

голови Правління АЗУ, директор Черкаського міського зоологічного парку "Рошен" Євген Ван, засновник та директор BION Terrarium Center Дмитро Ткачов.

25 лютого 2024 року з'явилася стаття про Миколаївський зоопарк в британській газеті "Daily Mirror", в якій директор зоопарку розповідає про те, як установа живе під час війни, з якими труднощами стикається, як вони долаються та про значення зоопарку для відвідувачів, які мають змогу перепочити від воєнного сьогодення серед світу тварин.



В.Топчому - директору зоопарку виповнилось 70 років

6 березня 2024 року виповнилось 70 років директору Миколаївського зоопарку Володимиру Топчому, людині, яка все своє життя присвятила служінню природі. Більше 45 років ювіляр працює в зоопарку, з них 22 роки він є його директором. Колектив Миколаївського зоопарку щиро привітав Володимира Топчого, Заслуженого працівника культури України, президента Асоціації зоопарків України, лауреата почесної нагороди «За заслуги перед містом Миколаїв», кавалера ордена «Святого Миколая Чудотворця», вшанованого медаллю «За заслуги перед українською православною церквою», лауреата Міжнародної премії ім. Генрі Форда, городянина року – 2001 в номінації «Культура», депутата миколаївської міської

ради IV, VI, VIII скликань, засновника зоопарківського музею, директора, автора багатьох книжок про зоопарк, поета з ювілеєм.



Допомога від зоопарків членів ЄАЗА

14 травня 2024 року до Миколаївського зоопарку прибув довгоочікуваний вантаж від наших колег – зоопарків Європи.

Ми дякуємо Європейській асоціації зоопарків та акваріумів (ЄАЗА) за організацію збору коштів, придбання сублімованих кормів для тварин та організацію їх доставки до Миколаївського зоопарку. Корми, отримані Миколаївським зоопарком, вкрай важливі та необхідні тваринам установи. До складу зоопарку було розвантажено 11,5 тон різних кормів на суму 17870,79 євро. Це корми для фламінго, папуг, страусів, рогатих воронів, слонів, жирафів, кенгуру, зебр, травоядних, овець, черепах, ставкових риб, мишей та щурів. Ця допомога є фактом підтвердження співдружності зоопарків. Машина з подібним набором кормів вирушила з Миколаєва до Харківського зоопарку. Миколаївський зоопарк вдячний Міфанві Гріффіт, виконавчому директору ЄАЗА, та Ейпріл Адамс, директору з розвитку членів ЄАЗА, і всім, хто пожертвував гроші для придбання цих кормів.



Допомога сублімованими кормами від зоопарків членів ЄАЗА

30 травня 2024 року відбувся черговий онлайн-семінар АЗУ «Утримання представників родини котячих у зоопарках». Організатором семінару виступив Миколаївський зоопарк під егідою АЗУ. В семінарі взяли участь зоопарки АЗУ та представники зооустанов України, які не входять до Асоціації, але зацікавлені в підтримці контактів, обміні думками та досвідом із колегами. Загалом аудиторія семінару склала близько 40 осіб. З вітальним словом до учасників звернувся президент АЗУ – директор Миколаївського зоопарку Володимир Топчий.



Онлайн семінар Утримання котятчих



Онлайн наради керівників АЗУ



Нагородження орденом М.Леонтовича зав.відділом орнітології С.Донового



Нагородження орденом М.Леонтовича робітниці відділу копитно-хоботних тварин С.Могілевиць



28 червня 2024 року відбувся онлайн-семінар АЗУ «Новини від Species360 та EAZA Biobank». З вітальним словом до учасників звернулися президент АЗУ, директор Миколаївського зоопарку Володимир Топчий та генеральний директор Species360 Джим Гюнтер. У семінарі взяли участь більшість зоопарків АЗУ. Традиційно до них приєдналися представники зооустанов України, які не входять до Асоціації, але зацікавлені в підтримці контактів, обміні думками та досвідом із колегами.

10 липня 2024 року в нашому колективі стало більше на двох лауреатів найвищої нагороди Миколаївського зоопарку – ордена імені Миколи Леонтовича. Враховуючи значний особистий вклад у розвиток Миколаївського зоопарку, було нагороджено завідувача відділу орнітології Донового Сергія Миколайовича та робітницю з догляду за тваринами відділу копитних і хоботних тварин Могілевиць Світлану Павлівну. Нагороджені співробітники зоопарку є професіоналами своєї справи, багато зробили для розвитку Миколаївського зоопарку і для збереження світу тварин.

19 липня 2024 року за значний особистий внесок у розвиток природно-заповідної справи України та з нагоди 50-річчя роботи в Миколаївському зоопарку нагороджено почесною відзнакою Миколаївського міського голови «За заслуги перед містом Миколаєвом» завідувачку відділу хижих тварин Бондаренко Тетяну Григорівну та заступницю завідувача відділу копитних і хоботних тварин Журавльову Віру Павлівну. Міський голова Миколаєва Олександр Федорович Сенкевич особисто вручив почесні нагороди співробітницям



Нагородження міським головою О. Сенкевичем почесною відзнакою За заслуги перед м. Миколаїв Т.Бондаренко та В.Журавльової

Миколаївського зоопарку і побажав подальшої успішної роботи і, звичайно ж, миру! Колектив зоопарку приєднався до привітань.

26 липня 2024 року комісія з освіти та комунікації МСОП в Західній Європі (IUCN CEC) провела онлайн-семінар, де доповідачка, регіональна віце-голова Комісії з освіти та комунікації МСОП в Західній Європі Діана Гарлицька, представила інформацію, яка стала корисною в роботі керівників зооустанов, працівників зоопарків, залучених у підготовку інформаційно-освітніх заходів. Особливий акцент доповідачка зробила на можливостях для молодих фахівців.

4 вересня 2024 року відбувся онлайн-семінар під егідою Асоціації зоопарків України. Міжнародна некомерційна організація Species360 провела для українських фахівців тренінг з користування Системою управління зоологічною інформацією ZIMS (Zoological Information Management System). До тренінгу долучилися працівники Миколаївського, Черкаського, Рівненського, Луцького та Харківського зоопарків. Тренінг провела представниця по підтримці членів Species360 пані Уляна Каляжни.

12 вересня 2024 року директора Миколаївського зоопарку Володимира Топчого було нагороджено почесною відзнакою «За оборону Миколаєва». Нагороду ініціював мер міста Олександр Сенкевич на знак вшанування тих, хто відважно став на захист нашого міста в перші дні вторгнення та не дав ворогу захопити його. Це відзнака не тільки директора, а й усього колективу Миколаївського зоопарку.



Вийшла нова брошура  
Миколаївський зоопарк - випробування

У вересні 2024 року було видано нову брошуру «Миколаївський зоопарк. Випробування», в якій йдеться про досвід роботи зоопарку в період повномасштабного вторгнення російської федерації. У тяжкий воєнний час Миколаївський зоопарк продовжує співпрацювати з міжнародною зоопарківською спільнотою, у тому числі з Всесвітньою асоціацією зоопарків і акваріумів (WAZA), куди наш зоопарк, єдиний із зоопарків України, був прийнятий у 2003 році. Завдяки співробітництву з подібними організаціями, ми

обмінюємось цінним досвідом і знаннями. Ми відправили англomовні примірники брошури нашим колегам за кордон, в тому числі в головний офіс WAZA в Барселоні. Мартін Зордан, головний виконавчий директор WAZA, надіслав нам у відповідь лист, в якому виклав свої враження і побажання. Ми дякуємо колегам за добрі слова співчуття і сподіваємось на мир і перемогу.

18 вересня 2024 року територія КУ Миколаївський зоопарк була



Дезинфекція вольєрів під час карантину на пташиний грип

оголошена неблагополучною щодо грипу птиці та було запроваджено карантин через виявлення пташиного грипу у загиблих водоплавних птахів установи, тому відділ орнітології було тимчасово закрито для відвідувачів. Було розроблено і впроваджено ряд карантинних заходів.

5 грудня 2024 року відбувся розгляд питання про скасування карантину по грипу птиці на позаплановому засіданні державної протиепізоотичної комісії і карантинні обмеження у Миколаївському зоопарку було скасовано. Відділ орнітології став доступний для огляду.

У 2024 році було проведено 53 процедури відкритих торгів на придбання кормів, послуг і товарів, необхідних для функціонування зоопарку.

Підводячи підсумки, можна сказати, що незважаючи на війну протягом 2024 року було виконано необхідно-можливий обсяг робіт у всіх сферах діяльності зоопарку.



Знак об'єкту природно-заповідного фонду загальнодержавного значення



Миколаївський зоопарк отримав сертифікат WAZA 2025, який підтверджує членство в цій асоціації



Війна триває, але життя перемагає



# Historical reference for 2024



Mykolaiv Zoo was founded in 1901 by the mayor Mykola Pavlovych Leontovych on the basis of his private collection. The basis of the exposition was the aquarium. In 1918, Leontovych's collection was nationalized and named the State Aquarium-Zoological Garden. The area of the territory was increased to 0.75 hectares. In 1937, the director F.G. Nichikov created a circle of young naturalists at the zoo, one of the first in Ukraine. During the Second World War, during the German-fascist occupation, the zoo did not stop its activities. After the war, the zoo's territory began to be improved, and the collection of animals was replenished. In 1948, the Aquarium- Zoological Garden was renamed Mykolaiv Zoo. In 1977, the zoo was moved to a new territory with an area of 18 hectares. In 1993, the zoo was admitted to the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA), and in 1995 the zoo became a member of the Euro-Asian Regional Association of Zoos and Aquariums (EARAZA). In 1998

the zoo joined the International Animal Registration System (then ISIS, now Species360). On June 15, 2003 the zoo was admitted to the membership of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA). In 2001, the zoo's anniversary year, the zoo's flag was solemnly raised, a new terrarium exposition was opened, half of the summer enclosures of "Island of Animals" were completed, the square in front of the zoo was reconstructed and the monument to M.P. Leontovych was unveiled. The main celebrations dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the zoo began on September 7, 2001 with the opening of an international conference. In 2002 part of the territory was alienated by the city, and the zoo was allocated an area of 11,161 m<sup>2</sup>. The total area of the zoo was 184,813 m<sup>2</sup>. On 07.11.2002, the International Academic Rating of Popularity and Quality "Golden Fortune" awarded the zoo with the "Crystal Horn of Plenty". In 2003, the zoo changed its address: the square in front of the zoo was named after its founder M.P. Leontovych. The main documents were developed: a cadastral plan for the land and a technical passport of the Bureau of Technical Inventory. In 2004, a general plan of the zoo was drawn up. According to the results of the All-Ukrainian competition for product quality "100 Best Goods of Ukraine-2003" in 2004, Mykolaiv Zoo was recognized as the winner in the "Service" nomination and was awarded the State Quality Mark. On 11.02.2005, the public was presented with the drama of M.O. Troyanov's "Breakfast at the Mayor's", dedicated to the tragic life of the founder of Mykolaiv Zoo, the mayor M.P. Leontovych.



Mykolaiv Zoo provided the author with archival materials to create the play. On May 13, 2006, the "Memorial Sign of the World's Zoos' Commonwealth" was opened on the M. Leontovych Square and a flower bed with soil sent from more than 30 zoos around the world was laid. In the center of the flower bed is a decorative metal distance indicator to the zoos participating in this action. On October 6, 2006 a ceremonial presentation of two books took place: a collection that includes the article "My Leontovych" (author V.M. Topchy) and the play "Breakfast at the Mayor's" (author M.O. Troyanov), as well as the



Nichikov with the first members of the circle in 1937.

third edition of the guide to Mykolaiv Zoo "Around the World in Half a Day" (author V.M. Topchy). On November 18, 2006, after the reconstruction, the zoo museum was opened. On September 15-16, 2007, the first International Conference of the Movement of Young Naturalists was





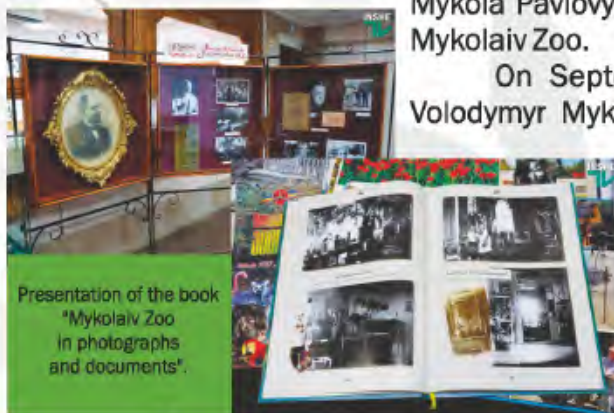
Museum

held, dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the Mykolaiv Zoo's Young Biologists' Circle. On December 18, 2007, Mykolaiv Zoo received the award of the All-Ukrainian Fund for the Promotion of International Communication "Ukrainian People's Embassy". Director V.M. Topchy was awarded the "Order of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker" of the 3rd degree, and the staff of Mykolaiv Zoo – the gold medal "For High Professionalism". At the end of 2007, the 2nd edition (completed and revised) of

the book "Diets of Animals of Mykolaiv Zoo" was released. In August 2008, the "Collection of Regulatory Documents of Mykolaiv Zoo" was published. On September 6, 2008, the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the zoo's activity on the new territory took place, as part of which a memorial plaque dedicated to I.M. Kanayev, the chairman of the city executive committee, who made a great contribution to the construction of Mykolaiv Zoo on the new territory, was unveiled; the exhibition "The History of the Zoo in Persons" was opened. Portraits of the directors of Mykolaiv Zoo were presented to visitors. On September 5, 2009, Mykolaiv Zoo celebrated its 108th anniversary. The celebration included a presentation of the zoo's anthem "We are of the same blood with you!" (author Yu.Yu. Khramov) and a presentation of a new book about the zoo "Under the Cover of Mowgli and Bagheera" (author Natalia Hrystova). On this day, marble guard lions were also solemnly opened, installed at the gates of our zoo to the 220th anniversary of the city of Mykolaiv with the support of the mayor of the city V.D. Chaika and the director of the zoo V.M. Topchy. On September 11, 2009, by the Decree of the President of Ukraine No. 730/2009 "On honoring with state awards of Ukraine", the director of Mykolaiv Zoo V.M. Topchy was awarded the honorary title "Honored Worker of Culture of Ukraine". A new book about Mykolaiv Zoo "We are of the same blood with you. Photo album." has been published. The pictures depict only animals of Mykolaiv Zoo. On November 23, 2010, the zoo was transformed from a municipal enterprise of the Mykolaiv City Council "Mykolaiv Zoo" into a municipal institution Mykolaiv Zoo. On February 1, 2011, Mykolaiv Zoo established the Order of Mykola Leontovych, the founder of Mykolaiv Zoo. From May 31 to June 3, 2011, the XVII International Conference of the Euro-Asian Regional Association of Zoos and Aquariums was held, dedicated to the 110th anniversary of Mykolaiv Zoo. 133 specialists from 19 countries of the world took part in the conference. On October 22-23, 2011, the I All-Ukrainian Scientific and Practical Conference and Exhibition-Seminar "Problems of Terrarium Science" took place in Mykolaiv. At the conference, it was decided to create the All-Ukrainian Association of Terrarium Animal Lovers. On December 20, 2011, a solemn meeting dedicated to the 135th anniversary of the birth of the founder of Mykolaiv Zoo and its first director, Mykola Pavlovych Leontovych, was held in the conference hall of Mykolaiv Zoo.



Order of Leontovych



Presentation of the book "Mykolaiv Zoo in photographs and documents".

On September 8, 2012, the director of Mykolaiv Zoo, Volodymyr Mykolayovych Topchy, Honored Worker of Culture of Ukraine, member of the Council of the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria, was awarded the Prize of the Euro-Asian Regional Association of Zoos and Aquariums named after S.M. Kudryavtsev. The award ceremony took place in a solemn atmosphere at the Annual Conference of EARAZA in Yaroslavl (Russia). The prize was presented to Volodymyr Mykolayovych by the



Grand opening of the conference at the zoo

President of EAZA, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, General Director of Moscow Zoo, Volodymyr Volodymyrovych Spitsyn.

Mykolaiv Zoo, the first among the tourist centers of the Mykolaiv region, entered the European system "Tourist Mark", which operates in 19 countries around the world. We are pleased to present to our visitors our tourist brand No. 401 "Mykolaiv Zoo", the ceremonial presentation of which took place on the zoo's birthday and was timed to the 226th anniversary of the city of Mykolaiv. Since 2015, Mykolaiv Zoo has begun publishing annual zoo reports in printed form. Colorful illustrated brochures present an analysis

of the dynamics of changes in the number of zoo animals, an analysis of feeding, preservation of young animals, etc.

From August 29 to September 1, 2016, an accreditation screening of Mykolaiv Zoo was held by EAZA representatives, as a result of which Mykolaiv Zoo was downgraded to a candidate for EAZA membership with 5 years to carry out the necessary modernization in order to achieve modern EAZA standards.

Over the past ten years, work has been carried out to improve the diets approved in 2007 and create new diets for animal species that were not previously kept in the zoo. The result of this work was the release of the third edition of the diets. The zoo switched to feeding animals with new diets from 01.06.2017.

On November 16, 2017, the annual reporting conference of the Ukrainian Association of Zoos and Aquariums (UAZA) was held at Mykolaiv Zoo. The conference was attended by 25 representatives from 12 zoos, aquariums, and terrariums of Ukraine. The main topic of the annual conference UAZA-2017 was "Improving animal housing conditions and creating new modern zoo exhibits". Much attention was also paid to the consideration and discussion of draft laws on the preservation of the natural fund of Ukraine. In March 2018, the fourth collection of scientific articles by employees of Mykolaiv Zoo, as well as our colleagues from zoos in Ukraine, was published. This collection presents 36 articles from 7 zoos. From November 28 to 29, 2018, a scientific and practical conference of representatives of the Ukrainian Association of Zoos and Aquariums (UAZA) was held at Mykolaiv Zoo, dedicated to the issues of feeding wild animals in the zoo, food preparation and safety techniques during feeding. The conference was attended by 26 animal feeding specialists who arrived from zoos in Ukraine.

From August 16 to December 27, 2019, an initial certification of working conditions for 83 workplaces of animal care workers in zoological departments was carried out to determine the right to benefits and compensation for work with harmful and difficult working conditions. The researches were conducted by the sanitary laboratory of the Mykolaiv branch of the State Enterprise "Black Sea Expert Technical Center of the State Labor Service" and the southern regional sanitary laboratory for labor protection and certification of workplaces at the expense of the zoo's own funds in the amount of 44,220 UAH. Based on the results of the initial certification of workplaces and in accordance with



Opening of the conference at the zoo



the legislative acts of Ukraine, the following benefits and compensation for harmful and difficult working conditions were established in all zoological departments:

- additional payments – 12% of the tariff rate for harmful and difficult working conditions according to the established scale of the "Model Regulation on the Assessment of Working Conditions at Workplaces and the Procedure for Applying Industry Lists of Jobs for Which Additional Payments to Workers for Working Conditions May Be Established". Additional payments are accrued for the actual time worked in harmful and difficult working conditions;
- the duration of annual additional leave for the special nature of work has been increased to seven calendar days, which is determined depending on the actual time worked.

On December 12, 2019, the Central Library named after M.L. Kropyvnytsky hosted the presentation of a new collection photo book "Mykolaiv Zoo in Photographs and Documents" (author V.M. Topchy).

In 2020, the zoo suffered significant material losses of no less than 3 million hryvnias due to quarantine measures introduced in the country due to the COVID-19 epidemic. During this period from March 17 to May 11, 2020, Mykolaiv Zoo was temporarily closed to visitors in accordance with the order of the mayor of the city, O.F. Sienkevych, No. 65r dated 03/16/2020. The zoo survived this period without any external financial support.

On September 15, 2021, Mykolaiv Zoo hosted the grand opening of the conference "Zoo in Today's Realities", dedicated to the 120th anniversary of Mykolaiv Zoo. 27 representatives of 15 zoos in Ukraine came to us. The purpose of the conference was to exchange experience on the work of a modern zoo in today's conditions. Also, one of the main issues of the conference was the creation of a new community that unites zoos and other institutions that keep wild animals – the Association of Zoos of Ukraine (AZU). The founders of this association were the directors of 9 zoos present at the conference.

On February 24, 2022, Ukraine was subjected to unjustified aggression from Russia.

On February 26, Mykolaiv Zoo decided to terminate its membership in EARAZA and to withdraw the zoo director Volodymyr Topchy from the presidium of this association, which unites zoos and aquariums of the Russian Federation and some other countries.

In 2022, during the war, parts of 8 rocket shells from various types of multiple launch rocket systems fell on the territory of Mykolaiv Zoo.

The war pushed the zoos of Ukraine to closer cooperation. In August, the state re-registration of the Ukrainian Association of Zoos and Aquariums into the Association of Zoos of Ukraine (AZU) was carried out. The members of AZU are the leading zoos of our country: Rivne Zoo, Odesa Zoo, Kharkiv Zoo, Cherkasy Zoo, BION Terrarium Center (Kyiv), Mykolaiv Zoo, Lutsk Zoo and Drohobych city zoo "Limpopo". The Chairman of the Board of the Association is the Director of Mykolaiv Zoo, Honored Worker of Culture of Ukraine Volodymyr Topchy.

In 2022, Mykolaiv Zoo repeatedly received financial support and humanitarian aid from zoos in Europe in the form of animal feed, medicines and specialized equipment. We are very grateful to all those involved in this. As well as to our colleagues from Rivne, Lviv, Odesa, who helped with the delivery of this important cargo. The war showed true friends.

On August 18, 2023, a ceremonial opening of a memorial plaque in honor of the zoo employees who died defending Ukraine and our freedom: **Dmytro Rieznik and Pavlo Shevchenko** took place on the central square of Mykolaiv Zoo.



Memorial plaque to deceased employees





In August 2023, to protect visitors and zoo employees from the effects of a blast wave and injuries from rocket fragments, two modular shelters were purchased for budget funds and installed on the territory of Mykolaiv Zoo.

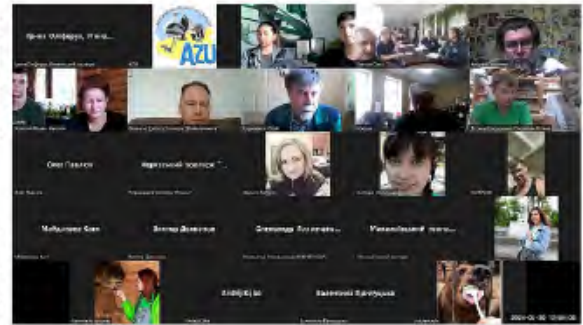
On October 9, 2023, the Chairman of the Board of AZU, Volodymyr Topchy, spoke at the opening of the 78th Annual Conference of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) in San Diego (USA). He told the participants about the activities of Ukrainian zoos in the conditions of the Russian invasion.

On January 25, 2024, an online seminar "Aspects of Animal Feeding in Zoos" was held by Mykolaiv Zoo under the auspices of the Association of Zoos of Ukraine – AZU. Specialists from many zoos-members of AZU joined the seminar, who were able to share their experience on animal feeding, diet development, feeding enrichment of animals, etc.

On January 29, 2024, by order of the Mykolaiv Regional Military Administration No. 26-r dated 29.01.2024, Mykolaiv Zoo was determined to be critically important for the functioning of the economy and ensuring the vital activity of the population in a special period, the institution was granted the status of a critical infrastructure facility, which allowed nine zoo employees to be reserved for wartime in 2024. 14 of our employees are defending our country at the front.

In late January and early February, representatives of the Association of Zoos of Ukraine visited zoos in Great Britain. Over the course of 10 days, they visited 7 zoos, got a good idea of the organization of zoo business in Great Britain, and expanded cooperation with British colleagues. The trip was attended by the Chairman of the Board of the Association of Zoos of Ukraine, Director of Mykolaiv Zoo Volodymyr Topchy, Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Association of Zoos of Ukraine, Director of Cherkasy City Zoological Park "Roshen" Yevhen Van, Founder and Director of BION Terrarium Center Dmytro Tkachov.

On February 25, 2024, an article about Mykolaiv Zoo appeared in the British newspaper "Daily Mirror", in which the zoo director talks about how the institution lives during the war, what difficulties it faces, how they are overcome, and about the importance of the zoo for visitors who have the opportunity to take a break from the wartime present among the animal world.



Online seminar for zoos of AZU members



Visits by AZU leaders to zoos in Great Britain



Visit by AZU leaders to London Zoo



Visit by AZU Heads to Jersey Zoo



Topchy - director of the zoo turned 70 years old

On March 6, 2024, Volodymyr Topchy, the director of Mykolaiv Zoo, turned 70, a man who devoted his entire life to serving nature. The hero of the day has been working at the zoo for more than 45 years, of which he has been its director for 22 years. The staff of Mykolaiv Zoo sincerely congratulated Volodymyr Topchy, Honored Worker of Culture of Ukraine, President of the Association of Zoos of Ukraine, laureate of the honorary award "For Services to the City of Mykolaiv", cavalier of the Order of "St. Nicholas the Wonderworker", honored with the medal "For Services to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church", laureate of the International Henry Ford Award, citizen of the year –

2001 in the nomination "Culture", deputy of the Mykolaiv City Council of the IV, VI, VIII convocations, founder of the zoo museum, director, author of many books about the zoo, poet, on his anniversary.

In April 2024, the film by Anton Ptushkin – "We, our pets and the war" was released, which also talks about Mykolaiv Zoo. Representatives of Mykolaiv and Odesa zoos were present at the premiere screening, which took place in Odesa.

On May 14, 2024, a long-awaited shipment from our colleagues – zoos in Europe – arrived at Mykolaiv Zoo. We thank the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) for organizing the fundraising, purchasing animal feed and organizing its delivery to Mykolaiv Zoo. The feed received by Mykolaiv Zoo is extremely important and necessary for the animals of the institution. 11.5 tons of various feeds worth 17,870.79 euros were unloaded at the zoo. This is feed for flamingos, parrots, ostriches, hornbills, elephants, giraffes, kangaroos, zebras, herbivores, sheep, turtles, pond fish, mice and rats. This assistance is a fact of confirmation of the community of zoos. A car with a similar set of feeds left Mykolaiv for Kharkiv Zoo. Mykolaiv Zoo is grateful to Myfanwy Griffith, EAZA Executive Director, and April Adams, EAZA Director of Member Development, and to everyone who donated money to purchase these feeds.



Assistance from EAZA member zoos

On May 30, 2024, another AZU online seminar "Maintaining representatives of the feline family in zoos" was held. The seminar was organized by Mykolaiv Zoo under the auspices of AZU. The seminar was attended by AZU zoos and representatives of zoological institutions of Ukraine that are not members of the Association, but are interested in maintaining contacts, exchanging ideas and experiences with colleagues. In total, the seminar audience was about 40 people. The AZU President – Director of Mykolaiv Zoo, Volodymyr Topchy, addressed the participants with a welcoming speech.



Freeze-dried food assistance from EAZA member zoos

On June 28, 2024, the AZU online seminar "News from Species360 and EAZA Biobank" was held. The participants were welcomed by the President of the Association of Zoos of Ukraine, Director of Mykolaiv Zoo Volodymyr Topchy and the CEO of Species360 Jim Gunter. The seminar was attended by most of the zoos of the Association of Zoos of Ukraine. Traditionally, they were joined by representatives of zoological institutions of Ukraine that are not members of the Association, but are interested in maintaining contacts, exchanging ideas and



Online seminar Felines Keeping



Online meetings of AZU leaders



Awarding the Order of M. Leontovych to the Head of the Ornithology Department S. Donovy

experiences with colleagues.

On July 10, 2024, in our team there were two more laureates of the highest award of Mykolaiv Zoo – the Order of Mykola Leontovych. Taking into account the significant personal contribution to the development of Mykolaiv Zoo, the head of the ornithology department Serhiy Mykolayovych Donovy and the animal care worker of the department of ungulates and proboscidean animals Svitlana Pavlivna Mogilevyts were awarded. The awarded zoo employees are professionals in their field, they have done a lot for the development of Mykolaiv Zoo and for the preservation of the animal world.

On July 19, 2024, for their significant personal contribution to the development of nature conservation in Ukraine and on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of work at Mykolaiv Zoo, the head of the department of carnivores Tetiana Grygorivna Bondarenko and the deputy head of the department of ungulates and proboscidean animals Vira Pavlivna Zhuravlyova were awarded the honorary distinction of the Mykolaiv Mayor "For Merit to the City of Mykolaiv". The Mayor of Mykolaiv, Oleksandr Fedorovych Sienkevych, personally presented the honorary awards to the employees of Mykolaiv Zoo and wished them further successful work and, of course, peace. The zoo staff joined in the congratulations.



Awarding the Order of M. Leontovych to the worker of the department ungulates and proboscidean animals of S. Mogilevyts

On July 26, 2024, the IUCN Commission for Education and Communication in Western Europe (IUCN CEC) held an online seminar, where the speaker, Regional Vice-Chair of the IUCN Commission for Education and Communication in



Awarding by the mayor O. Sienkevychs with the honorary distinction For services to the city of Mykolaiv to T. Bondarenko and V. Zhuravlyova



Western Europe Diana Garlytska, presented information that was useful in the work of zoo managers and zoo workers involved in the preparation of information and educational events. The speaker placed particular emphasis on opportunities for young professionals.

On September 4, 2024, an online seminar was held under the auspices of the Association of Zoos of Ukraine. The international non-profit organization Species360 conducted a training for Ukrainian specialists on using the Zoological Information Management System (ZIMS). Employees of Mykolaiv, Cherkasy, Rivne, Lutsk and Kharkiv zoos joined the training. The training was conducted by the Species360 member support representative, Ms. Uljana Kalazny.

On September 12, 2024, the director of Mykolaiv Zoo, Volodymyr Topchy, was awarded the honorary distinction “For the Defense of Mykolaiv”. The award was initiated by the mayor of the city, Oleksandr Sienkevych, in honor of those who bravely defended our city in the first days of the invasion and did not allow the enemy to capture it. This is a distinction not only for the director, but also for the entire staff of Mykolaiv Zoo.



In September 2024, a new brochure “Mykolaiv Zoo. Trial.” was published, it tells about the experience of the zoo during the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation. In difficult wartime, Mykolaiv Zoo continues to cooperate with the international zoological community, including the World

Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA), where our zoo, the only one of the zoos in Ukraine, was admitted in 2003. Thanks to cooperation with similar organizations, we exchange valuable experience and knowledge. We sent English-language copies of the brochure to our colleagues abroad, including to the WAZA head office in Barcelona. Martín Zordan, WAZA Chief Executive Officer, sent us a letter in response, in which he outlined his impressions and wishes. We thank our colleagues for their kind words of support and hope for peace and victory.

On September 18, 2024, the territory of Mykolaiv Zoo was declared unfavorable for bird flu and quarantine was introduced due to the detection



A new brochure has been released  
Mykolaiv Zoo Trial

of bird flu in dead waterfowl of the institution, so the ornithology department was temporarily closed to visitors. A number of quarantine measures were developed and implemented.

On December 5, 2024, the issue of canceling the quarantine for bird flu was considered at an unscheduled meeting of the State Anti-Epizootic Commission and quarantine restrictions in Mykolaiv Zoo were canceled. The ornithology department became available for observing.



Disinfection of aviaries during avian flu quarantine