



Assiniboine Park Zoo Welcomes New Ring-Tailed Lemurs

For immediate release: Winnipeg, February 15, 2025 – The Assiniboine Park Zoo is excited to announce the arrival of four ring-tailed lemurs who can be found in a newly renovated habitat inside Toucan Ridge. The lemurs are the latest in a recent string of new animal arrivals that includes a yak, pair of guanacos, three red pandas, and more.

“We are looking forward to introducing visitors to all the new animals at the Zoo, including the ring-tailed lemurs” said Jackie Enberg, Curator, Assiniboine Park Zoo. “Winter is a great time to visit, and we hope everyone enjoys learning about these amazing species.”

The Zoo’s new group of four ring-tailed lemurs – Rusty (male, 11), Lasonia (female, 11), Ruby (female, 13), and Lily (female, 14) – was transferred from the Toronto Zoo on a recommendation from the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) Species Survival Plan®. Ring-tailed lemurs are native to Madagascar and endangered due to habitat loss, degradation, and population fragmentation. These curious, charismatic primates spend about 40 percent of their time on the ground and like to sunbathe, assuming a rather comical yoga-like position with their limbs outstretched and bellies facing the warmth of the sun. The Zoo has not had lemurs since 2011.

One of the lemurs (Rusty) is currently receiving veterinary care for a neurological condition acquired prior to his arrival at our Zoo. While his condition is not a concern for the other lemurs or animals in Toucan Ridge, it may affect his appearance and behaviour at times or require care behind the scenes.

In addition to the lemurs, over the fall and winter, the Zoo also welcomed the following:

- red pandas Suva, Mei Mei, and Kelly,
- a pair of red-crowned cranes named Queso and Salsa,
- Julia the great horned owl,
- a pair of guanacos named Cob and Peaches,
- Fifi the scarlet ibis,
- four marbled teals named Cheddar, Cake, Wagyu, and Slab, and
- Louise the domestic yak.

Discover the wonders of winter at Assiniboine Park Zoo, open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Every Tuesday until March 25, visitors can enjoy \$12 Tuesdays, with general admission for all ages reduced to \$12. *Children two and under are always free.*

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