

ADOPT AN ANIMAL



Adopting an animal is easy!

- Step 1:** Choose your favorite animal
- Step 2:** Donate \$100 to help pay for animal food for one year
- Step 3:** Receive your sponsorship gifts
- Step 4:** Come and visit your animal!

Looking for EAGLE FEATHERS?

Visitors often ask zoo staff for the feathers shed by our eagles for use in traditional ceremonies. Currently, federal law prohibits us from distributing the feathers of these threatened species. However, tribes can give out eagle feathers if they have established an eagle sanctuary.

The Navajo Nation is poised to become the third tribe in the country to make this commitment to sovereignty. We are currently lobbying government officials to provide the funding for an eagle sanctuary at the Zoo, but we need your help! Write to your chapter leaders, council delegates and executive officials and tell them you support the Zoo's goal.

Help us strengthen Navajo culture by providing these vital feathers to you!

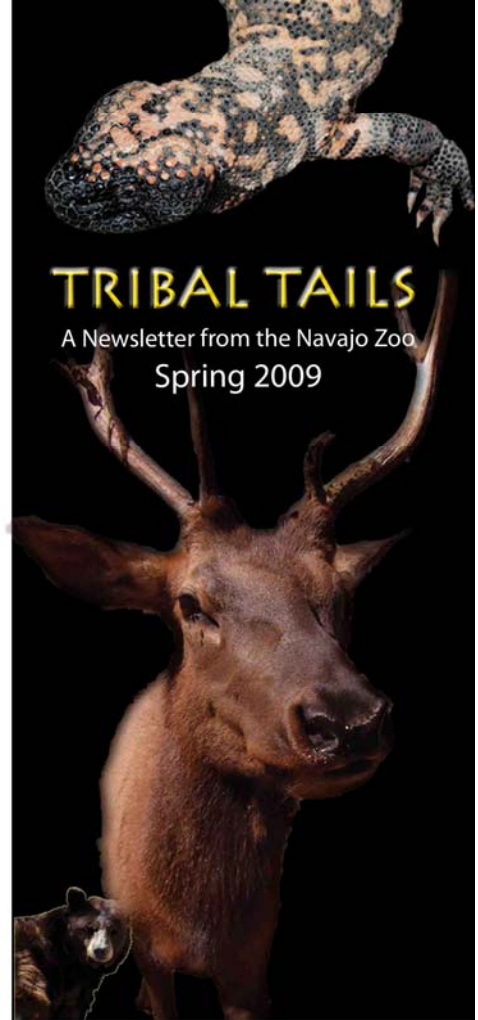
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TRIBAL TAILS

A Newsletter from the Navajo Zoo
Spring 2009



ABOUT THE ZOO

The Navajo Nation Zoological and Botanical Park in Window Rock, Arizona, is the only tribally-owned zoo in the United States. Here, animals reside in truly natural habitats surrounded by native vegetation and rock scenery alongside traditional Navajo dwellings. Generations of families have visited the bears, mountain lions, eagles and other animals that reside in the seven acre park. The Zoo is a program of the Navajo Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Navajo Zoo takes great pride in our many unique offerings, the most unique being our free-admission status. Donations and sponsorships help us forego an admission fee, so please help support your zoo by adopting-an-animal or adding a dollar to our donation bin!

As a sanctuary for nature and the spirit visitors are invited to tour traditional Navajo dwellings, including a forked Hogan, female Hogan, and shadehouse. We only exhibit animals native to Navajo lands; from fish to frogs and cranes to coyotes. Most of these animals have permanent injuries that prevent their return to the wild. We also feature native plants and interpretive displays that educate visitors on their uses as traditional medicines, dye plants, and more; all of our animal and plant signs feature both English and Navajo.



You asked for it...

16 new animals are in the Discovery Center!

Chipmunk	Ringtail "cat"
Black Widow	Chuckwalla
Scorpion	Rabbit
Native fish	Spotted Skunk
Salamander	Frogs & Toads
Tarantula	Millipede
Cicada	Prairie Dog
Crayfish	Collared Lizard



Zoo Hours
Monday - Saturday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission
Free, donations encouraged!

Location
Hwy 264, Building 36A
Next to the Navajo Nation Museum

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Were you one of the 3,000 people who came to ZooFest last May? If not, you have another chance! This year we celebrate our annual free-admission event on May 2, 2009. So get ready for more face painting, inflatable castles and slides, zoo games, door prizes, hot dogs, cotton candy, animal adventures and more!

ZooFest returns on Saturday, May 2!

Fun times at the Zoo continue in the Fall with ZooBoo! This not too spooky event will be held on Friday AND Saturday, October 30 and 31. Mark your calendar now so you can be among the first to make halloween masks, play games, watch a magic show, and see our bears smash pumpkins!

ZooBoo on Fri and Sat, October 30-31!

NAVAJO ZOO EVENTS

