

EXPLORATION ZONE

(AKA the Children's Zoo)



The Mouse House!

- This a popular palace for mice!
- Proper pet ownership
 - Enrichment galore!



Peach-Faced Lovebirds

- Also known as the Rosy-Faced Lovebird
- Native to the arid zones in southwestern Africa
- Our birds are Consideration, and Respect (1.1)
- Popular pet bird species
 - Educational opportunity



Tortoise Exercise Yard



- ARC Animals
- Weather dependent
 - When temperatures are low, look for them in the ARC window exhibits
- Education opportunity about pet ownership

Prairie Dogs

- Burrowing rodents native to North American grasslands
- Intricate tunnel systems
- Warning call
- Breeding season
- Pups are grey in color



What's that?



- Desensitizing the Prairie dogs to the presence of the humane traps
- Hear a bell ringing? That's their recall! The Prairie Dogs are currently being trained to come to a bell, and enter 3 different "catch boxes" to receive food. This will help us to better medically manage injuries.

Prairie Dogs



- Live in closely knit family groups called coterie
- Coterie are grouped together into wards or neighborhoods
- Several wards make up a colony or town



Meerkats



- Small carnivore in the mongoose family
- Botswana, Namibia, Angola, South Africa
- Burrowing, complex underground tunnel networks
- Mob, gang, or clan



Meerkats

- Social hierarchy
- Sentry duty is an important job!
- Alarm bark vs. the happy "peep"



Barnyard



Barnyard:

- 75% of animals (livestock and poultry) are rare breed
- New rare California breed, San Clemente Island Goats
- Contact area (Yellow and Red Barns)
- Enrichment Corrals

The Barnyard



- Brushing and Feeding
 - Yard Monitors
 - Food restrictions



Red Barn







San Clemente Island Goats



San Clemente Island Goats







Blue Barn



Yellow Barn

















Hand Washing



Hand washing station

- Sinks provide an opportunity for guests to wash their hands with soap and water.
- Hand sanitizer is available at both contact yard exits.

Turkeys



Spectacled Owl



- Found in Mexico, Central and South America
- Males sing to proclaim territory
- Quiet during the day but can be heard vocalizing in the evenings
- "Knocking Owls"

Red Panda

- Native to Eastern Himalayas and southwestern China
- 1.2: Tenzing, Hunter, and Hillary
- Very playful and curious animals
- Tenzing has a special bond to people



Red Panda Exhibit

- Design Elements
 - Open top exhibit
 - Indoor holding for multiple animals and breeding options in the future
 - Outside off exhibit holding areas
 - Perching and platforms
 - Treehouse Masters



A strong Conservation Message



RED PANDA
NETWORK

- Classified as Endangered
- Population is less than 10,000 individuals
- Only living member of the family Ailuridae
 - Part of superfamily Musteloidea
 - Not closely related to Giant Panda



Red Panda



Let's go out into the zoo!

