

Names, Sex, Birth Dates, Status, Anecdotes

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Asian Highlands

- many of the cats use litter boxes and cat scratchers
- all participate positively in training
- If breeding is successful, we keep the offspring for at least 2 years

Snow Leopard: IUCN - Vulnerable

Bhutan M 18 July 08

Snow Leopard anecdotes:

- Bhutan came from Albuquerque Zoo
- people oriented because he was hand raised
- Q4C \$\$\$ goes to Snow Leopard Trust -- a Snow Leopard conservancy study estimates about 4500-6000 adults left in the wild
- favorite prey in the wild is mountain sheep and goats. Threatened in wild due to poaching for pelts and body parts and farming pressures where they are often killed by the local farmers when they prey upon local livestock

Amur Leopard: IUCN - Critically Endangered

Anadyr M 28 June 15 **Anya** F 16 Nov 13

Amur Leopard anecdotes:

- Anya is very determined, has done drag training but is clumsy, will drag up into a tree -- natural behavior
- One of the leopards, probably Anya, stalked and caught a ground squirrel. When they

did, they lost their footing and fell a bit. They recovered their clumsy fall but didn't drop the ground squirrel. She also caught a skunk back in 2018!

- A 2017 National Geographic study indicated about 40-60 adults in the wild
- Anya is from Jacksonville Zoo, parent reared. Nicknamed by keepers "bounce" because she bounces a lot. Red peppers and cayenne pepper are treats she enjoys!
- Anadyr is from Yorkshire Wildlife Park, UK. parent reared
- SSP recommendation for breeding. Have exhibited breeding behavior. Have done blood work to determine if there is a pregnancy - no results as of Oct, 2021... keep your fingers crossed! if Wild Cat Conservation Alliance is involved with their breeding in that they could take the offspring to their preserve. Anya/Anydyr's grandkittens could be released from the Alliance's preserve back into the wild!!
- both are in high demand genetically
- keepers do tandem feeding and howdies before any physical intros - which may/may not be done on exhibit. They look for positive behaviors before intros
- if they need to separate them when they are physically in the same space keepers will yell their names/shout at them, bang on pots/pans, employ CO2 cartridges, or lastly use a water hose

Pallas' Cat: IUCN - Near Threatened

Nancy F 20 Mar 17, **Bo** M 28 Mar 17

Pallas' cat anecdotes:

- Nancy is shy, came to CMZ as a one yr old. Favorite treats: fish, mice, chicken pate. She came from an exotic feline breeding facility and didn't have much contact with people
- Bo came from Hogle Zoo, UT. He is more visible and typically the one seen on exhibit, he is very interested in Nancy
- SSP breeding recommendation. No intro necessary - they are together all the time. Pallas cats breeding is photosensitive - day length make a difference
- Toxo risk - this is a bacteria from rodents. If kittens get toxo it kills them 99% of the

time

- sleep 20 hours/day, if they are up and moving it is for a purpose

Amur Tiger: IUCN - Endangered

Chewy M 21 Apr 15

Tiger anecdotes:

- In the past 2 1/2 years there has only been 1 successful breeding in human care in any zoo
- Scientists use Obsession by Calvin Klein to lure tigers to camera traps for research. Keepers often spray different perfumes in their enclosure for enrichment
- Chewy is short for Chewbacca, his full name, a Star Wars character
- Chewy often tolerates local non-zoo species in his habitat. Once a ground squirrel was sitting on his tail
- treats include chicken, pork, knuckle bones and whipped cream
- Chewy gets 8-9 lbs of food each day; he enjoys a good back scratch!
- Chewy came from the Columbus Zoo. His move allowed more space in the Columbus Zoo to breed the genetically most valuable pair of Amur Tigers in human care.
- Chewy weighs about 364 pounds. He commonly "chuffs" when near guests. This sound is considered a happy or contented sound. He plays with just about anything, he works well with training and enjoys a variety of enrichments.
- Enrichment they interact with: phonebooks stuffed with meat, mirrors, hanging barrels, ice treats. Both enjoy the Boomer balls in the pool.
- A way to help Amur Tigers -- recycle ALUMINUM! Bauxite - an aluminum ore - is commonly found in tiger habitat. Recycling reduces the demand of aluminum thus reducing the amount of mining in tiger habitat.
- during CS crazy wind storms the tigers are inside -- if a tree were to fall in the exhibit there could be a chance of escape!! Keepers check the exhibit for such things regularly