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New Species Arrives at San Antonio Zoo

San Antonio Zoo® has recently become home for a pair of hyenas. The zoo worked closely with officials who relocated the hyenas to ensure the animals had a safe home. San Antonio Zoo cared for hyenas through 2014 and is well equipped to provide excellent care for these animals. Purportedly one of the hyenas is seven years old (male), and the other turns four next month; the sexes are currently unknown as hyenas do not have external anatomy to help differentiate between male and female. The median life expectancy for spotted hyenas is approximately 21 years in human care. While hyenas are often misunderstood, they are a critical part of Africa's ecosystems. The newly arrived hyenas have begun exploring their new habitat at The Grottos in the coming days and weeks.

"Securing a future for wildlife and the places they live doesn't always simply apply to their home range," said Tim Morrow, President & CEO San Antonio Zoo. "We are currently acclimating the hyenas to each other and their new habitat, and we look forward to once again educating our visitors about this species, a species that is largely misunderstood.

San Antonio Zoo continues to ask the community for support from COVID related financial struggles. The zoo has a long road to recovery and is asking people to donate to its Recovery fund. Donations can be made at www.sazoo.org/recovery-fund.

About San Antonio Zoo

San Antonio Zoo®, operated by San Antonio Zoological Society is a non-profit organization committed to securing a future for wildlife. Through its passion and expertise in animal care, conservation, and education, the zoo's mission is to inspire its community to love, engage with, act for and protect animals and the places they live. The zoo welcomes more than a million visitors each year and is open year-round. San Antonio Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Zoological Association of America, and Humane Certified by American Humane.

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