

# ANIMAL NAMING POLICY

The current philosophy underlying our zoo's policy is...

- Visitors want to know the animals' names. We do not believe that appropriate names "humanize" or demean the animals when used infrequently.
- Knowing names appears to help people appreciate the animals and "bond" more closely with them. This appreciation may help inspire a deeper interest in learning more about the animals. In this way, our animals may act as ambassadors for their species in nature. Visitors may consider the possibility of a world with no more Kubu or Meeko and want to help in some way.
- Visitors may return more often to see their animal "friends", thus generating additional revenue to support our conservation and education programs.

## Our Animal Naming Policy Rules

1. It is acceptable to name animals in the collection. However, animal names should be from the country of origin and respectful of the animal. Public naming contests are acceptable but must be approved by the Superintendent.
2. Names may be used in press releases and during interviews, but may NOT be used on graphics.
3. Names should be used as extra information only. They should be used rarely and should NOT become the central focus of attention. They should be explained if questions arise.
4. Employees and volunteers should feel free to share and explain animal names with the public but should not to make them the central focus of attention.



# EDUCATION ANIMAL AMBASSADORS

<u>Animal Type</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>How to id</u>	<u>Approximate Date of Birth</u>
Alpaca	Andy	Brown, shorter than llama	1/2003
Augur Buzzard	Kalahari	White & brown hawk with red tail	3/1994
Barbados Sheep	Sugar	White ear tag	3/2010
Barbados Sheep	Sunny	Yellow ear tag	3/2010
Barbados Sheep	Rosie	Red ear tag	3/2010
Ball Python	Squeeze	Brown python with splotches	6/2008
Barred Owl	Bentley	Brown and white striped owl	4/2013
Blue tongue Skink	Fitzroy	Large lizard	5/2002
Chilean Rose Tarantula	Chile		6/2005
Chinchilla	Chasca		1/2008
Cornsnake	Scarlett	Small, reddish orange snake	Unknown
Crested Gecko	Harley	Small, harlequin colored lizard	3/2011
Donkey	Gramma	Fluffier face	1989
Donkey	Jenny	Shorter hair	10/1992
Emperor Scorpion	Striker	One of largest spp of scorpion in world	Unknown
Ferret	Misty	Albino	2/2011
Ferret	Shadow	Mostly brown	2/2012
Galah (Rosebreasted Cockatoo)	Aurora	Small, gray and pink parrot	5/2010
Guinea Pig	Oreo	Black & White	Unknown
Guinea Pig	Jellybean	Mostly white with brown areas	7/2013
Hedgehog	Kali	Smaller, has a white spot	3/2010
Hedgehog	Misouka	Fatter, lighter color	3/2010
Harris Hawk	Hunter	Brown colored hawk	1997
Kestrel	Sundance	Small falcon with bluish gray wings	1/2006
Kingsnake	Lacey	Small, white and black banded snake	Unknown
Llama	Francis	White & brown, taller than alpaca	5/1997
Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches		Wingless, one of largest spp of roaches in world	
Military Macaw	Bones	Large green parrot	Unknown
Nigerian Dwarf Goat	Trixie	Tri-colored, smallest adult	2014
Nigerian Dwarf Goat	Spirit	White, old	5/2004
Nigerian Dwarf Goat	Cosmos	Tri-colored baby with moon spots	3/2015
Nigerian Dwarf Goat	Prince	Brown baby with moon spots	3/2015
Nubian Goat	Buttercup	Brown, old	7/2005
Nubian Goat	Marie	Black with some tri colors	5/2012
Nubian Goat	Leo	Black with more moon spots	5/2014
Nubian Goat	Jack	Black w/ less moon spots & waddles	5/2014
Ornate Horned Frog	Mr. Toad	Large, green and brown frog	7/2005
Pancake Tortoise	IHOP	Flat shelled tortoise	5/2001
Pot-bellied pig	Chandler	Black colored	8/2007
Singing Dog	Kubu	Male	10/2011
Singing Dog	Lexie	Female, more timid	11/2009
White's Tree Frog	Cami		7/2007
White's Tree Frog	Leon		Unknown
Yak	Bhutan "Boo"		8/2003