

JUNGLE JEFF



Hey Everyone!

Jungle Jeff here.

Are you ever wondering what's going on at the Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park week by week? Curious about what new animals we're getting and where to find them? Just want to know about the daily life of the some of the collection? Well, now's your chance! We're starting a weekly post to keep those animal lovers out there updated on the newest information about the collection at the Santa

Ana Zoo! These weekly entries will include anything from daily activities at the zoo all the way up to new babies and animals just put on exhibit!

So be sure to check back weekly, and hey...if you happen to see me around the zoo and just want to know what's new at the zoo, don't hesitate to ask!

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Great news everyone! If you've been walking through monkey row and seen Joey, our golden lion tamarin, you know how beautiful and lively a creature he is. Well, Joey's mate is here and will be on exhibit soon! We also have just acquired two others; one more male and female pair.

If you have never seen a golden lion tamarin and are interested in coming to see them at the Santa Ana Zoo, here are some fun facts:

Golden lion tamarins are tiny monkeys that can weigh a maximum of about 1.5 pounds and grow up to 30 inches in length from head to tail! Golden lion tamarins are an Endangered Species and are extremely rare, with an estimated wild population of 1,500 individuals and a captive population of approximately 450. They are Native to the coastal rainforests and swamp forests of Brazil, and are currently only found in preserves and select areas in the wild, as their habitat is threatened by deforestation for plantation farming, cattle, and industry.

You can do your part to help! Come see Joey and his new mate in Monkey Row across from the gibbons at the Santa Ana Zoo, and the two new golden lions in the back of Monkey Row by the emperor tamarins. Here you can find more information about these beautiful creatures and ask how you can help protect their homes!

Thanks for reading and I hope to see you little adventurers hiking the paths of our zoo very soon!

-Jungle Jeff