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2014 annual report





Zoological Society of Buffalo, Inc.
MISSION STATEMENT

The Buffalo Zoo promotes wildlife conservation through up-close animal encounters, engaging educational experiences, and participation in regional and international programs for endangered species.

Zoo Attendance	
2014	460,253
2013	511,884
2012	455,283
2011	411,194
2010	423,887
2009	456,414
2008	414,794



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Donna M. Fernandes, Ph.D.

If I were to summarize 2014 with a single phrase, it would be "Focused on the Future." We knew from the beginning that attendance would never match that of the previous year, when our polar bear cubs were at the height of their popularity. We also recognized that construction of Arctic Edge might depress visitation since a large section of the Zoo's campus would need to be blocked off for construction. But if we wanted polar bears in our future, we knew we had to brace ourselves for a tough year financially and move on. The year was marked with our official ground breaking ceremony on February 19 and we were pleased that so many of our donors and public officials joined us for this momentous occasion.

The Zoo Board and staff spent several months working with consultants from Schultz and Williams to craft a new strategic plan for the Zoo, focused on four major areas: 1) Board and Staff leadership, 2) the Visitor Experience, 3) Animal Care and Conservation, and 4) Financial Sustainability. The plan also identifies several Phase III projects to be built in the coming years including an outdoor gorilla habitat, bird of prey and outdoor reptile area, and Himalayan Highlands exhibit.

With such a focus on new construction, it was nice to be recognized last year for two of our completed projects. The Delta Sonic Heritage Farm was honored with a 2014 Preservation Buffalo Niagara award while the new entrance received a Brick by Brick Award from Business First for the best new retail project of 2013.

Our Animal staff was also Focused on the Future through their participation in several conservation initiatives. Veterinarian Dr. Volle, Veterinary Technician Alice Rohauer, and rhino keeper, Joe Hauser, traveled to African Lion Safari in Cambridge, Ontario to assist with a rhino

immobilization and electro-ejaculation procedure. They are pros in standing sedation, and artificial insemination has become an important tool for saving endangered rhinos. We learned this first-hand when our Indian rhino Tashi gave birth to a healthy female calf on June 5, 2014. The calf was sired through artificial insemination from a male that had been dead for ten years, but genetically preserved at Cincinnati Zoo's Center for Conservation and Research of Endangered Wildlife (CREW). With only 59 Indian rhinos in captivity in North America, and approximately 2,500 remaining in the wild, being able to successfully introduce genetics that are non or under-represented in the population is critical to maintaining the genetic diversity necessary to keep a population healthy and self-sustaining.

The Buffalo Zoo also supported the long-term future of several reptiles and amphibians in 2014. Dr. Volle and herpetological manager Penny Felski assisted Conservation Biologists from the Seneca Nation and Dr. Ken Roblee of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation with a headstart program for Blanding's turtles. Turtles were radiographed for the presence of eggs with oviposition subsequently induced. The collected eggs were incubated and the hatchlings will be released back into the wild. Penny and herpetology keeper, Illa Caira, also participated in Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake fieldwork to support the local conservation of this threatened species. In addition, approximately 2,900 Puerto Rican crested toad tadpoles were hatched at the Buffalo Zoo and sent to Puerto Rico where they were successfully reintroduced into the toad's native habitat. Last but not least, Penny Felski and the Education Department conducted FrogWatch USA training for the third year in a row where citizen volunteers are trained to recognize the

vocalizations of frog species found in WNY to better census local populations.

Other Conservation Initiatives in 2014 included our Bowling for Rhinos event that brought in over \$10,000 for rhino conservation and our Cars for Conservation program that raised \$4,500 in parking revenue that was distributed to a number of worthy conservation organizations. We partnered with the Wildlife Conservation Society to support their 96 Elephants campaign and ban the sale of ivory in New York State. We also sent General Curator Malia Somerville to Churchill, Manitoba to see polar bears in the wild as part of Polar Bears International's Climate Alliance program.

It was no surprise that 2014 was not as successful as 2013. Great progress was made on Arctic Edge and our long-term strategic plan, but attendance and admission income were down. I appreciate all of the support from the Board of Directors, staff, and community as we focused on the future. I am happy to report, however, that we actually broke even for the year, thanks to a bequest that eliminated what would have been an operating loss of approximately \$45,500. 2015 should be much brighter indeed.



Giraffe
(born 2014)

ANIMAL COLLECTION AND INVENTORY

Species born or hatched in 2014

Amazon milk frog, Annam leaf turtle, Blanding's turtle, Chinese three-stripe box turtle, common vampire bat, dama wallaby, desert grassland whiptail, Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake, giraffe, golden-lion tamarin, Japanese macaque, Mangrove snake, Mexican lance-headed rattlesnake, North American river otter, one-horned rhinoceros, Panamanian golden frog, Puerto Rican crested toad, reindeer, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, Solomon Islands leaf frog, spotted hyena, Sulawesi crested macaque, sunbittern, yellow-banded poison dart frog

Species or specimens acquired in 2014

Addax, African lion, African pancake tortoise, bald eagle, blue-crowned motmot, capybara, carpet python, Eastern indigo snake, green iguana, Guatemalan beaded lizard, Lady Ross' turaco, Mojave Desert sidewinder, Morafka's desert tortoise, red-rumped agouti, sidewinder, snow leopard, timber rattlesnake, Western Massasauga rattlesnake

Species removed from the collection in 2014

6-banded armadillo, Blanding's turtle, common peafowl, domestic donkey, lilac-breasted roller, mandrill, modest day gecko, falcated duck, red-billed leiothrix (Pekin robin), redstriped earheater, spectacled bear, St. Vincent agouti, timber rattlesnake

	2014 Species / Specimens
Mammals	52/210
Birds	35/108
Reptiles	42/128
Amphibians	9/259
Fish	5/205*
Invertebrates	4/99*
TOTALS	147/1,009*

These numbers do not include Education Department animals; otherwise, all species and specimens physically at the Buffalo Zoo are counted.

Counts indicated by * are estimated.

NEW AND UPCOMING EXHIBITS



Arctic Edge Exhibit

The year was marked with our official ground breaking ceremony on February 19 and we were pleased that so many of our donors and public officials joined us for this momentous occasion.

Research Projects Supported in 2014

The Zoological Society of Buffalo recognizes that important contributions are made to the Zoo and to the zoological profession by research efforts. The Society also recognizes that research benefits society at large by contributing to our collective knowledge of nature. Research projects conducted or contributed to as a result of Committee approval and/or cooperation with Association of Zoos and Aquariums requests in 2014, and those projects continued from previous years are listed below.

Amur Tiger
Erika Crook, DVMUtah's Hogle Zoo

The primary goal of this project is to determine the incidence of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in the tiger population. The researchers also evaluated gastrointestinal diagnostics, successful IBD treatments, as well as attempted to identify risk factors and possible familiar predisposition to IBD.

Asian Elephant
ill Mellen, Ph.D. Disney's Animal Kingdom.
John Lehnhardt, AZA Elephant TAG Vice Chair, Animal & Environmental Policy Director, AZA Elephant Center

The purpose of this study is to determine the environmental and husbandry factors that are most important to elephant welfare. Using a multi-disciplinary approach, researchers will establish science-based benchmarks for assessing individual elephant welfare by studying the population housed at AZA-accredited zoos (290 elephants in 78 facilities). This is a multi-year study funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and member zoos.

International Elephant Foundation
AZA Elephant SSP
AZA Conservation Endowment Fund.

Study to reduce elephant deaths caused by Endotheliotropic Elephant Herpes Virus (EEHV). Historic data and blood samples provided to determine prevalence of EEHV in collection animals. Sample submission continued in 2014.

Greater One-Horned Indian Rhino
Monica Stoops, Cincinnati Zoo- CRES

Samples submitted for the determination of estrus cycles in captive Asian one-horned rhinos. The accurate determination of estrus is used to time natural and artificial breeding attempts. Sample submission continued in 2014.

Eastern Hellbender
Ken Roblee, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Penny Felski, The Buffalo Zoo

Agreement with NYSDEC to hatch and rear hellbenders for release at age three into present and former range sites in New York State. Rearing of captive larvae and monitoring of 2012 released hellbenders continued in 2013. Sample releases of hellbenders were conducted in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Robin Foster and Amy McMillan, Ph.D. SUNY at Buffalo
Penny Felski, The Buffalo Zoo

A consolidation of information on hellbender physical abnormalities and injuries from field studies in the Allegheny watershed. Because the Zoo hellbenders came from this watershed, data on deformity rate at hatching was used as a baseline for comparison to field data.

Eastern Massasaugua rattlesnake
Lisa Faust, Ph.D., Lincoln Park Zoo

Buffalo Zoo Herp Manager, Penny Felski, served as a team leader in the field study survey of Massasaugua rattlesnakes in their natural habitat. The yearly study aids in the conservation of wild populations. Surveyors collect data on survey methods, search efforts, basic site information, and weather information. 2014 was the sixth year in the ongoing mark/recapture effort in Michigan. Every snake is processed for general health assessment, and samples are collected for future research needs. Environmental, spatial, and habitat assessment data are also collected for each capture or sighting. Penny also serves on the Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake's SSP Research Committee.



Eastern Massasaugua rattlesnake Cont.
Randall Junge, MS, DVM, Columbus Zoo
Veterinary Advisor, Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake SSP

Documentation of Chrysosporium (now Ophidiomyces) in four Massasaugas in 2008 was the first report of this fungal infection in this species. Nutritional assessment (serum chemistries, vitamins, minerals) have been done for this population. This project intends to monitor trace mineral values (nutrition) and protein electrophoresis (health) in EMR.

Lisa Faust and Rachel Santymire, Lincoln Park Zoo

This project aims to characterize the reproductive hormones of Eastern Massasauga rattlesnakes (EMR) with an ultimate goal of assisting zoo managers with assessments of reproductive status (gravid/non-gravid) and reproductive maturity.

Maned wolf
Nucharin Songsasen
Marieke Kester

This research aims to better understand the role of urinary compounds that act as semiochemicals to regulate reproduction in maned wolves and to then utilize this information to develop a non-invasive method of inducing estrus in singleton females.

Dee McAloose, VMD
Wildlife Conservation Society
Pathology Advisor, Maned Wolf SSP

Submitted pathology reports to contribute to the Maned Wolf SSPs ten year review of maned wolf mortalities.

Laruen Henson and Nucharin Songsasen
Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute

Captive maned wolves are highly susceptible to gastrointestinal disorders, specifically inflammatory bowel disease. This project is investigating the genetic basis for IBD in maned wolves and used methods developed in domestic dogs to extract, amplify, and sequence specific genes in hopes of investigating the potential diagnostic value.

North American River Otter
Robert Pisciotta, DVM and Candyce Paparo
Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center

The goal of this project is to gather baseline data on Von Willebrand disease in healthy North American river otters to compare with an individual who may possibly have the disease.

Polar bear
John Flanders, DVM, and Kathryn Gamble, DVM, Lincoln Park Zoo

Multiple bear deaths, including multiple polar bears, have been attributed to recombinant equine herpesvirus infection, necessitating a survey of all captive polar bears and exotic equids in the US to determine the potential prevalence of the disease.

A. Keith Miles, Ph.D., Liz Bowen Ph.D., and Todd Atwood, Ph.D., U.S. Geological Survey
Michael Murray, DVM, Monterey Bay Aquarium
Randi Meyerson Dinon, DVM, Toledo Zoo

The overall goal of this project is to develop a gene transcript panel for polar bears that can describe physiologic changes and thus identify potential environmental perturbations or stressors within individuals and populations.

Erin Curry, Ph.D., Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens

This ongoing project seeks to monitor sexual maturation in polar bears via non-invasive fecal analyses.

Charlotte Lindqvist, University of Buffalo

Deeply sequenced genomes allow us to begin to investigate the unique characteristics of the polar bear and how this may reflect its excellent adaptation to life in the extreme Arctic environment, and possibly help us understand its future challenges as its environment changes. Blood samples from the Zoo provide an opportunity to isolate candidate genes of interest and possibly look at gene expression levels as well.



Research Projects Supported in 2014 Cont.

Prehensile Tailed Porcupine

Kim Thompson, DVM, Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine

Gastrolithiasis in prehensile-tailed porcupine is a well-known health problem. The goal of this study is to determine if this risk can be decreased or reduced via dietary supplementation of taurine, thereby eliminating the need for surgical intervention.

Sulawesi Macaque

Dominique Bertrand, SUNY at Buffalo
Susan Margulis, Ph.D., Canisius College

This study aimed to 1) determine if glucocorticoid metabolite levels in *M. nigra* feces differ between samples extracted via lyophilizing and samples extracted via 95% ethanol. 2) Determine if samples subjected to multiple freeze/thaw cycles vary in their glucocorticoid metabolite levels. The results were utilized to ensure that proper extraction and storage techniques are employed while in the field.

Vampire Bat

Macy Madden and Susan Margulis, Ph.D.
Canisius College

Common vampire bats have become increasingly popular as zoo exhibit animals. However, little is known about the impact that the zoo environment may have on their behavior. The goal of this project is to determine the possible effect of visitors on bat behavior. This study will continue observations in order to build a larger data set in order to better understand the effects of crowd levels on common vampire bat activities.

Western Lowland Gorilla

Susan Margulis, Ph.D., Canisius College

Continuation of a project initiated in 2012 to evaluate how different contraceptives influence hormonal patterns and estrus behavior.

Mallory Abel and Susan Margulis, Ph.D., Canisius College

While some studies have identified zoo visitors as a potentially enriching stimulus for primates, other studies have found no effect, and still others suggest that visitors may have a stressful impact on primates. This study aimed to explore these possibilities by installing a temporary visual barrier (in the form of camo mesh) over the exterior of one of the viewing windows at the Zoo's gorilla exhibit.

AZA Ape TAG

Great Ape Neuroscience Project

Agreement to provide the brain of deceased western lowland gorillas for processing where upon a standardized and consistent set of post-mortem analyses will be performed on the brains.

Dr. Hayley Murphy, Pam Dennis, DVM, PhD, DACZM; Rita McManamon, DVM; and Linda Lowenstine, DVM, PhD, DACVP, AZA Ape TAG

The Great Ape Heart Project (GAHP) is the world's first effort to target cardiovascular disease in all four great ape species. Mortalities, especially in the middle aged sector of the populations has been on the increase. EKG and echocardiogram results are provided to the study as well as husbandry and nutrition data.

Multiple species

Various Arachnids

Amelia Joy Nuwer and Jack Kottwitz, DVM, Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine

Veterinary literature is severely lacking in publications on the pathology and diseases of arachnids, including, but not limited to spiders, tarantulas, and scorpions. The purpose of this retrospective study is to collate and analyze the data from the pathology reports. The medical records of those animals may be used to create a summary of disease and other pathological conditions and their association with any reoccurring trends in husbandry or diet.



Various Primates

Natalie Laudicina and Jeremy DeSilva, Ph.D., Boston University

In studying birth, neonatal brain size is an important factor to consider, as head size can complicate birth in humans and in small-bodied monkeys. Although there are over 300 species of primates, the database for neonatal brain size is severely limited. This project seeks to produce a more thorough database of neonatal brain size in primates to be made available to all researchers who would find the information useful.

Christy Hoffman, Ph.D., Canisius College

Continuation of an ongoing class project to compare the attention paid to simple and complex visual stimuli across various species.

Caroline Funk, Ph.D., University at Buffalo

The remains of Zoo animals, as well as their naturally shed biomaterials, are to be added to the Zooarchaeology Laboratory Osteological Reference Collection in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Buffalo.

Dr. Stephen Wallace, Eastern Tennessee State University

Whole deceased animals provided for the Osteology Collection of the Neogene Vertebrate Paleontology Laboratory at East Tennessee State University for preservation and study.

AZA Contraception Advisory Group

Dalen Agnew, Ph.D., Michigan State University

Agreement to provide pathology samples for any animals involved in chemical contraception. Sample provision continued in 2014.

Penny Felski, Lynn Hogle, Buffalo Zoo

Penny and Lynn are members of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IUCUC) at the State University of New York College at Buffalo. The Committee oversees research at the College.



Conservation Projects Supported in 2014



Cars for Conservation Fund
A method to secure funding for conservation projects was implemented in 2006. The “Cars for Conservation” program receives \$0.25 from each parking fee collected. The funds generated are distributed to national and international conservation programs.

Financial support was provided to the following conservation organizations in 2014:

- Anteater, sloth, armadillo specialist group IUCN** - Contributions to support the in situ conservation of edentate. (South America)
- AZA Eastern Massasaugua Rattlesnake SSP** - Support of in situ conservation programs for the endangered eastern Massasaugua rattlesnake. (United States)
- AZA Lion SSP** - Support for the SSP’s Lion Conservation Campaign to raise awareness about in situ conservation efforts. (United States, Africa)
- AZA Tiger SSP** - Support for the SSP’s Tiger Conservation Campaign to raise awareness about in situ conservation efforts. (United States, Africa)
- Association of Zoo Horticulturists (AZH)** - Contributions distributed by the AZH to support endangered plant conservation. (United States)
- Caribbean Wildlife Alliance** - Support of the reintroduction, conservation, education, and research programs for the Puerto Rican Crested Toad. (Caribbean)

- El Valle Amphibian Conservation Center (EVACC)** - Support for in situ and ex situ Panamanian amphibian conservation. The Goals of EVACC are to save 12 species of Panamanian endemic frogs for education, display, and the future maintenance of the species. (Panama)
- Friends of Laguna Atascosa Refuge** - Support for in situ ocelot conservation and education. (South America)
- Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center** - Financial support of brown bear conservation and rescue and Yellowstone National Park education efforts. (Western U.S.)
- International Elephant Foundation** - Financial support of in situ conservation projects. (Asia & Africa)
- International Rhino Foundation** - Financial support to help conserve rhinos in the wild. (Asia & Africa)
- International Rhino Keepers Association** - Financial support provided to support in situ rhino conservation programs. (USA, Asia & Africa GLOBAL)

- Lion Tamarins of Brazil Fund** - Support of the conservation, education, and release research projects for lion tamarins. (Brazil)
- National Elephant Center AZA** - Contributions for the development, construction, and operation of a 300 acre facility for the management and reproduction of AZA elephants. (USA)
- Polar Bears International** - Contributions to this non-profit organization dedicated to the worldwide protection of the polar bear. (Canada)
- Reticulated Giraffe Project** - Financial support for in situ giraffe research, conservation, and education efforts. (Kenya)
- Sahara Conservation Fund** - Funding provided to aid in the re-introductory program for Addax antelope. (Africa)
- Snow Leopard Trust** - Financial support of in situ education, community building, and research efforts. (Central Asia)

- Turtle Survival Alliance** - Contributions for turtle in situ conservation and education in Asia and South America. (S.E. Asia)
- World Parrot Trust** - Financial support for the Ara Project to conserve Costa Rican parrots. (Costa Rica)
- Vicuña in Bolivia** - Financial support for in situ vicuña conservation programs. (Bolivia)



The Education Department had a banner year with a multitude of successful programs from family workshops to Zoo snoozes, to Cub Club and Nature Camps.

The Zoo hosted a number of events in 2014 to create a link between arts and cultural institutions and the Common Core Learning Standards. The first "Western New York Uncommon Approaches to the Common Core" conference was hosted and presented by the Zoo as well as the second annual "Arts Partners for Learning". During the latter, Zoo staff held break-out sessions about the link between Common Core and animal enrichment programs. Both events were very successful with attendees from schools and cultural institutions across Western New York.

The Education Department along with keeper Penny Felski from the herpetology team conducted FrogWatch USA training for a new group of 17 volunteers, far larger than the number from the previous two years combined. The Buffalo Zoo is a proud chapter of FrogWatch USA, which is an AZA citizen science program that encourages volunteers to report the breeding calls of frogs and toads in their local areas.

Our highly competitive Zoo Teen Naturalist program accepted 12 teens between the ages of 15 and 17, who are serious about expanding their animal knowledge and exploring a career with animals. They received a three week internship-like experience, exploring topics like exhibit design, animal care and animal handling.

A week-long grant funded camp experience was held in conjunction with Medaille College, Botanical

Gardens, and Museum of Science for ten middle school students from the Valley Community Center. Small groups gained experience in science, note-taking and public speaking during a weeklong project to diagnose a fictional medical issue related to a Zoo rainforest animal.

The Education Department held its first professional development workshop for afterschool program providers in the City of Buffalo. The workshop exposed providers to our programs and our new five-session program called Enrichment Makers. The workshop was well attended, and afterschool providers began to book programs with us as a result of the workshop.

The Education Department held its first Fall Educator's Night Out, which was a chance for educators to come to the Zoo to understand our educational philosophy, our program offerings, and our exhibits. Attendance of approximately 40 educators was far greater than we anticipated for our first event. Participants toured the Zoo, participated in hands-on science activities, and discussed our inquiry-based programming. Feedback was incredibly positive and many participants encouraged their fellow teachers to attend in the future.

The Buffalo Zoo, in partnership with Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve & Environmental Education Center, received the Disney Nature Play grant which focuses on unstructured nature play for families with young children. Through this grant, a Nature Play workshop was held for families interested in understanding how to encourage their young children to play in nature. The workshop was held again at

Reinstein Woods and at the Aquarium of Niagara. Participants were encouraged to join family nature clubs and participate in outings designed to encourage nature exploration/activities.

The Buffalo Zoo hosted the first "Cabin Fever Reliever" event in January, where education staff and volunteers offered information highlighting our variety of family and community group offerings. Patrons participated by doing a "scavenger hunt" that took them through the Zoo to complete various activities/crafts and answer questions related to our programs.

DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING, AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Fundraising Campaigns

The Buffalo Zoo was able to complete the \$18 million "Bear Necessities" campaign thanks to a successful public-private partnership. Foundations, corporations, individuals and our partners in government came together to make sure that our bears remained in Buffalo. Erie County kicked off the campaign at its outset, the City of Buffalo supported the cause and Governor Cuomo and the State of New York made the final gift to make sure the fund raising effort reached its goal.

This milestone would never have been reached without the strong support of the area's foundations and corporate entities. Individuals, spurred on by their affection for our polar bear superstar, Luna, supported the campaign with gifts of all sizes.

The final result will be the new Arctic Edge exhibit, currently under construction and slated to open in the fall of 2015.

The Annual Fund is the backbone of the Zoo's fund raising program and supports the daily operation of the institution. Other successful fund raising efforts include the Zoo's Adopt An Animal program, which helps to feed the collection. In addition to annual adoptions, the program is bolstered each year with successful holiday promotions for Valentine's Day, Halloween's Spooky Species Adoptions and the collectible ornament package for the holidays.

Other special efforts during the year include "Buy the Animals Lunch" and our successful Tops Shops for the Animals initiative.

Marketing and Sponsorships

The Zoo is very grateful for all of the generous sponsors who supported us in 2014. Our major sponsors included:

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Online

The Zoo's marketing department increased efforts to grow followers on various online media including its Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts. These tools serve as a great way to disseminate information about the Zoo's animals, events, programs, and fundraising efforts and engage the Zoo's audience.

The Zoo also took the first steps toward launching a brand new website by developing a request for proposals that was distributed to web developers and agencies around the country. The finished product will launch in 2015.

Special Events

Our Development/Marketing staff did a great job in 2014 working with the ProZoo Board and Women's Board on a number of successful fundraisers. Polar Bites, held every February at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, attracted 1000 participants and brought in nearly \$60,000. The Women's Board's Roaring 20s Party at the Lafayette Hotel on April 6th was an unqualified success with nearly everyone there in some type of 20s apparel. The 2nd Annual BuffaLoveFest on May 30th brought the best of Buffalo to the Zoo with a variety of local entertainers, food trucks and vendors. Approximately 1800 people were in attendance and more than \$37,000 was raised. Catillion 2014, the Rhino Rhumba, was also a great success. Our baby rhino arrived just in time! The event netted more than \$100,000 for the Zoo Foundation. Thank you to Ellen and Doug Bean and the entire Catillion committee for their hard work. Wines in the Wild welcomed more than 2,600 people on July 23 and netted approximately \$105,000 for our Adopt An Animal program. Thank you to our Development staff, the ProZoo Board, and the Women's Board who provided the wonderful auction baskets.

Labor Day at the Zoo welcomed a crowd of 12,000 visitors in early September. While this event is not a fundraiser, our Concessions staff was able to take advantage of the crowds with many well priced items resulting in record sales. Many visitors expressed their gratitude for the \$1.00 price that day as they exited the Zoo.

Mayor Byron Brown of the city of Buffalo, recieved the Friend of Wildlife Award at Catillion 2014.

Friends of the Zoo 2014

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Barbara T. Baker, chair

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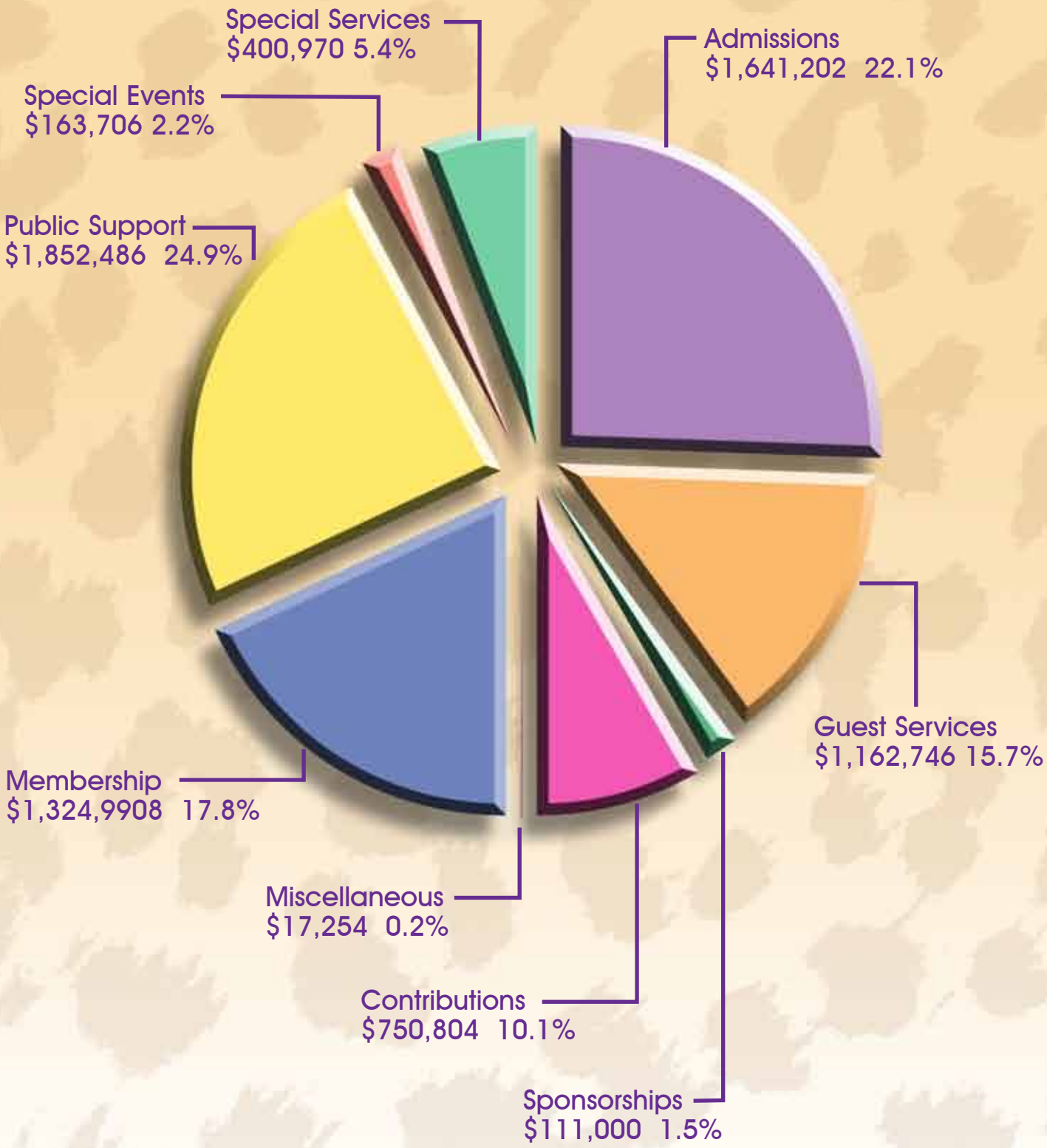
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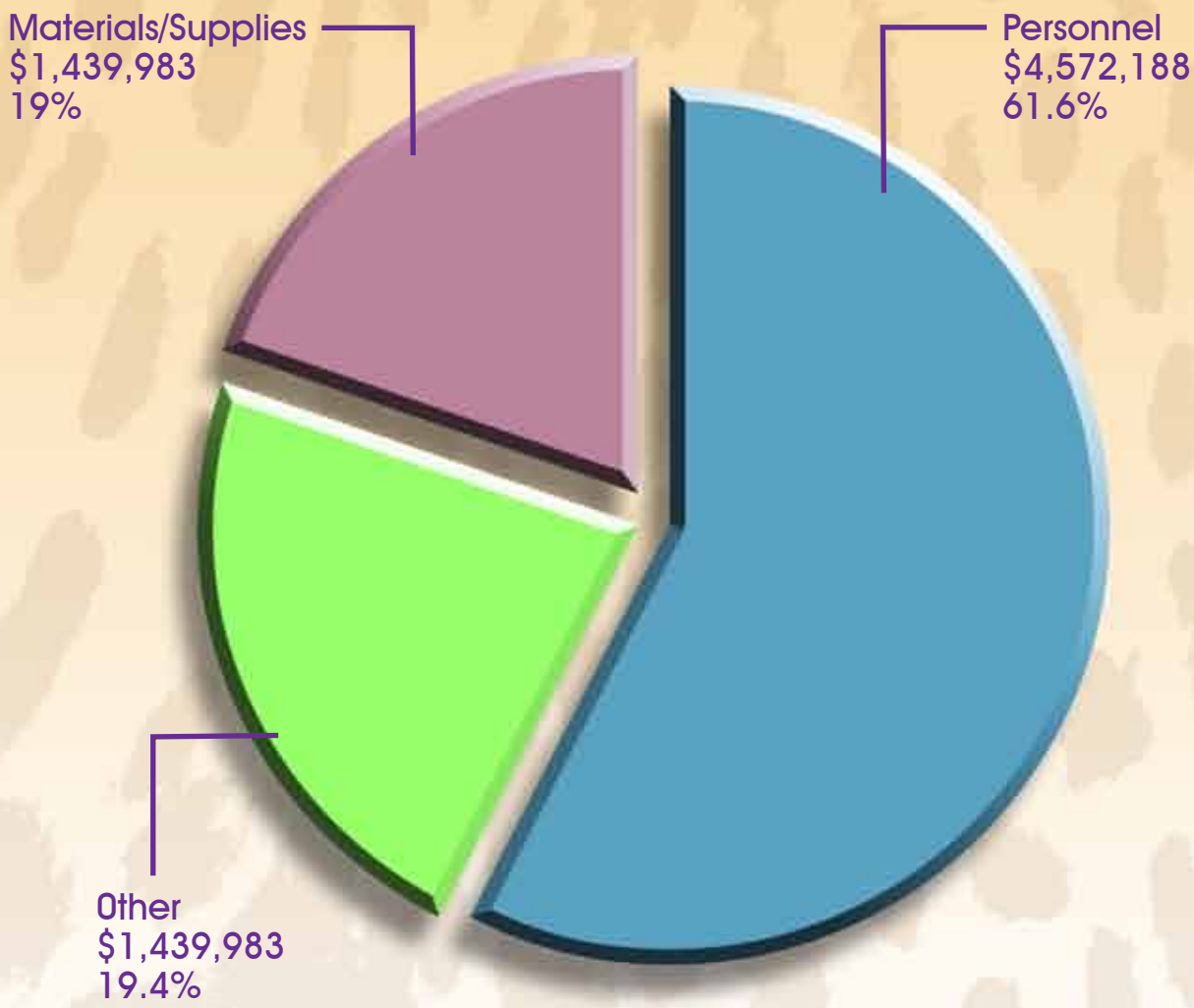
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