

Dear Friends,

It has been an exciting season here at Aikman Wildlife Adventure! If this is your first newsletter, we hope you enjoy it. You will receive our newsletter once a month to update you on all of the upcoming adventures at Aikman Wildlife.

-The AWA Team



Animals of the Month!

Do you know what one of our most popular species is at Aikman Wildlife? We even offer encounters with these awe-inspiring creatures. It is our kangaroos! Four kangaroos call the Park home. Cooma came to live with us as a tiny baby. He was rejected by his mother and had to be bottle-fed. Another had been used for educational purposes when he was small, but when he got too large to carry, and they no longer needed him, he found his forever home at Aikman Wildlife.

Kangaroos can travel 30 feet in a single jump at more than 25 miles per hour! They possess powerful hind legs, a strong tail, and tiny front legs. Their tail is strong enough to support their entire weight. Kangaroos average around 100 pounds, and they are 6 feet tall. This species' scientific name is *Macropus Rufus* Kangaroos, and they are originally from Australia. They are herbivores with a plant-based diet of grasses and flowering plants, and can survive with little water.

A group of kangaroos is called a mob. Here at the Park, we have our own little mob: Cooma, Leonidas, Bendigo, and Scout. In our prehistoric museum, you can see a life-sized replica of a Procoptodon, which was the largest kangaroo that ever lived. It was a member of the single-toed kangaroos.

You can adopt our little mob and even our Procoptodon. Individually it costs approximately \$1,000 a year to care for our kangaroos for feed, habitat, and medical care. Check out our website to adopt any of the animals at the Park. Come and visit with our friends. They will be very happy to see you!



New Animals!

We would love to introduce you to the newest arrivals to our Aikman Wildlife Adventure family.

This is our Linnaeus's two-toed Sloth! She sleeps a lot during the day, but when awake, she loves interacting with people.



Say hello to Clifford, our Micro-Miniature Scottish Highlander, and our Baby Bison. You can find these two goofballs hanging out in the petting zoo area.



This is one of our Striped Hyenas. You can find them past the petting zoo, next to the Wolfdogs.



Meet our new Caracals. These guys are located near the center of the Park, across from the Spotted Hyenas.



Aikman Wildlife Adventure is home to over 200 animals and 70 different species. This year, with the rising costs of feed, veterinary care, and habitats for the animals, the cost will be well over \$300,000.00. Many times when the animals arrive, they are in need of veterinary care. Our yearly veterinary costs are approximately \$25,000.00. You can help! There are many different ways to give:

- Be a sponsor of our event, “Toast to Wildlife Banquet”
- Donate an item for our “Toast to Wildlife Banquet” fundraising auctions
- Cover animal care costs through a daily sponsorship
- Adopt an animal
- Attend our upcoming events
- Shop through Amazon Smile
- Join our monthly donor club
- Make a General Donation

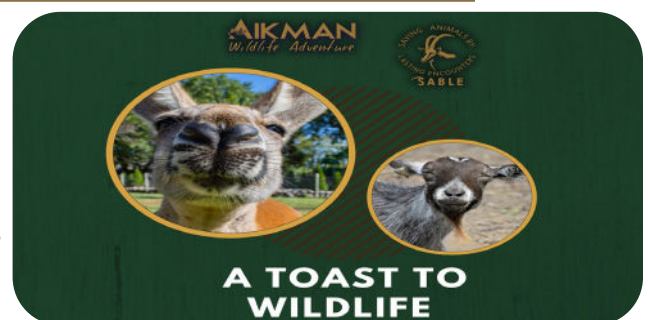
Events!

This month we have our Hairy Scary Howl-O-Ween event here at the park. Visit us on October 22 from 10-4pm and enjoy many activities, including face painting, a bounce house, and pumpkin-related games!



Toast to Wildlife Banquet!

On Friday, November 18th, S.A.B.L.E. Inc. will host A Toast to Wildlife. This annual banquet, will be held at the Serengeti, at Aikman Wildlife Adventure. The evening will include hands-on encounters with some of our ambassador animals, a catered dinner, as well as both a silent and live auction. A Toast to Wildlife will end with the Museum of Prehistoric Life and a walk through our Pathway of Lights, an annual event that brings our community together in celebration of the holiday season. This year the proceeds will go to renovating the first floor of our petting zoo barn, which will allow us to house more animals in the winter. This will enable us to offer more encounters and promote long-lasting memories during the winter. You can help make this possible by attending the event, donating an item, or making a monetary donation. More information is available at www.aikmanwildlife.com/toast-to-wildlife.



New Projects!

Here at Aikman Wildlife, we are always working on renovating the habitats of our animals and improving the experience of our guests.

We have moved a section of our drive through to the south end of our property. This gives our animals another place to roam and additional shade to keep them protected. We hope you will come out and look at all the new projects we have completed.

Before

After



THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING SUPPORTERS
OF AIKMAN WILDLIFE ADVENTURE!