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Popular mountain goat Daisy headed to new home in North Dakota 1-year-old goat leaves in two weeks

SEATTLE—Last summer, Woodland Park Zoo hailed the birth of a mountain goat, the first mountain goat born at the zoo in 23 years. The female goat, Daisy, sparked excitement and touched the hearts and minds of the community and fans. It's now time to say goodbye as she and mom Bluebelle prepare to move to Dakota Zoo in Bismarck, N.D.



The last day to see Daisy and Bluebelle is September 30. Their departure leaves two mountain goats remaining at the zoo: Atlin, half-sister of Bluebelle, and Zeus, a young male.

According to Allison Malkowski, assistant director at Dakota Zoo, Daisy and Bluebelle will join a new male mountain goat at their new home. "The goats will be living in a newly remodeled exhibit featuring a rocky mound in the middle with several tree covers. The exhibit will be the first main draw for guests to their nature trail," said Malkowski.

Future plans are for both girls to breed with the male. "Dakota Zoo has a long and successful history with Rocky Mountain goats. We're very excited to get new goats and about the prospect of having baby goats in the near future," said Malkowski.

Daisy was born in June 2018 to then 2-year-old mom Bluebelle and 4-year-old dad Albert, who has since moved to another zoo. She and mom have lived in the high rocky crags and ledges in the zoo's award-winning Northern Trail habitat with Atlin and Zeus.

Last November, 1-year-old Zeus was introduced to the herd. He was part of a project under the National Park Service, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and USDA Forest Service to translocate non-native mountain goats from Olympic National Park to the northern Cascade Mountains. Woodland Park Zoo partnered with Northwest Trek Wildlife Park and Oregon Zoo to provide permanent homes to goat kids without mothers, like Zeus.

"The arrival of Daisy brought so many smiles to our zoo fans after more than two decades of not having baby mountain goats. Daisy loved climbing and jumping the high ledges in her habitat and offered zoo-goers an opportunity to witness the nimbleness of mountain goats. We'll miss Daisy and Bluebelle. It's been a joy having them in our care," said Tina Mullett, an animal care manager at Woodland Park Zoo.

Rocky Mountain goats naturally range from southern Alaska, Canada, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Transplanted populations now live in Colorado, Oregon, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, South Dakota and Washington's Olympic Peninsula. Remarkably adapted for life on steep, cold mountain ledges, mountain goats live, sleep, and eat at elevations of 10,000 feet and up. They are especially adept at hanging out in extremely harsh conditions such as snowy slopes with pitches above 60 degrees, winds up to 100 mph, snow drifts of 30–60 feet high and chilly temperatures down to -50 degrees F.

A mountain goat's incredible adaptations allow it to live high above potential predators such as mountain lions, bears or wolverines. The only predator that lives above the timberline is the golden eagle which might attack a newborn or very young goat.

For more information or to become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500.

Hours through September 30: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Admission through September 30: Adult (13-64) \$22.95; Child (3-12) \$13.95; Toddler (0-2) Free. Active, retired, and veteran U.S. military and their families, seniors and people with disabilities receive a discount. Zoo members receive free zoo admission year round. Parking: \$6 plus applicable state and local taxes.

Founded in 1899, Woodland Park 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. The zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats in the wild through more than 35 wildlife conservation projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. 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. Visit www.zoo.org and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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