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El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens Celebrates National Zoo Keeper Week

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens is celebrating the dedicated professionals who make exceptional animal care possible during National Zoo Keeper Week, observed July 19 to 25.

National Zoo Keeper Week recognizes the passion, expertise, and commitment of zoo keepers across the country. Every day, these animal care professionals work behind the scenes to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of the Zoo's more than 220 animal species while also inspiring guests through education and supporting global conservation efforts.

From preparing specialized diets and providing enrichment activities to maintaining habitats and monitoring animal health, zoo keepers play an essential role in caring for wildlife. Their work extends beyond daily care by helping visitors connect with animals and understand the importance of protecting wildlife and their habitats.

"Zoo keepers are the heart of our Zoo," said El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens Director Gary Lunsford. "Their dedication, compassion, and expertise ensure our animals receive outstanding care every day. They also inspire our guests to become advocates for wildlife and conservation. National Zoo Keeper Week is the perfect opportunity to recognize these incredible professionals for all they do."

The El Paso Zoo invites the community to celebrate National Zoo Keeper Week by visiting the Zoo, learning more about the important work zoo keepers do, and thanking them for their dedication to animal care and conservation.

Guests are also encouraged to share photos from their visit on social media using #NationalZooKeeperWeek to help recognize these unsung heroes.

For more information about the El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens, visit the Zoo's website www.ElPasoZoo.org or follow the Zoo on social media.

About the El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens

The El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens is home to hundreds of animals representing species from around the world and remains committed to conservation, education, and providing exceptional animal care while creating meaningful experiences that inspire visitors of all ages.

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