

**Meet Papú, a new burrowing owl chick and
smallest ambassador animal trainee**

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SEATTLE—Woodland Park Zoo is excited to announce its newest and smallest ambassador animal trainee: Papú, a male burrowing owl chick! The 7-week-old Papú (pronounced *paw-POO*) came to Woodland Park Zoo as an egg from Sacramento Zoo, where his parents were not able to incubate it. His name means “burrowing owl”—the name of his species—in the dialect of the Yakama tribes. Papú has already captured the hearts of his animal keepers, who will feed and train him as he embarks on his journey to become an ambassador animal and teach zoo guests about the importance of making conservation a priority in their lives.

Though not listed as endangered, the burrowing owl’s population numbers are in decline in the U.S. due to an increasing loss of habitat.

Founded in 1899, Woodland Park Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums and certified by the rigorous American Humane Conservation program. The Humane Certified™ seal of approval is another important validation of the zoo’s long-standing tradition of meeting the highest standards in animal welfare. Woodland Park Zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats through more than 35 field projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. Each year, the zoo engages more than a million visitors of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and walks of life in extraordinary experiences with animals, inspiring them to make conservation a priority in their lives and a difference in our planet’s future ecological health and sustainability. Visit www.zoo.org and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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