

Animal ofrenda honors spirits of beloved zoo animals and pets
Zoo accepting submissions of photos October 22 through 31



WHAT: In honor of Día de Muertos, Woodland Park Zoo invites the community to honor and celebrate the cherished pets and zoo animals who have passed away by submitting photos to a special animal ofrenda. The ofrenda will pay tribute to the beloved pets who have touched our hearts, animals that have lived at the zoo throughout history, and the enduring bond between people and animals, recognizing that all life is interconnected and worthy of remembrance.

On October 22 and 24, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., and October 25 and 26 during Pumpkin Bash, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., zoo staff will be at the ofrenda to assist guests with printing digital photos. In addition, coloring sheets and photo frame decorating supplies will be available during these dates and times.

Contribute to the ofrenda or simply experience this heartfelt tribute and honor the spirit of Día de Muertos—a meaningful space for reflection, remembrance, and gratitude for the animals who have shaped the history of Woodland Park Zoo, inspired wildlife conservation efforts locally and globally, and sparked joy for the zoo and community.

HOW: Starting October 22, submit digital photos, drawings, or notes of cherished pets and animals by going to: zoo.org/pumpkinbash. Submissions will be accepted through October 31. Items contributed will not be returned.

WHEN: The ofrenda will be unveiled on October 27 and open to guests during regular zoo hours through November 2. Starting October 25, photos and offerings will be showcased on TV monitors located at the ofrenda. On October 25 and 26, guests may watch artist Carlos “They Drift” Aguilar paint a special mural for the ofrenda. A Mexican/Chicano artist based in the Pacific Northwest, Aguilar “blends street art, portraiture, and abstraction into a bold visual language”: <https://theydrift.com>

WHERE: The animal ofrenda will be located at Woodland Park Zoo’s Briar Oak across from the Historic Carousel. Enter the zoo through the West Entrance at 5500 Phinney Ave. N. or South Entrance at 750 N. 50th St., Seattle, WA 98103.

Fall/winter zoo hours: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily. For admission prices and tickets, visit www.zoo.org/visit. To learn more about Woodland Park Zoo or become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Bluesky](#) and [TikTok](#).

Accessibility: Information about accessibility and resources, one-to-one aides, sighted guides, mobility equipment rentals, and a sensory map and tools can be found at www.zoo.org/access. ADA ramp access for Historic Carousel. For questions or to request disability accommodations for zoo programs or events, contact zooinfo@zoo.org.

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