

# Appreciate your friendly Navajo Zoo

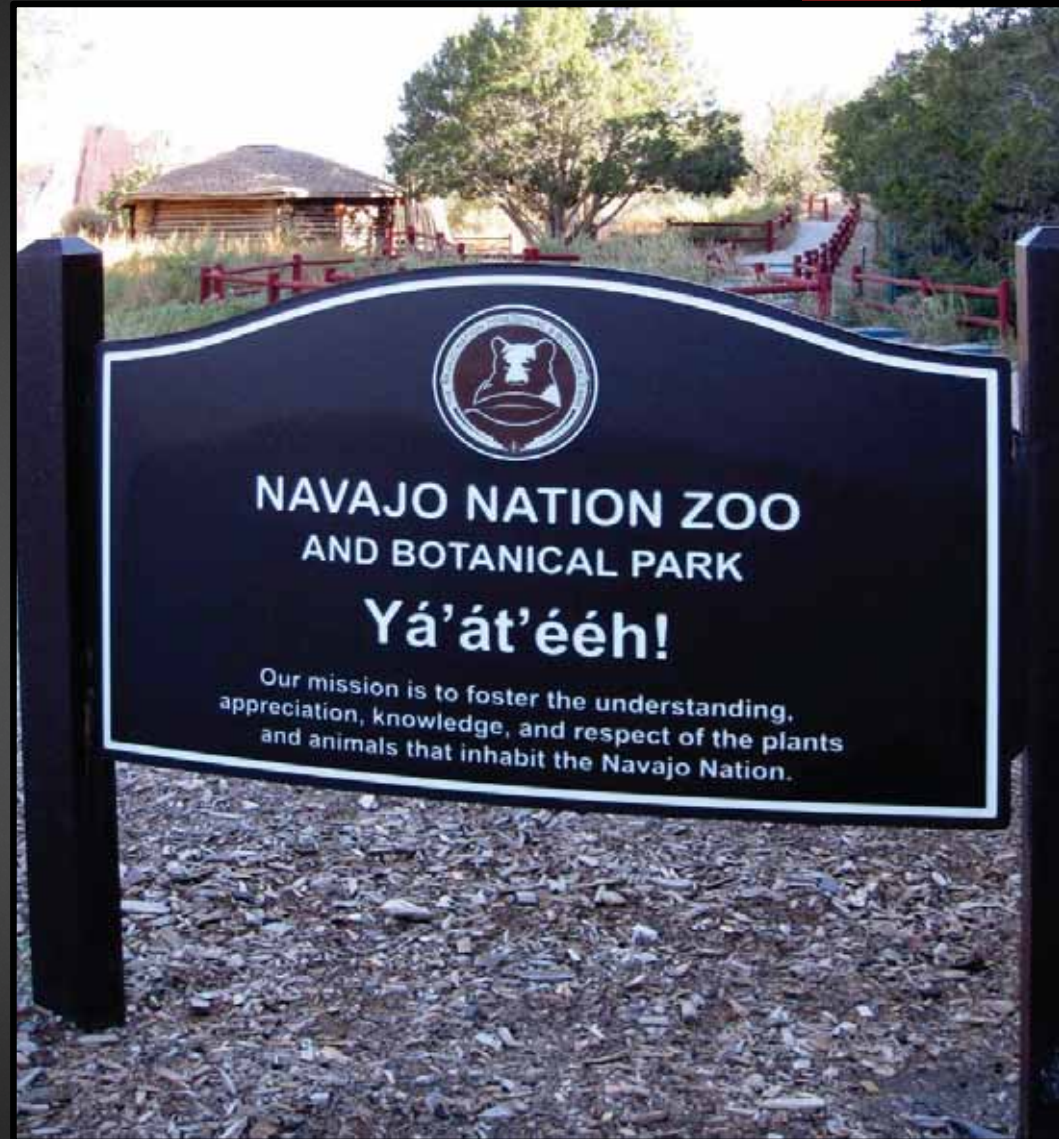
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Only Native American  
owned & operated Zoo  
in U.S.





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Houses over 100 animals  
native to the Southwest



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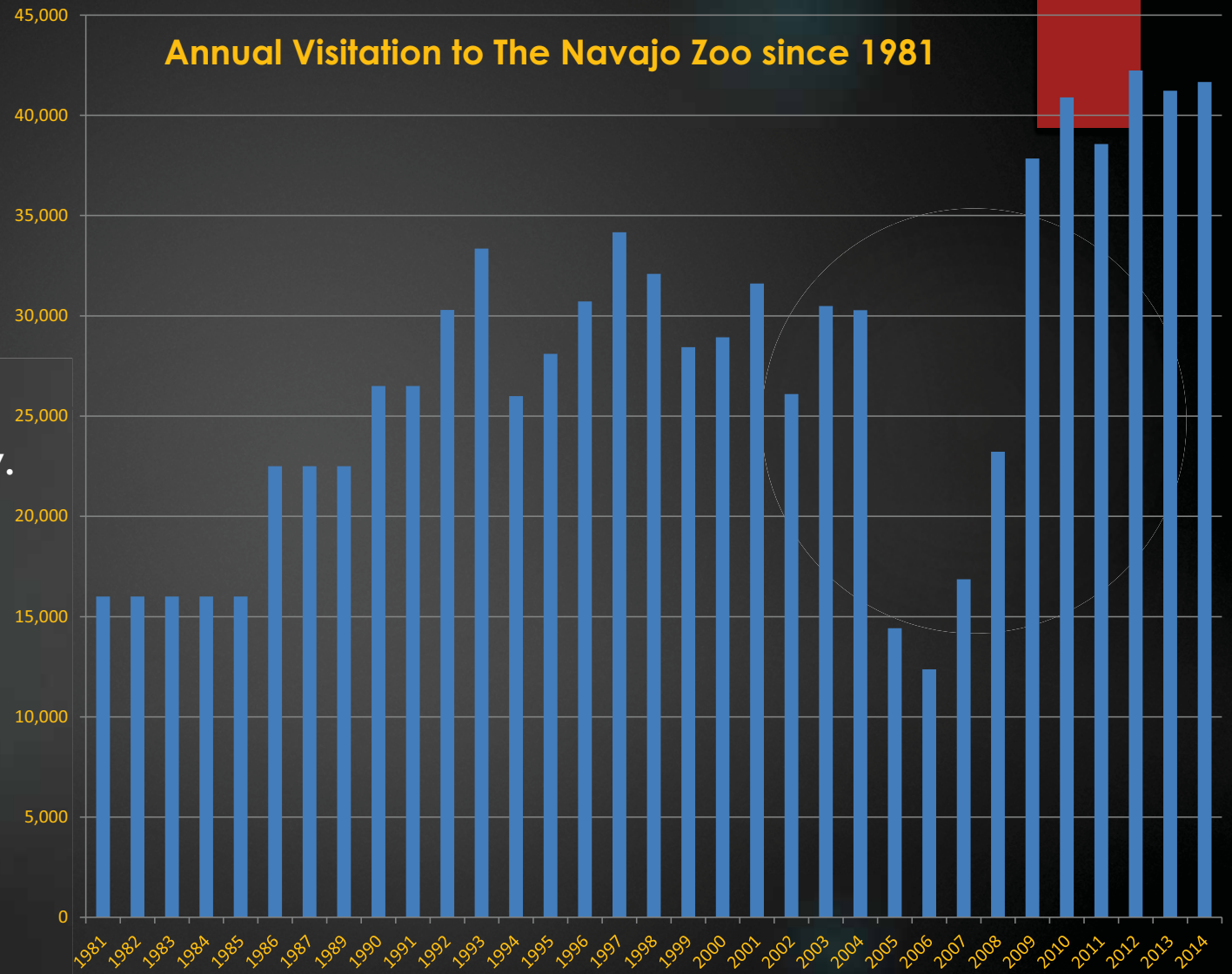
Nearly all animals are  
orphaned or injured





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Free Admission everyday.



# A short history of the Navajo Nation Zoo

- Begun in 1963 at Navajo Nation Fair
- One orphaned Black Bear was on exhibit
- More injured/orphaned wildlife brought in
- Moved to Tse Bonito Park in 1977
- Program Transferred from P&R to NNDFW in 2006-7
- Flourished and grown with its own business unit



# Purpose



The purpose of the Navajo Zoo is to:

- provide a quality exhibition of native plant and animals
- foster the understanding, appreciation, respect of
- local Navajo Nation plants and animals.



# Plan of Operation

## Authority, Duties & Responsibilities

- Maintain & continuously improve free facility
- Sanctuary for orphaned, injured animals
- Quality Care for animal and plants
- Promote awareness & education
- Implement education programs
- Accommodate traditional ceremonies
- Comply with federal certifications
- Seek funding



# Mission

Maintain a continuously improving and free-admission facility, which is recognized as the only certified Native American zoological facility in the United States.

Conserve native plants and animals, including rare, sensitive and endangered species, by serving as a sanctuary for orphaned, injured, confiscated, or otherwise impaired wildlife.

Provide quality care for all plants and animals within the collection by maintaining a natural, safe, and healthy environment.

Promote awareness and education of native plants and animals, including their cultural and traditional significance to the Navajo people.

Implement educational programs, targeting schools and families, that promote conservation, culture, and respect of native plants and animals.

Accommodate and monitor traditional and/or ceremonial activities on grounds.

Comply with all pertinent laws and regulations to maintain federal certification.

Seek federal, corporate and public funds and donations to provide related services and enhancement and expansion of the facility.

# Continuously Improve the Zoo

- ▶ New Quarantine & Veterinary Station
- ▶ Bear Holding Area
- ▶ Cougar Holding Area
- ▶ New Gray Fox House
- ▶ Exhibit Signage
- ▶ New Picnic Tables
- ▶ New Park Benches
- ▶ Security System for Discovery Center
- ▶ New Elk Shade
- ▶ Water Mist Systems for Deer, Elk, Bighorn
- ▶ Warehouse, Kitchen, Restroom Heaters
- ▶ NDOT Parking Lot Graveling
- ▶ Replaced old damaged fencing
  - ▶ Deer Enclosure
  - ▶ Elk Enclosure





# Conservation/ Refuge



# Provide Sanctuary & Quality Animal Care





# Enrichment





# Education

OVER 3,000 school children visit during school trips annually





# Education & Awareness

## ► Events

- ZooBOO!
- Zoo Fest 2012
- Zoo Anniversary
- Gallup Art Crawl
- Navajo Fair Coffee Sales
- 30-min. Promo Video





# Events & Entertainment

ZooFest – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
ZooBOO! – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Zoo Anniversary  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Baby Animal Day  
Raptor Appreciation Day







New Animals



New Eagle Aviary



## Source of Animals and Animal Parts for Ceremonial Use

### Feather Donations –

Eagles, Hawks, Wild Turkey  
Owl, Sandhill Crane

### Fur Donations –

Bear, Cougar, Elk, Deer, etc.

### Allow Access to Live Animals –

Bear, Cougar, Coyote,  
Gila Monster, etc.





# Challenges

- ▶ Floods – Aug 2. & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- ▶ Floods – July 27 & Sept. 8, 2013



Thank You

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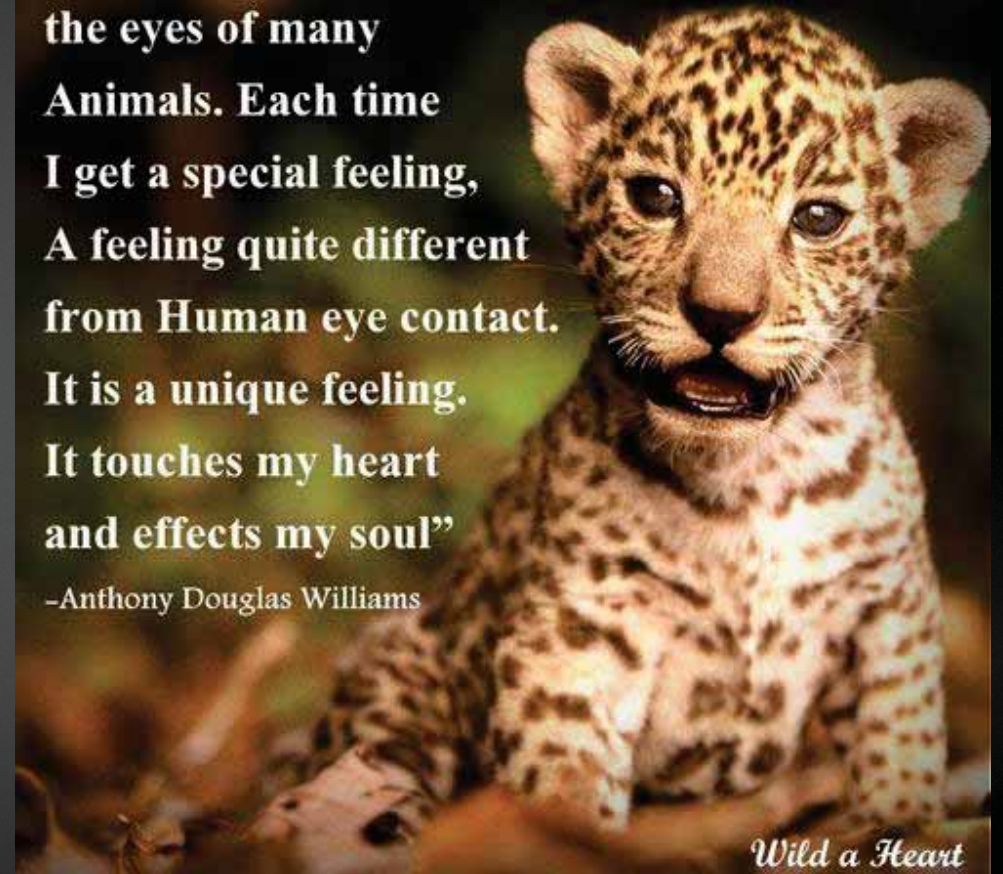


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**“I have looked into  
the eyes of many  
Animals. Each time  
I get a special feeling,  
A feeling quite different  
from Human eye contact.  
It is a unique feeling.  
It touches my heart  
and effects my soul”**

**-Anthony Douglas Williams**



*Wild a Heart*