



Yerevan Zoo was full of surprises on June 1, International Children's Day



FPWC celebrated World Environment Day on June 5th



On June 1st Yerevan Zoo opened its doors from early morning and the events started at 10:00. As it is already a tradition on Children's Day the entrance to Yerevan Zoo was free for children under 16. The little visitors were welcomed by clowns and fairy tale heroes. A lot of theatrical performances and concert were organized with participation of various musical groups and children's musical ensembles. In addition, a lot of contests for children took place.



In several booths not only the Zoo Kids' magazine were presented but also the Yerevan Zoo partner companies Orange Elephant Child Development Centre, Bookinist Bookshop, Tnak Child Development Centre introduced themselves to the visitors with entertaining and educational games.

The Zoo magazine booths provided not only information about the children's magazine but also about animal adoption programs and other Zoo news. The visitors also had a chance to observe animal feeding presentations.

The winners of the competition Narek Suqiasyan (age 8) and Harutyun Gulguljyan (age 13) were awarded with bicycles. 15-year-old Mariam Karapetyan received a shirt and a cap with the Yerevan Zoo logo.

Yerevan Deputy Mayor Aram Suqiasyan also attended the event. Accompanied by the Zoo Director Ruben Khachatryan, he walked around the park and was introduced to the ongoing projects.

The event was meant to end at 18:00, but it was late evening and there were still a lot of visitors enjoying the day.

In 1972 the National Assembly of the United Nations established the World Environment Day. Since then millions of citizens all around the world celebrate each year June 5th by joining environmental actions. The Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets marked the day with an environmental exhibition in Yerevan Zoo. The event took place in the frames of the Yerevan Summer 2014 - a three months program implemented by Yerevan Municipality and in cooperation with RA Ministry of Nature Protection.

On June 5th FPWC offered all organizations, companies and governmental bodies the opportunity to present environmental products and approaches in Yerevan Zoo. Booths and facilities for all participants were offered free of charge. Moreover with support of VivaCell-MTS the entrance to the zoo was free from 9:30 - 17:00. Ruben Khachatryan, Yerevan Zoo Director and founder of the FPWC underlined in his welcome speech: "The mission of Yerevan Zoo as a public area is to serve all Armenian citizens and to inform them on all possible levels about environment and nature protection."



More than 15 participants used the opportunity and presented a huge and colorful variety of environmental ideas and products, ranging from technical solutions in solar heating, recycling and water manufacturing to eco-tourism and sport. The best booths were awarded with prizes of the Ministry for Nature Protection and Yerevan Municipality. Additionally a children arts exhibition contributed to the special atmosphere of the day.

The success of the environmental exhibition clearly has proven that it should not stay a one-off event but should be organized on an annual basis. FPWC is ready to take over this task and looks forward to organize the next Environmental Exhibition on World Environment Day 2015.

Summer camp in Yerevan Zoo



On June 2014, Yerevan Zoo in cooperation with London Eye International Training Center prepared a nice surprise for its little visitors - a summer camp in Yerevan Zoo.

The camp, which was designed for 6-9 and 10-13 age groups, was an excellent opportunity for the participants to combine English courses with animal observations, animal feeding presentations and educational activities. The professional experts from London Eye training center conducted the English courses. All the participants had a special guided tour in the Zoo area.



Considering the many requests of our visitors, on September 14 at 12:00 - 17:00 the Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets (FPWC) and Yerevan Zoo presented the second Ice Cream Day this year.

The entrance was free of charge for children under 16.

On that day the ice cream was available for only 50 AMD and the entire revenue from the sale was donated for the welfare of the animals in Yerevan Zoo.

The visitors of Yerevan were introduced to the latest issue of Zoo the Kid's Magazine, got informed on animal adoption programs and latest events in the Zoo, as well as had a chance to witness animal feeding shows. Various intellectual games were organized in which the smartest kids competed for the grand prize: a bicycle.

The ice cream was provided by Ashtarak-Kat CJSC, one of the leading companies of high-quality ice cream.



Ring-tailed lemurs' Housewarming on August 6



Within the frames of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Yerevan Zoo and Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, the Yerevan Zoo was donated 5 Ring-tailed lemurs (Lemur catta), who found their habitat in one of the pools of the Zoo.

Ring-tailed lemurs are listed in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species as "Endangered". Their transferring from one country to another is regulated by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), which Armenia signed on to in 2009. Hence the import and export of the animals are organized in accordance with all necessary procedures, and by following all provisions of the CITES regulations.

Since 2011 Yerevan Zoo has been cooperating with a number of Zoos around the world and Animal Rights Organizations to implement one of its main missions, which is the preservation of endangered animals.



Grand Junior has settled into his new environment



Grand Junior the young and playful elephant that arrived from Tbilisi on July 12th has taken the hearts of the Yerevan Zoo visitors by storm. Grand Junior came to Yerevan in an exchange for Grand Senior who found a new home and a wife in Tbilisi Zoo. The new elephant of Yerevan Zoo is an eight year old male, a typical teenager with a head full of mischief. The visitors enjoy observing him roaming through his new enclosure always

searching for new fun. And Grand Junior knows how to deliver a great show to his new fans in Yerevan. Whether he is throwing heavy tree trunks around, playing with sand and mud or jumping and splashing in his pool - observing Grand Junior is never boring!

Tobias Dornbusch, the German elephant expert, who trained Grand Senior as well as Grand Junior in order to prepare them for their respective new homes, is very happy with the young elephant's easy and unproblematic acclimatization in Yerevan. But of course in comparison to the more mature and mostly very calm Grand Senior this teenage boy poses a much bigger challenge to the elephant keepers. Describing his behaviour he says: "Grand junior is very self-confident and one can say even spoiled. He stayed alone with his mother for eight years and she allowed him to do whatever he wanted. In nature the entire group educates the young elephant and teaches him to behave socially acceptable but Grand junior is a typical only child." So actually Tobias and Yerevan Zoo's elephant keeper Gevorg have to take over the difficult task to "educate" Grand Junior. But surely even with a bit more education Grand Junior stays a funny guy whose charms will enchant the zoo visitors again and again.