



HENRY VILAS ZOO®

Department Overview

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History

- Land was donated in 1904 by William and Anna Vilas with a stipulation that the zoo would always be free.
- First animal exhibits were created in 1911.
- Mission: Dedicated to exceptional animal care and conserving wildlife through local engagement and global partnerships.



Association of Zoos & Aquariums

- AZA is the gold standard of animal care and welfare and leaders in conservation education.
- HVZ is one of 235 accredited institutions and 1 of only 10 free zoos in AZA.
- Less than 10% of Zoos that have an USDA Class C license are accredited.

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Animals

- 945 Animals, including 273 Vulnerable and Endangered animals
- We participate in 38 Species Survival Plans



Budget

- Department budget of \$5,630,455
- \$670,622 on ground donations in 2021
- Annual attendance of 750,000+



Education

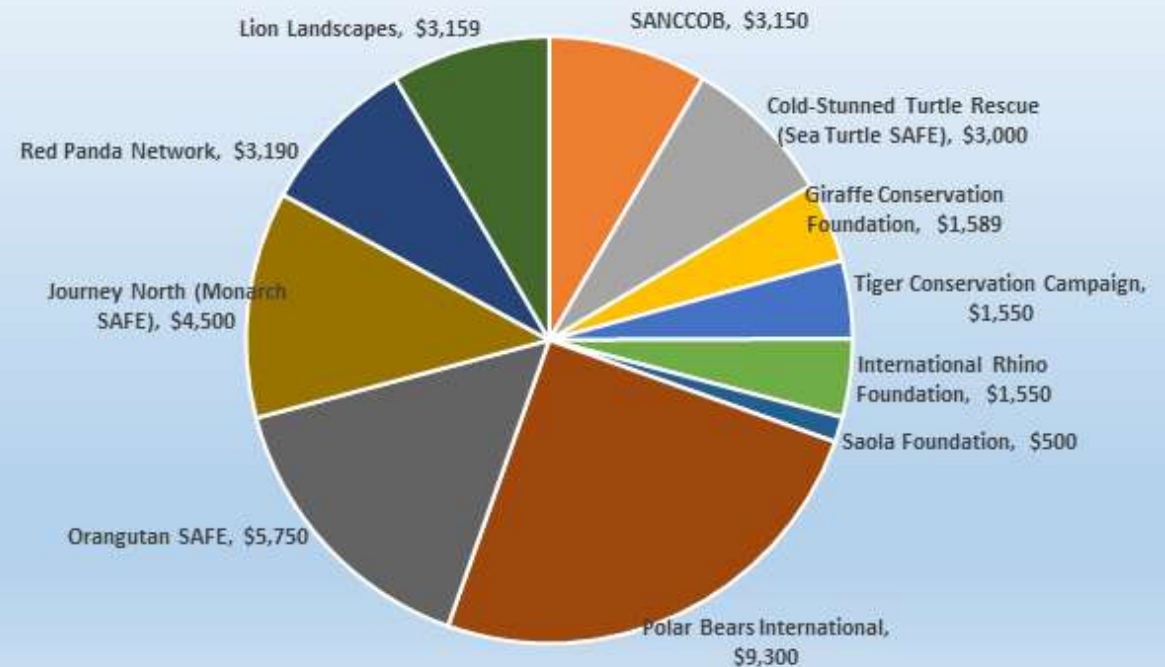
- Woodland Park Zoo Grant - \$250,000 for HVZ Interpretive Masterplan.
- AZA “Top Honors” education award for Zoo School.
- Zoo Camp, Stroller Safari, Bookmobile, Volunteers, behind the scenes tours and many more programs.



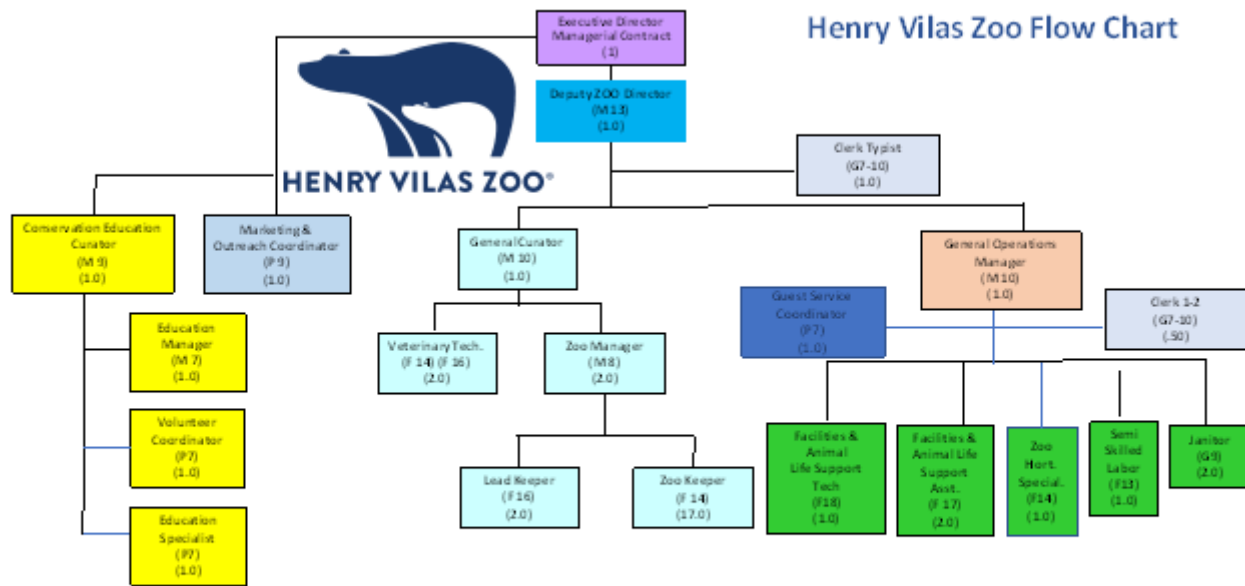
Conservation

- In 2021 we raised over \$34,000 on behalf of our Conservation Partners.
- We hosted on grounds fundraising efforts for International Polar Bear Day and World Giraffe Day.
- We had an online fundraiser for cold-stunned sea turtles that raised \$3,000 in 2021
- Currently raising emergency funds for Zoos in the Ukraine (www.henryvilaszoo.gov)
- HVZ is co-founder of the Orangutan SAFE program

Total Conservation Partner Donations
2021



Staff



- 21 County Zoo Employees in 2018
- 40.5 Employees in 2022

Operations

- HVZ is open every day of the year including half day holidays
- SSA - Concessions/Gift Shop
- Zoo - Train and Carousel
- Events
 - Zoo Lights
 - Halloween at the Zoo
 - Zoo Run
 - Rentals of Zoo

