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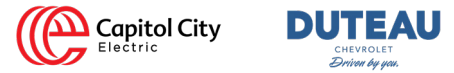
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MEET TOBAI!

Meeet Tobai, a male Matschie's tree kangaroo joey and one of the newest members of the Lincoln Children's Zoo family. Tobai was born around May 3, 2022 to mom, Judie, and dad, Bexley. Tobai is one of only four Matschie's tree kangaroos born in 2022 in zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

The Zoo has an exceptional breeding program for Matschie's tree kangaroos. In fact, 33% of North America's Matschie's tree kangaroos are descended from our Lincoln Children's Zoo breeding program. This is an incredible accomplishment and important for animal conservation efforts considering the decrease of the tree kangaroo population in the wild.

When Matschie's tree kangaroos are born, they are the size of a lima bean. They blindly crawl into mom's pouch where they nurse and continue to develop and grow. They start to open their eyes around 21 weeks and a few weeks



after that they will start poking their head out of the pouch. At 28 weeks old they will start to come out of the pouch and explore. At 40 weeks they will no longer be in the pouch, but will still stick their heads in to nurse.

Matschie's tree kangaroos are only found on the Huon Peninsula of Papua New Guinea. They are listed as Endangered on the International Union Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species, meaning they face a very high risk of extinction in the wild.

The Lincoln Children's Zoo is part of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Species Survival Plan Program. The program develops a Breeding and Transfer Plan which identifies population goals and recommendations to manage a genetically diverse, demographically varied, and biologically sound population. The plan's coordinators approved breeding recommendations for the Zoo's tree kangaroos Judie and Bexley.

Judie and Tobai are currently on exhibit in the Animal Kingdom Building. Tobai still spends some of his time in his mother's pouch so he might not always be visible, but as he grows he continues to spend more and more time outside of the pouch.

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BECOMING A SENSORY INCLUSIVE ZOO

The Lincoln Children's Zoo is now a KultureCity® Certified Sensory Inclusive™ Organization. The Zoo is so excited to be partnering with KultureCity® to enhance our ability to assist and accommodate guests with sensory needs. Lincoln Children's Zoo is the first Certified Sensory Inclusive site in Nebraska.

"We are incredibly excited to partner with KultureCity® to make the Zoo a more inclusive destination. The Zoo strives to be a welcoming place for everyone to enjoy memorable, educational, and enriching experiences and with this initiative,

we can help those with sensory needs feel welcomed and included," said Evan Killeen, Lincoln Children's Zoo CEO.

Sensory sensitivities or challenges with sensory regulation are often experienced by individuals with autism, dementia, PTSD and other similar conditions. One of the major barriers for these individuals is sensitivity to over stimulation and noise, which can be a major part of the events or services at an organization like Lincoln Children's Zoo. With its new certification, the Zoo is now better prepared to assist guests with sensory sensitivities in

having the most comfortable and accommodating experience possible.

KultureCity® is a leading non-profit recognized nationwide for using its resources to revolutionize and effect change in the community for those with sensory needs, not just those with autism. Since the program's inception, KultureCity® has created over 1,000 Sensory Inclusive™ public and private services, organizations, events and venues in 6 countries: this includes special events such as the NFL Pro-Bowl, NFL Super Bowl, MLB World Series, and MLB All Star Weekend.

What does this mean?

This means that guests of all ages with sensory needs can now access the following:

- Sensory bags equipped with noise-cancelling headphones, fidget tools, and verbal cue cards are now available for checkout at no cost at Tree Top Toys.
- Weighted lap pads are also available for checkout at no cost at Tree Top Toys.
- Headphone Zones are now labeled with signage to prepare guests for louder areas of the Zoo.
- Designated Quiet Zone's are available to help decompress when feeling overstimulated.
- Staff that is trained and certified in how to identify and assist those with sensory needs.
- The free KultureCity® App includes information on where you can access the sensory features available at the Zoo, as well as a social story which will provide a customized visual preview of what to expect when visiting the Zoo.



SENSORY BAGS CAN BE CHECKED OUT AT TREE TOP TOYS FOR NO CHARGE WHEN YOU LEAVE AN ID!





collectible poster





FASCINATING FACTS

- SUMATRAN TIGERS ARE THE SMALLEST TIGER SPECIES.
- SUMATRAN TIGERS ARE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED, THEY ARE THREATENED BY HABITAT LOSS AND POACHING.
- UNLIKE SOME CATS, THEY ENJOY WATER AND CAN SWIM WELL, THANKS TO SPECIALIZED WEBBING BETWEEN THEIR TOES.

Hello
my name is

Kumar
(The Sumatran Tiger)

HAVE A

WILD

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AT THE ZOO!**

Create the perfect party for the animal lover in your life! Gather your friends and family at the Zoo for gifts, food and fun! Make lasting memories with options for unlimited train rides and critter encounters.



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The wildest place in town to host a wedding, picnic, corporate event, or any special gathering.

Lincoln Children's Zoo has a variety of indoor and outdoor locations to create the perfect setting for private parties and events of all sizes. Make your event one your guests will never forget by adding special behind-the-scenes tours, animal demonstrations or train rides. Grill out or dine in by utilizing the Zoo's catering options.



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ZOO NEWS!



1. SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

Starting a flower garden this spring? Make sure to include plants native to Nebraska! Planting flowers and other plants native to Nebraska in your garden is a great way to promote healthy ecosystems. We need insects to pollinate fruits and vegetables and to provide food for many animals. It is also critical to keep your pollinator garden pesticide free.



2. ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Animal encounters are back! Every Saturday and Sunday, join us for animal encounters at the Wild Safari Theater, Penguin Pool and Cheetah Chase Theater. Learn from zookeepers about a variety of different animals! Check the encounters time board next to the Zoo map for the encounter schedule. Animal encounters are weather dependent.



3. MEMBER BENEFITS

Don't forget about all the great benefits of being a Zoo member! Receive unlimited Zoo admission, discounted Zoo Camp registration, free Boo at the Zoo tickets and more!

4. NOW HIRING

Now's the time to join the Zoo team! The Zoo is hiring both full-time and part-time positions. View open positions and apply at [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com)

5. NEW SOUVENIR CUPS

Want a new way to remember your Zoo visit? Check out the Zoo's new souvenir cups in Cafe 65! Not only is your souvenir cup purchase a fun memory of your Zoo trip, but you will also receive discounted refills when you bring your cup back during future Zoo visits.

GIRAFFE BIRTHDAY PARTY!

On Feb. 20th, the Zoo hosted a birthday party for Mosi and Kay, the first two giraffe calves born at the Zoo. The giraffe barn was full of excitement as the community gathered to celebrate Mosi and Kay's 1st birthday. The party included a Keeper Chat, special birthday "cakes," a large card guests signed, and a photo booth. Guests sang happy birthday to Mosi and Kay to celebrate. It was a party like to no other and we were amazed by the community's support for our young giraffes!

Mosi & Kay Q&A

When are Mosi and Kay's birthdays?

Mosi was born on January 29, 2022 and Kay was born on February 27, 2022.

What was their birthday cake made from?

Their "cake" was made from grain and bananas mixed with water and included sweet potatoes cut to spell out their names.

What are their favorite foods?

Kay and Mosi love apples and carrots, but their favorite is browse, branches with leaves.

Do they have favorite enrichment items?

Yes! They enjoy stomping on bubbles or laying down in piles of hay or wood shavings.

Does Kay still drink from a bottle?

Kay drinks a very small amount from a bottle as part of her training, otherwise she is weaned.

How tall are they now?

Mosi and Kay are around 9 feet tall and weigh between 800 and 900 pounds.



ZOO CAMP

Lincoln Children's ZOO



REGISTER NOW FOR THE WILDEST CAMP IN TOWN!

Campers will have the opportunity to go behind-the-scenes, talk with zoo professionals, and meet some of their favorite animal friends. Every day is a new adventure that offers a unique and engaging experience to connect campers with wildlife and nature that will leave them inspired to care for the natural world.

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Earth Day!

Earth Day is April 22nd!

RECYCLE, COMPOST OR TRASH?

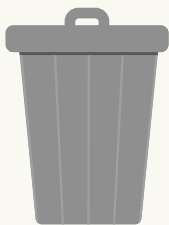
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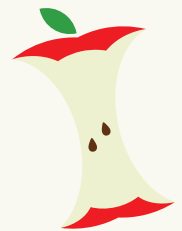
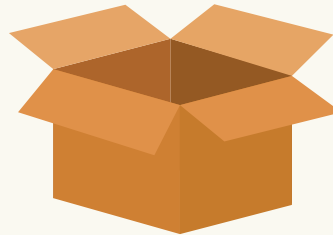
Recycle



Compost



Trash



What are some things we can recycle?

Plastic Containers • Metal Cans • Glass • Paper • Cardboard

What are some things we can compost?

Food Scraps • Leftovers • Newspaper • Cardboard

Why should we recycle and compost?

Recycling prevents items from ending up in the landfill. It also conserves energy, reduces pollution, reduces greenhouse gases, and conserves natural resources.

Composting prevents food waste from ending up in a landfill where it has a hard time breaking down. It helps improve soil health, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and recycles nutrients.



WORD SCRAMBLE

Can you unscramble the words below?

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ANSWERS: Recycle, Earth, Plants, Compost, Water, Trees, Ocean, Energy, Protect, Conserve



What is Earth Day?

Earth Day was founded in 1970 when a group of students, activists and politicians joined together to fight against threats to the environment. Earth Day is now a globally recognized day dedicated to environmental efforts including fighting pollution and climate change, promoting recycling and clean energy, hands-on conservation efforts and more. Earth Day has brought change and attention to environmental efforts, but there is still more to do. Let's get started!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the Earth Day words below?

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- COMPOST
- CONSERVATION
- EARTH
- GREEN
- NATURE
- PRESERVE
- RECYCLE
- REDUCE
- REUSE



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