Summer on the Refuge

Time flies when you’re just lion around! It may sound cliché, but we’ve been so busy around the refuge that we can hardly believe it’s August already. Warm weather means our busy season, lots of sweat, making sure everyone has clean water features, extra enrichment, keeping the animals cool and happy, and intensive learning for interns and volunteers. Fall and winter are just around the corner, and we're working hard to be ready. In our summer newsletter, you'll meet the folks who help keep us running on the sheer force of their sweat, and the love for our residents.
Go Diego, GO!

After the sad losses of Pharaoh and Allie, we found ourselves with one of our most spacious, sunny, luxurious enclosure spaces sitting empty. After some contemplation, we decided to try moving Diego in. (check our website and social media for video of the grand move this week! The move was complicated due to the layout of the enclosures and Diego’s distaste for the move.

Corey coached the interns to lock Tony and Big Mike in their dens and allow Diego to move through their enclosures and into the transport. (Side note: this was an impressive move!) Diego was not a huge fan of being loaded up, or of being moved- it can be a stressful process, but with Corey’s guidance and Steven’s help, he was moved across the grounds to his beautiful new home. He sniffed around, explored, pawed at the grass and started scent marking different areas… it’s HIS home now, and we think he’s going to be very happy there! Not only that, but his neighbor is our other majestically maned beast, Leo.
Meet the Interns- Summer ‘19

Summer is always the busy season, and it’s also the time we have the most interns! Being out of school for a few months means it’s easier for students to stay on-site with us. This summer, we have a full crew of fantastic gals who have worked day in and day out to learn about caring for wildlife and earn a little college credit while they’re at it. Kayla and Emilie are roommates attending Texas Tech, and Laia came to us all the way from Spain to spend the summer at PrideRock.

On a typical day, our interns are up and on-site to start feeding animals by 8am, trucking trays of meat around to cats, fruits and nuts to the bears, and then on to feed the dogs and wolves. They perform a visual inspection of each animal, are they active and spry? Are they eating well and maintaining a healthy weight? They take note of anything unusual and help care for any animals that feel less than their best.

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After feeding time, they help around the refuge grounds, clean enclosures, and do enrichment activities before collecting all of the empty feed trays, heading back to the feed barn to wash them and prep the food for the following morning. It’s hard, sweaty work, but they do an amazing job, and we are all so grateful to have them on our team.

It takes a special kind of love and dedication to the animals to do such hard labor every day, but you never hear this group complain. They always show up with smiles on their faces and a happy greeting for everyone they see. We will be sending these hard-working ladies back to their schools and homes in just a couple of short weeks, as we head in to the fall season. They will be missed greatly, but from here on out, they will all be a part of the PrideRock family.

To Kayla, Emile, and Laia- thank you for all you have done, and we wish you the best in what we know will be wonderful careers!
Summer News & Events

We're doing our best to beat the heat out on the refuge- your donations help us purchase supplies that keep all of our residents calm, cool, and collected. From giant box fans, to water hoses, to extra large tubs to splash in, you can find many of these items on our Amazon wishlist on our website, or donate directly at www.priderock.org

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DONOR DEBORAH ROGERS, ON WHY SHE DONATES TO PRIDEROCK

The Lion King 2019 Movie Release

We had an incredible time joining the folks at Film Alley in Terrell for the release of the Lion King Movie! We met with HUNDREDS of people from the community, and educated them about what we do at 'the real PrideRock.' Our friends at Window to the Wild preformed a live bird show inside the theater, and everyone left knowing more about wildlife- and how to protect and save it- than they knew before. Please check out these wonderful organizations
"(We) have donated to your organization several times over the past 5 years or so. We have helped build new areas for the big cats or have donated so big cats like Leo could get their well deserved surgeries! We will most definitely continue to donate through the Giving Days as well as Amazon smile!

DONOR JOE CULLINAN, ON WHY HE AND HIS WIFE ARE PRWR DONORS

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