
3. These \_\_\_\_\_ are adapted to \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Felidae kill their prey by \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ with long, sharp, pointed \_\_\_\_\_.
5. There are three other common physical characteristics of Carnivora;
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Apart from cats, retractile claws are found only in some \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Fused wrist bones act as \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Reduction of collar bone (carnivores) aids in \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Over 3/4 of cat species are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Most cats feed exclusively on \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Cats are \_\_\_\_\_, walking on their \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Loose skin provides protection to \_\_\_\_\_ during \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Small cats generally can \_\_\_\_\_, but can't \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Cats \_\_\_\_\_ chew their \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The tongue is covered with \_\_\_\_\_ called \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Felines have \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ vision.
17. In poor lighting, their sight is \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_ than man.
18. A cat's sense of smell is \_\_\_\_\_ than the Canidae.
19. Each cat's whiskers form a \_\_\_\_\_ like human fingerprints.
20. Retractable \_\_\_\_\_ allow the cat to \_\_\_\_\_ its prey \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Now let's review some of the characteristics of the felines at CMZoo.**

### **AFRICAN LION**

1. The coat of immature lion has a \_\_\_\_\_ pattern.
2. Lions rest up to \_\_\_\_\_ hours a day.
3. They mark their territory by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Cubs remain with the mother \_\_\_\_\_ years.
5. Roars can be heard up to \_\_\_\_\_ miles away.

### **AMUR LEOPARD**

1. Their habitat is the \_\_\_\_\_ also called the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Males are about \_\_\_\_\_ than females.
3. This cat is a strong swimmer, but not fond of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They are critically Endangered with only about \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ left in the wild.
5. Longevity is up to \_\_\_\_\_ years in the wild and \_\_\_\_\_ years in human care.

### **AMUR TIGER**

1. Males can surpass \_\_\_\_\_ pounds and be more than \_\_\_\_\_ feet in length.
2. They can eat up to \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of meat in one sitting.

3. It will cover its kill between feedings with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. It will stalk and ambush \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Fewer than \_\_\_\_\_ in the wild and more than \_\_\_\_\_ in zoos around the world.

## CANADA LYNX

1. Weight averages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ pounds up to \_\_\_\_\_ pounds.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ tail is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Primarily \_\_\_\_\_ predators but also have \_\_\_\_\_ hearing.
4. Ecologically they are secondary \_\_\_\_\_ but will often \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Prey population of \_\_\_\_\_ peaks and crashes almost once a \_\_\_\_\_.

## MOUNTAIN LION

1. Mountain Lion is the \_\_\_\_\_ cat in North America.
2. Females weigh \_\_\_\_\_ less than males on average.
3. They can \_\_\_\_\_ and have been credited with loud \_\_\_\_\_ screams.
4. Home ranges usually \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ square miles but can be up to \_\_\_\_\_ square miles.
5. Can attack and kill prey more than \_\_\_\_\_ times its size.

## PALLAS' CAT

1. Daytime den sites include \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ in rocks or \_\_\_\_\_ dug by others.
2. It's \_\_\_\_\_ makes it appear larger than it is.
3. Eye pupil closes up to a \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. It can easily climb \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Facial \_\_\_\_\_ gives the impression the cat is \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

## SNOW LEOPARD

1. Its habitat ranges in altitude from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ feet.
2. Stalks its \_\_\_\_\_ and can spring from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ yards away.
3. Paws have \_\_\_\_\_ that prevent sinking into \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Moves to different \_\_\_\_\_ following \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The fur trade (poaching) continues despite the snow leopard's \_\_\_\_\_ status.