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Zoo's raccoon to make a pick for the Apple Cup

WHAT: For the 10th straight year, the Huskies are favored to beat the Cougars in the Apple Cup, but Lucy, a female raccoon at Woodland Park Zoo, doesn't know that. The 1-year-old, masked mammal is fast on her feet and eager to make her first pick for the Apple Cup, which will undeniably be a rivalry of the ages.

Lucy will pick up an apple with her dexterous front paws, carry it across a stage, and drop it in the snack helmet of her choice—purple and gold or crimson and gray—marking her own prediction for this year's winner.

The zoo decided to "bench" Skyáana, a young porcupine who made last year's Apple Cup pick. She picked [badly](#).

WHEN: **Wednesday, November 23, 1:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Woodland Park Zoo's outdoor Alvord Broadleaf Theater. Meet PR staff at the West Entrance on Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts.

INFO: Wild born in northern California, Lucy was taken to a rehabilitation facility after she was found abandoned, as a baby, by someone who tried to raise her as a pet. She was too imprinted on humans to survive in the wild so a year ago Woodland Park Zoo became her new home. Her favorite treats vary from dog kibble and raw chicken to grapes and peanut butter.

Lucy is a member of Woodland Park Zoo's new ambassador animals—a variety of animals trained or undergoing training by staff to showcase voluntary, natural behaviors. The new ambassador animals participate in engaging, up-close education programs at the zoo or off site at schools and community events. Other ambassador animals include a hornbill, a porcupine, an arctic fox, an opossum and a kookaburra.

Raccoons are intelligent, curious and dexterous creatures. To many homeowners, they are pests. Eating anything they can get their paws on, they will search for food by any means such as plundering home gardens, damaging crops or raiding garbage cans. Conflicts with raccoons or damage to homes and property can be avoided by following effective [recommendations](#) at home.

Zoo fall/winter hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily. For more information and how to become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500.

Woodland Park Zoo kicks off its fifth annual **WildLights presented by Sound Credit Union**, November 25, 2016 through January 1, 2017, 5:30-8:30 p.m. nightly. Visit zoo.org/wildlights to purchase tickets and for more information.

Free Wi-Fi is available for zoo guests, made possible through products donated by Cisco.

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