

To: Board of Management

From: Director, Wildlife Care & Welfare

Subject: **ANIMAL LIVES WITH PURPOSE PLAN**

Date: 2020-11-17

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to introduce our Animal Lives with Purpose Plan (ALP Plan) for approval. This plan guides our decisions regarding the animals we house and allows us to employ our resources to maximum effect and to the ultimate benefit of the wildlife populations that we work together to preserve. As Canada's leading accredited zoo, we recognize the urgency of employing our knowledge base and collaborative practices for the preservation of species and the conservation programs they require.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommendations in this report will ensure we are maximizing the impact of our investments to achieve our mission of connecting people, animals and conservation science to fight extinction. Any significant changes to high profile animals in our care would be brought to the Animal Lives with Purpose Committee and Board of Management as per our Bylaws.

COMMENTS:

At a time when wildlife and wild places around the world are disappearing fast, the role of Accredited Zoos and Aquariums has never been so important. As recognized leaders in conservation breeding and population management, our combined knowledge base and collaborative practices are increasingly sought and utilized for the preservation of species and the conservation programs they require. The Toronto Zoo, as an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA) realizes this urgency and is committed to strengthening cooperative participation with accelerated resolve by developing and implementing an Animal Lives with Purpose Plan (ALP Plan) that employs our resources to maximum effect and to the ultimate benefit of the wildlife populations that we work together to preserve.

Our Toronto Zoo will be home to animals that thrive in our care and contribute to species sustainability, supporting research and conservation of the natural world while educating

and engaging our guests and our community. The choices we make outlined in this plan will ensure our animals' lives with us have purpose.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment I - Animal Lives with Purpose Plan