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THE FAB FOUR

ALL YOU NEED IS ... FROGS!
HEALTHY FROGS = A HEALTHY PLANET

Frogs are sensitive to changes in the environment because pollutants are easily absorbed through their porous skin. Unhealthy frogs warn scientists about problems that affect all species, including humans.

MEET THE NEW POISON DART FROGS!

BLESSED



"*Ranitomeya benedicta*" is a relatively large lowland species from Peru.

Adults bear a brilliant red head, a character which is diagnostic of this species.

BUMBLE BEE



"*Dendrobates leucomelas*" is the largest poison dart frog from Northern South America.

These frogs are bright yellow with black stripes and spots. Some may be orange.

GOLDEN



"*Phyllobates terribilis*" are from the Pacific coast of Colombia.

These frogs are the most deadly dart frogs - their poison is 20 times more toxic than all other species.

ZIMMERMAN'S



Dendrobates variabilis are a small species from the eastern Andean foothills. They range from southern Ecuador to central Peru.

These poison dart frogs are semi-arboreal.

FRAN ARMSTRONG – LEAVING A LEGACY

REMEMBERING A WOMAN OF GREAT STRENGTH



Reid Park Zoo docent Fran Armstrong volunteered for Reid Park Zoo for more than 40 years, including over 39 years as a docent. Fran saw many changes to the Zoo and the Zoological Society from its humble beginnings, and she was one of Reid Park Zoo's biggest and most dedicated fans. Fran passed away on December 6, 2016 after returning from a beautiful cruise with her beloved husband, Ray.

Well-loved by Zoo visitors, staff members, and docents, Fran was as passionate as any one person could be about teaching children and families about wildlife conservation and caring for the collection here at Reid Park Zoo.

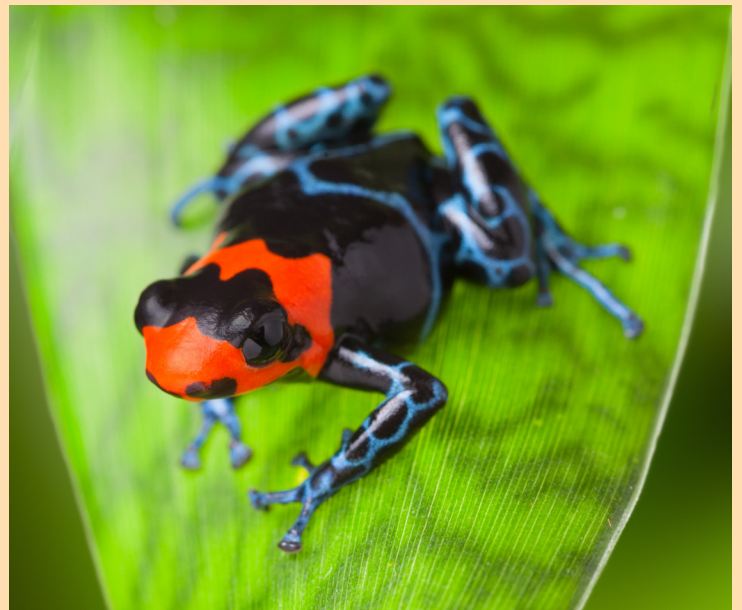
“FRAN WAS NOT LARGE IN STATURE, AND SIMILAR TO THE SMALL DART FROGS HER LEGACY HAS HAD A HUGE IMPACT ON ALL OF US,” SAID ZOO DIRECTOR JASON JACOBS. “THROUGH HER LOVE OF CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND WILDLIFE, SHE WAS AN INSPIRATION AND A ROLE MODEL THAT TAUGHT SO MANY OF US SO MUCH.”

As part of Reid Park Zoo's Legacy Circle, Fran and her husband Ray wanted to leave a lasting legacy for future generations. As a result of Fran and Ray's generosity, a dart frog exhibit will be available to the thousands of children who visit each year – the first of its kind in the Zoo's Conservation Learning Center.



The Legacy Circle recognizes those who generously choose to make a planned gift to the Reid Park Zoological Society. Making a planned gift can be as easy as naming RPZS as a beneficiary to your life insurance or 401(K) plan.

For more information, please call Diana at (520) 837-8217 or email diana@reidparkzoo.org.



POISON DART

AMAZING AMPHIBIANS

Poison Dart Frogs, (*Dendrobates tinctorius*), are one of the most colorful frog species - and a new favorite at Reid Park Zoo! These are the first amphibians at the Zoo in more than 10 years.

Amphibians are a good environmental indicator species because they live in two environments, land and water, and have thin skin that they sometimes breathe through. Scientists monitor amphibians to determine the health of an entire ecosystem.



HOME, HOME ON THE RAINFOREST

Poison dart frogs can be found in the humid, tropical rainforest environments of Central and South America, near streams or ponds. These tiny, terrestrial, diurnal frogs tend to live on or close to the ground, in leaf litter on the forest floor.



DART FROGS!



THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF
A DART FROG IS 1 INCH,
OR ABOUT ONE PAPERCLIP



THE AVERAGE WEIGHT OF
A DART FROG IS 1 OUNCE,
OR ABOUT 5 QUARTERS



DEADLY DART FROGS

Poison dart frogs are some of the most toxic animals on Earth. The two-inch-long golden poison dart frog has enough poison to kill 10 grown men!

Dart frogs are poisonous because they store the toxins from the insects they eat. Their elaborate designs and bright colors avert potential predators, a tactic called "aposematic coloration." The bright color warns predators of the potentially deadly meal. Many animals use aposematic or warning coloration as protection.

The frogs' poison is found in their skin, making them too toxic to touch. The poison dart frogs at Reid Park Zoo eat wingless fruit flies, and therefore do not have any stored toxins.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR REID PARK ZOO



SUMMER SAFARI FRIDAY NIGHTS

Fridays, May 19 - August 4, 6 - 8 p.m.

\$9 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 children, Members receive \$2 off

Get \$2 off with a coupon from your neighborhood MetroPCS store*

Reid Park Zoo's Summer Safari Nights, presented by Tucson Medical Center, are back with more entertainment and activity options than ever! Enjoy the Zoo each Friday during cooler evening temperatures with the added benefits of live music, family-friendly animal features, special dining options, and gift shop discounts.

Bring a blanket and purchase your dinner or snacks (or even a cold beer or glass of wine), then relax and enjoy a concert. Stroll through the Zoo for Meet the Keeper chats, animal encounters, sponsor booths, and wildlife activities. The entertainers and animal themes will change each week, so check our website at reidparkzoo.org.

*one coupon per ticket necessary for discount

NATIONAL GET OUTDOORS DAY

Sunday, June 11, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Free with paid admission

Spend this special day outdoors at the Zoo. Enjoy animal presentations throughout the morning and nature play at the Learning Center. Journey to "Camp Grizzly" and learn how to be wildlife-friendly when enjoying the outdoors - especially when camping!

BREW AT THE ZOO

Saturday, June 17, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

\$45 per person

\$40 per member

\$20 designated driver

Join Reid Park Zoo and Craft Tucson for Brew at the Zoo 2017. Sample a wide variety of craft brews from Arizona and keep a commemorative sampling glass made from recycled beer bottles. Enjoy games, animal encounters and listen to live music by R&P Music Factory and Satyr Entertainment. Food will be available for purchase. This is an age 21 and older event only. Valid ID is necessary for entry.

INTERNATIONAL MUD DAY

Saturday, July 1, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Free with paid admission

Get ready to enjoy the MUD! Explore how to paint, build and create with mud, glorious mud! Bring your imagination - but not your best clothes - as we will get very muddy while playing! Bathing suits are suggested, as a hose will be available to clean off with after you're done playing. Event will take place in the Event Garden.



WORLD ELEPHANT DAY

Saturday, August 12, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Free with paid admission

It's a World Elephant Day celebration in Expedition Tanzania! From 8:30-10:30 a.m., there will be elephant-themed activities and presentations in honor of these amazing animals. The elephants will receive special treats, and there will be special training sessions, too.



ZOOCON

Friday, October 13, 6 - 9 p.m.

\$125 per person

\$95 per member

BUY TICKETS TODAY - \$20 OFF EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!

Join us for a night of fun, food, entertainment and auctions at the 24th annual ZOOcon, presented by Casino Del Sol. More than 800 attendees will take part in the premier fundraising event for Reid Park Zoo. Dozens of Tucson's favorite restaurants provide samples at stations throughout the Zoo. Attendees participate in silent and live auctions which include items ranging from power tools to vacation getaways to unique Zoo experiences. Live music, entertainment, and animal encounters round out what is sure to be an evening you will never forget. Receive \$20 off tickets purchased before August 31st. Tables of 8 and 4 are available for sponsorship. This is an age 21 and older event only. Tickets include food at all the restaurants and 2 drink tickets.

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THE DOCTORS ARE IN (PART TWO)

Q & A with Zoo General Curator, Dr. Sue Tygielski

Q: When did you first become involved in animal care, or know you wanted to pursue a career with animals?

A: Growing up in Chicago, in a household without pets, I was always eager to be near animals - especially at the zoo.

Q: What's your favorite part of your job?

A: My favorite part of my job is the never-ending problem-solving with staff. We are challenged daily on how to make the animals' days better, engage visitors more and build a strong team.

Q: What kind of connection do you have with the animals that you hope translates to Zoo guests or to the Zoo's guest experience?

A: I hope that we can share the special moments in the animals' daily lives with our guests, from young male elephants sparring like middle school boys, to the gentle social grooming of our lemurs, and of course the fiesty charges of the lions at play. Those moments, some big and showy, while others are quiet contentment, are an opportunity for our guests to know the animals more deeply.

Q: How do you try to be a role model for children in science?

A: I hope to be able to excite children about science and all its possibilities. At a zoo we have more than just biology at play, and my hope is that kids can learn and be inspired by whatever sparks their natural curiosity.

Q: What are you most grateful for in your job here at the Zoo?

A: I am grateful to have the opportunity to work so closely with the animals in our care, to have an outstanding team of zoo professionals, and to be able to touch the hearts of our guests.

HAVE AN AMAZING ELEPHANT EXPERIENCE

Join us for a 60 minute adventure to learn what it takes to care for Reid Park Zoo's elephant herd. Your experience will include watching an elephant training session, a tour of the elephant barn, meeting our elephant animal care staff and helping them hide treats for the elephants.

Available only on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m. October - May; 7 a.m. June - September. \$500 for 2 people. \$100 for each additional person up to 10 total people.

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