Join us on April 9 for a huge Members-only celebration in the Zoo Amphitheatre Picnic area. Enjoy the live band, crafts, BBQ hot dogs, and an opportunity drawing. Extra discounts will be available in the Gift Shop, and Members can purchase a $12 BBQBLINDS to help us raise money for this event! Use code 12BTT to order your Brick to help the animals all appreciate your involvement and support. We also welcome the three birds on display were found in Orange County. All new animals are able to donate any of these items. Please contact Colby Cain, Volunteer & Event Assistant at (714) 836-4000 if you are interested, please stop by the Zoo office or fill out a donation form. You can also purchase a brick online at http://www.santaanazoo.org/wishlist.htm.

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Nora’s Notes: Cape Honeybees

The Cape honeybee, Apis mellifera capensis, is a subspecies of the African honeybee. It is found in South Africa and southern Namibia. The Cape honeybee is known for its bright yellow color and aggressive nature. It is a valuable pollinator and contributes significantly to agricultural productivity.

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Zoo Director’s Report, by Kent Yamaguchi

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One Hump or Two? By Ron Gasser, Zoo Director, Retired

When we think of camels, we must remember that the dromedary camel has only one hump on its back, but there are those of us who find them fascinating. The Bactrian camel, also known as the two-humped camel, has three humps. There are two species of true camels: the dromedary camel and the Bactrian camel. The Bactrian camel is the most well-known from the desert and is characterized by its two humps. African and Asian camel are considered to be one hump, but many of them are two humps, which can be very confusing.

The Zoo’s guanacos now roam the grasslands of the Tierra de las Pampas area. Visitors can now compare a true guanaco, which are native to South America, to our own camels, which are not native to South America.

Remembering Bud Hurbat and Chuck Dreyer

Both will be missed greatly and their legacy at the Santa Ana Zoo will live on for decades to come.

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