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DINOLFO ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF ZUZU, AN ELEPHANT BARN DOG, AT SENECA PARK ZOO

Five-month-old female hound mix will live in the elephant barn and work with the elephants and their keepers; Dog adopted from Lollypop Farm

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and officials from the Seneca Park Zoo today announced the addition of Zuzu, a five-month-old female hound mix, who will live in the elephant barn and work with the elephants and their keepers. Zuzu was adopted from Lollypop Farm, the Humane Society of Greater Rochester.

*“We are delighted to welcome Zuzu to our Seneca Park Zoo family,” says **Dinolfo**. “In addition to helping our dedicated staff enhance their training skills, Zuzu will also provide companionship and enrichment to the elephants who call our Zoo home. In their natural habitat, elephants encounter many different species of animals, so our elephants will be well-equipped to live happily alongside Zuzu moving forward. I encourage local families to join us in welcoming Zuzu to her new home by enjoying a trip to the Zoo this weekend!”*

As an elephant barn dog, Zuzu will play several roles. She will offer an opportunity for zoo keepers to learn training skills before training zoo animals. She'll also provide enrichment for elephants, providing physical and mental stimulation to help the elephants experience unexpected and changing dynamics in their daily lives. Elephant programs at other AZA accredited zoos have had great success integrating barn dogs.

Zuzu will live permanently in the elephant barn, and will join the Zoo security team on night-time rounds. She will receive the best in veterinary care, along with the other Zoo animals.

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