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DINOLFO ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF FEMALE SNOW LEOPARD AT SENECA PARK ZOO

New snow leopard arrives in anticipation of new habitat opening this spring

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and Seneca Park Zoo officials are excited to announce the arrival of a female snow leopard in anticipation of the new snow leopard habitat opening in May. A one-year-old named Timila, the snow leopard comes to Seneca Park Zoo from Metro Richmond Zoo in Virginia where she was born in May of 2016.

*“The addition of a new female snow leopard to our Seneca Park Zoo is just one of the many exciting additions coming to the Zoo this year,” says **Dinolfo**. “We welcome Kaba to our Zoo family and encourage all in the community to take advantage of the upcoming school break to visit our newest member of our Zoo family.”*

Timila will join the Zoo’s 7-year-old male snow leopard, Kaba, in the current habitat by the Main Zoo Building. The pair will ultimately move to a new, state-of-the-art snow leopard habitat once construction of the new Cold Asia area next to the animal hospital is complete this spring.

Zoo Director Larry Sorel said the snow leopard will go through a brief observation period before staff begins introducing her to Kaba. *“Animal care staff will be carefully monitoring Timila to ensure she’s adjusting well to the habitat before beginning introductions with her new male companion.”*

The Cold Asia area is part of the Zoo’s multi-year transformation and will also feature a habitat for red panda, a species new to the Zoo.

“Timila will serve as another ambassador for her species, helping us educate guests about the formidable threats snow leopards face in their natural range.” said **Pamela Reed Sanchez, President and CEO of Seneca Park Zoo Society**. *“This an exciting sign of the progress in the Zoo’s transformation. We encourage guests to participate in the ‘A Wilder Vision’ campaign to support and expand this transformation.”*

Through March 31, the Zoo is open every day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with last entry at 3 p.m.

Zoo Director Larry Sorel will be available to discuss the new addition of the snow leopard at 10:00 AM.

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