Dinolfo welcomes two new sea lions to Seneca Park Zoo

1-year-olds Daley and Mary Lou will join Lily and Bob in Rocky Coasts habitat

Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo and Seneca Park Zoo Officials today announced the arrival of two juvenile California sea lions, Daley and Mary Lou, to the Zoo. The two female one-year-old sea lions, born at SeaWorld Orlando, were successfully transferred to the Zoo earlier this month. Daley and Mary Lou are now on exhibit in the Zoo’s Rocky Coasts habitat. Seneca Park Zoo Director Larry Sorel will be available for media questions, TODAY, Sunday, November 12, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Zoo.

“Our happy-go-lucky sea lions are always some of the most popular, entertaining attractions for families visiting the Zoo,” said Dinolfo. “After our recent contest to name Bob generated such great community interest, garnering thousands of votes and suggestions, I am thrilled to welcome Daley and Mary Lou to their loving new home alongside Lily and Bob.”

The integration of the new sea lions into the habitat has gone well. “California sea lions are by nature, a social species,” Sorel said. “After a carefully managed integration period, Lily, Bob, Daley and Mary Lou all appear to be getting along quite well.”

“Having California sea lions at the Zoo gives us the opportunity to help guests understand the challenges faced by these amazing animals right here in the United States,” said Pamela Reed Sanchez, Executive Director of the Seneca Park Zoo Society. “And it sparks great conversations about simple actions we can all take to help them in their natural range, like purchasing sustainably sourced seafood,” she added.

To celebrate the arrival of Daley and Mary Lou, the Zoo Society has introduced a California sea lion ZooParent package, which funds enrichment items that provide mental and physical stimulation to help keep the animals at the Zoo strong and healthy. More information is available in the ZooShop or at senecaparkzoo.org/zooparent.

Plan a visit to welcome Daley and Mary Lou soon. The Zoo is open every day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and you can stay on grounds until 4 p.m.

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