



THREE RING RANCH EXOTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY



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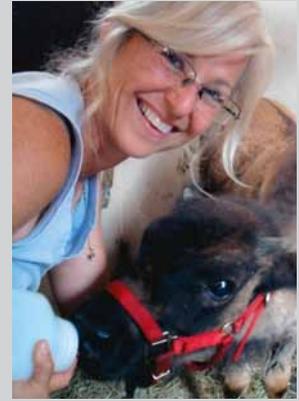
“New and improved” seem to be the motto around here. The animal environments keep on being upgraded with better fences, more enrichment, more plantings. Volunteers are “roped in” to help move rock, scoop muck, plant and create. Volunteers never know what to expect, just that they should be prepared to get down and dirty to help create fun and safe animal zones.

The very most-dirty of the dirty projects recently was the bison pool construction. Imagine what a 550lb yearling did to the Firestone pond liner when he decided to rub his horns on the sides of the pool. The liner lost the battle and had to be entirely replaced and a new concrete, with blended fiber shell, had to be shot. Cody requires a method of cooling off after romping with his burro buddy so the pool is a vital part of his pasture. Making this type of improvement takes an investment of dollars and a commitment of many hours of volunteer labor. The logistics and organization in advance of any actual physical labor are daunting. Thanks to the wide variety of willing hands, this and other projects are completed on time and under budget.

There are always environments to create, areas to expand and improve upon. If you are so inclined, we would be happy to discuss ways that you can be a part of one of our projects. Either through funding, designing or participating in the actual construction, we welcome your input. If you have not been here recently, you will be delighted with the changes. Come check us out.

And when you come visit, be sure to get an alpaca kiss from our little orphan Al Paca Cino. His mother died when he was only two weeks old, leaving him with little chance of survival even with proper care. After some nail biting nights spent trying to get a single ounce of formula in at a time, he now drinks his bottles every two hours, all day long and every 4 hours at night. This will continue for at least four more months.

Respectfully,
Ann Goody
Curator, Three Ring Ranch, Inc.



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to positively impact the environment while educating Hawaii’s children about their place in the natural world. Our goal is to assist in the development of an environmentally responsible generation of youth. We are licensed to rehabilitate and possess endangered species, allowing us to teach about the fragile ecosystem we impact on a daily basis, while giving visitors a rare chance to see the animals up close. Native animals brought to us with injuries are cared for and released when able. Our resident animals will live out their natural lives at the facility.



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ANIMAL UPDATES

Volunteer Profile

Linda Bicknell

Linda has one of the longest volunteer histories at 3RR, 7 years! Linda knew Oreo, the zebra and Momma, the oryx. She watched as the sanctuary grew our educational programs. Coming up each Tuesday and Thursday for so many years, gives her a unique perspective on us. If you ask Linda why she does it, the answer is "being with the animals." Personally, I think Linda has it all figured out. She gets to come up here and love the critters twice a week, then she leaves and does not have to worry about their care. However, Linda is also a Keeper in Charge and capable of living here and managing the facility. She plays a vital role in our ability to function effectively. When interns manage the sanctuary, they know that Linda is only a phone call away. She can calmly handle most any critter crisis. For example, one time she was called by interns to help handle walk-in wayward flying nenes who had regrown their wing feathers after molting and had decided to go "holo holo". Without Keepers who are trained to this level, Ann & Norm could never get a break or a vacation. Linda we owe you!



Linda feeding the baby alpaca

BIGGER IS BETTER?

Cody is our resident yearling North American bison calf. Ok, I get this question a lot from our visitors; so let me tell you right off how he came to be in Hawaii. About 25 years ago, an eccentric gentleman in Kauai, who owns a large ranch, decided to raise bison for food production, as the meat is very lean and "heart healthy". He imported a group of young animals from Alberta Canada, as his foundation herd. These were descendants of the estimated 240 bison who fled the slaughter being carried out by the US Army and the US Department of Interior. The killing was done with a plan to exterminate all bison from the US and force the Indians on to reservations. Eliminating all of the Indians' food supply, starving them into submission thereby forcing them onto reservations. As waves of hunters chased the few remaining bison across the Canadian border, our friends to the north made a critical decision. They refused entry to the hunters and stated that the bison had sought refuge on Canadian soil and were to be protected. This original herd has multiplied many times over. Canadian National parks in the Alberta area boast some of the largest herds of free roaming bison in the world.

The herd shipped to Kauai thrived and multiplied over the years. The USDA regulations for an onsite slaughter house are very restrictive. The Kauai rancher was unable to obtain the permits to construct his facility. He did try to ship bison to the commercial slaughter house on Kauai but that ended up in a disaster when one animal crashed the fences and began charging through fence after fence. The owner had to shoot the animal in the parking lot. This left the rancher unable to do anything but give away meat from his herd. His dreams of a commercial operation were shattered. He sold a group of animals, including some of the original herd, to Tom and Hardy Pace, the owners of Hokukano and Kealakekua Heritage Ranches. This herd lives 4 miles above Konawaena High School in a series of large fenced pastures. For years, I told the Paces that should there ever be a bison orphan or one in need of our help, to call us. The idea of a bison at 3RR as an educational animal sounded intriguing. Years passed and finally we got the call. We could have a little calf out of one of the elderly cows.



The mom was not making enough milk for this late-season calf and an aunt had crushed him while the herd was sorted in the shoots. The injury to a hind leg left him slow to follow the herd.

We met Cody when he was 8 weeks old and being held in a sorting pen with his mother. The movement requirements from the state of Hawaii included blood testing and a TB test. Once Cody cleared this, he was moved in our trailer to 3RR where the real rodeo began. Getting a 9-week-old calf to understand that humans were not to be feared and the bottle was delicious was a challenge. Feedings and tossing Ann around took place every two hours, round the clock. After a few weeks, Cody decided that

the bottle and Ann were great, things improved and the bruises on Ann began to heal.

Cody is now a yearling and one very happy guy. His best friend Haysuess is a burro. They have a very large pasture, complete with a brand new 8,000-gallon custom concrete swimming pool. Cody loves to cool off after a romp. His favorite snacks are apples, carrots and lettuce. He enjoys visits with our guests and always wants to lick fingers through the fence. Come see Cody and learn more about this fascinating animal.



RANCH UPDATES

GOING ALL OUT FOR AN ENDANGERED HAWAIIAN HOARY BAT

Found in the back of a pick-up truck amongst leaves and twigs the little bat was barely alive. Hawaiian hoary bats are endangered and they usually are found dead or beyond help. This one was lucky.

A Good Samaritan called us and was willing to move the bat into a safe place until we could arrive to pick it up. The bat was severely dehydrated, very cold and weighed in at just 12 gms. After a couple injections of subcutaneous fluids the bat was willing to take food. From that point we were able to do a full exam which identified a fractured upper arm. These tiny Hawaiian bats, like all bats, can have their fragile bones repaired with intramedullary pins (IM pins) that are removed in a few weeks. The bat then goes through physical therapy and eventually is released.



Finding a surgeon trained and willing to attempt this would be difficult in the best of locations but on an island in the Pacific it really is a challenge. However Scott Sims DVM practices veterinary medicine in Kauai and is considered one of the world's experts on bat fracture repair. Not only is he skilled at this but willing to dedicate his time AND fly his own plane from Kauai to do so. Scott owns a prototype plane that he built. We reached out and asked for help when the exam showed that the wing was fractured and that the only chance of a return to the wild was surgery. 48 hours after the bat had arrived Dr Scott was in Kona for the surgical repair. We used our wonderfully equipped mobile vet van for the surgery. Our pre-vet interns had just arrived and became the photographers. The fracture was compound and difficult to pin but with determination Dr. Scott and the team managed.



As the bat was being weaned off anesthesia it had a fatal complication. A laryngospasm with subsequent flash pulmonary edema killed the tiny patient as it was waking up. CPR was attempted but did not work.



To everyone who attempted to save this rare creature we offer a heartfelt Mahalo. We all learned a great deal and it was our privilege to care for one of Hawaii's own endangered bats. These fragile creatures are a joy to care for.



Dedicated to Dr Hal Markowitz

When is trash not trash?
When it is a toilet paper roll with hidden treats for parrots to discover, when it is a box filled with shredded paper and a nut for a macaw to find, when it is a recycled fire hoses for monkeys to climb, or a trash can lid hung from a tree for a bison to butt.
Those are just a few of our "that's whens". At 3RR we take enrichment seriously. Providing stimulating, entertaining and challenging activities on a daily basis prompts our volunteers to look at household objects in an entirely new way. Not only objects but also food presentation. When food is hidden or unusually served, the animal is stimulated to forage. How about an ice cube with a frozen meal worm for monkeys on a hot day? They love them! When it comes to enrichment, new ideas are always welcome. If you think of something that would provide for healthy play, let us know. The animals are always ready for more fun.



SUPPORTING THREE RING RANCH

WE NEED YOU TO BE A PART OF THREE RING RANCH

We know that times are tough. Everyone is hurting this year. The feed bills continue to go up and shipping is escalating. Regular financial support is needed to provide the food, water and medical care, as well as to provide for educational programs, at the Sanctuary. Without your generous support, none of this can continue. This year we need our donors more than ever to come visit, adopt an animal or to join us in participating in our holiday fundraiser.

We are well into the advanced planning for our ***“Shopping in your PJs for the Holidays and Making the Critters Merry”*** online auction. You can check the event web page out at <http://sas-demo-1-com.si-sv2521.com/default.aspx> and register now for your chance to bid on a huge variety of art, activities, entertainment, jewelry and animal adoptions as gifts. This way you can do much of your holiday shopping online and know that your dollars are going to go 100% to the care and feeding of the critters and to the educational programs we offer. When you register now for the one week long November auction event you will get a reminder email when the auction opens. Just like on EBay you will get an email notice if you are outbid. This will make the event very exciting! Please share the auction link with all of your friends who also might want to become bidders.



Remembering the animals in your will through planned-giving is another way to support Three Ring Ranch. There are many ways of taking the tax benefits on your estate now and leaving a gift 3RR. One way is as a Retained Life Estate. Some benefits may include: removing a major asset from probate, avoiding estate taxes, getting a tax-deduction and bypassing capital gains. All this, while getting to use the asset for your entire life! Join our loving circle of benefactors who have provided for the

Sanctuary in their wills, trusts or bequests. Please contact us for more information, we will be glad to refer you to a qualified estate-planning attorney to discuss the benefits and issues as they may apply to you in any planned giving.

All donations are 100% tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit facility. We gladly provide receipts to our donors. Remember that the Sanctuary is run 100% by volunteers. There are no paid staff.

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